

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 16th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Work Session, on the above date, at 4:00 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Burrell, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, and Young (7). ABSENT: Commissioners Blake, Epperson, Jackson, Jones, and Lazarus (5).

The Chair extended the invocation and pledge of allegiance from the Audit & Finance Committee.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Mrs. Bryant announced that the millage was not successful and that the Parish would be having discussions on how to move forward without additional funding or beds in the juvenile detention center. Mrs. Bryant explained that the Parish has tried the tax approach several times and that the citizens repeatedly do not support additional taxes. Next week admin will report on the problem with criminal justice and issues funding moving persons through the criminal justice program. Mrs. Bryant reported on the population in juvenile detention. Mrs. Bryant announced that Mrs. Barnett was elected as the president of the Government Finance Office of Louisiana and that Mrs. Bryant made a presentation to National Association of Housing and Redevelopment on the success of the Parish's ERAP program. Mrs. Bryant advised that the budget presentation would be rescheduled to Tuesday, December 5, 2023. The Budget adoption would be on December 5, 2023. Mrs. Bryant indicated that the September 2023 Financials were provided to the Commission.

COMMISSION REMARKS

- Mr. Atkins clarified the population of the OJJ custody of juveniles in detention with Mrs. Bryant. Mr. Walker explained that OJJ has 14 days to move juveniles to their appropriate placement, which extends past the fourteen day mark often due to the minimal capacity in the facility. Mr. Walker advised that the facility in Monroe is being restored and adding capacity, and that there may be a new facility in Baton Rouge that may be years before it reaches completion.
- Mr. Johnson inquired about funding for the federal and state prisoners at CCC that the Sherriff operates and the Parish owns. Mrs. Bryant indicated that the parish does not receive funding for non-parish prisoners. Mr. Johnson discussed how the funding is disbursed between the Sherriff's Office and the Parish. Mrs. Bryant advised that medical and utilities are higher due to the capacity of the CCC. Mrs. Bryant indicated that the Administration projects a transfer from a fund to balance the budget for 2024 because the revenue does not cover operations at CCC. Mr. Johnson discussed finding the root cause of juvenile activity, and the placement of juveniles based on the severity of crimes. Mr. Johnson discussed the Parish explaining services that are not available due to the failure of the millage and talked about dedicated funds.
- Mr. Burrell discussed the public issue of the millage, and the need to offset the cost of operating the Juvenile Detention Center. Mr. Burrell requested the Administrator reach out to work with the newly elected Sherriff about reinvesting the Sherriff Department's funding into the juvenile detention and correctional center. Mrs. Bryant explained that the Parish funds every level of the criminal justice system including Juvenile, CCC, District Attorney, and District Court, but the Parish does not receive that level of dollars that is being paid out.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Burrell discussed the recent election winners and the possible run off election. Mr. Burrell discussed voting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk reminded the Commission that there may not be a quorum on Thursday, October 19, 2023. The Clerk advised the Commission that they could advance items that require a public hearing or introduction be advanced to Special Session October 26, 2023, which would not slow the time frame of the agenda items. Alternatively, items could be advanced to the Regular Session on November 9, 2023, which would slow down the time frame of agenda items.

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobo and advance to the October 26, 2023 Special Session agenda the following items:*

- *Advance The Introduction Of Ordinance 6357 Of 2023 Related To PZC Case# 23-5-CTAP, An Ordinance To Amend Volume II Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The Parish Of Caddo, As Amended, The Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, Relative To Short-Term Rental Property, With All Their Provisions Included Herein, And To Otherwise Provide With Respect Thereto.*
- *Advance The Introduction Of Ordinance 6358 Of 2023 Related To PZC Case # 23-6-CTAP, An Ordinance To Amend Volume II Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The*

Parish Of Caddo, As Amended, The Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, Relative To Various Code Text Amendments, With All Their Provisions Included Herein, And To Otherwise Provide With Respect Thereto.

- *Advance Introduction Of Ordinance 6359 Of 2023, Related To PZC Case # 23-29-Pan Ordinance To Amend Volume II Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The Parish Of Caddo, As Amended, The Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, By Amending The Zoning Of Property Located Southwest Corner Of Linwood Avenue And Mayo Road, Caddo Parish, La., From R-A Rural-Agricultural District To C-2 Corridor Commercial District, And To Otherwise Provide With Respect Thereto*

Friendly amendment by Mr. Johnson, to advance and include the following items in the englobo:

- *Advance Introduction Of Ordinance No. 6360 Of 2023, An Ordinance Declaring The Intent Of The Parish Under La.R.S. 47:2236 To Acquire Full Ownership Interest In Nine Parcels, Namely: East 28.5 Feet Of Lot 29 & West 16 Feet Of Lot 28, Block 2, Gilmer Subdivision (Geo No. 181331-075-0051-00); East 24 Feet Of Lot 28 & West Half Of Lot 27, Block 2, Gilmer Subdivision (181331-075-0035-00); Lot 21, Block 2, Gilmer Subdivision (Geo No. 181331-075-0021-00); Lot 20, Block 2, Gilmer Subdivision (Geo No. 181331-075-0020-00); Lot 17 & West 10 Feet Of Lot 16, Block C, Highland Park Subdivision (Geo No. 181331-072-0106-00); West 30 Feet Of Lot 19 & East 10 Feet Of Lot 20, Block C, Highland Park Subdivision (Geo No. 181331-072-0111-00); Lot 35 & East Half Of Lot 36, Belmont Subdivision (Geo No. 181331-050-0091-00); Lot 38 & East 10 Feet Of Lot 39, Emerald Hill Subdivision (Geo No. 171305-006-0038-00); Lot 7, Woodlawn Subdivision (Geo No. 171305-038-0007-00) And To Otherwise Provide With Respect Thereto*
- *Advance The Introduction Of Ordinance No. 6361 Of 2023, An Ordinance Adopting The Budget Of Estimated Revenues And Expenditures For The Shreve Memorial Library For The Year 2024*
- *Advance Resolution No. 51 Of 2023, Resolution Of Approval To Renew The CAFA Cooperative Endeavor Amendment, And To Express Approval Of Bonds Issued By CAFA Pursuant To Section 147(F) Of The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986, As Amended*
- *Advance Resolution 52 Of 2023, A Resolution Of Final Acceptance Of State Project No. H.013766, Regarding LRSP Signs And Striping, Caddo Parish And Otherwise Providing With Respect Thereto.*

Mr. Chavez accepted the friendly amendment.

Mr. Atkins requested clarification on the CAFA cooperative endeavor agreement, which Attorney Frazier addressed. Mr. Atkins pointed out that the Shreve Memorial Library budget had a deficit and that the Library has the reserves to do the capital expenditure.

Mr. Chavez's motion carried as amended, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Jackson, Jones (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

CONSENT AGENDA

- *Ordinance No. 6256 of 2022, An Ordinance To Amend Volume II Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The Parish Of Caddo, As Amended, The Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, By Amending The Zoning Of Property Located On The North Side Of North Lakeshore Drive, Approximately One Thousand And Seven Hundred Feet East Of Pine Island Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, From R-1-7 Single Family Residential Zoning District To R-A Rural Agricultural Zoning District, And To Otherwise Provide With Respect Thereto (Public Hearing To Be Held During The November 9th Regular Session)*

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.



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Office Specialist I

Roy Burrell
President