

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE  
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 1st DAY OF MAY, 2023

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Work Session, on the above date, at 3:32 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Young, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (10). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, and Gage-Watts (2).

The invocation was given by Mr. Cothran, and Mr. Lazarus led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS**

- It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to expand the agenda to include Major Justin Thompson, US Army, to the Work Session Visitors, to move agenda item 11.12 Visit from Joint Advisory Committee on Community Safety from Dr. Tim Magner be added to the Work Session agenda, and to add Visitor from the Louisiana State Medical Center to Thursday's agenda.*

The Chair opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or opposition to the agenda addition. There being no one to speak in favor or against the agenda addition, the Chair closed the public hearing.

Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Cothran, Lazarus, and Young (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, Gage-Watts, Johnson, and Jones (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Public comment given by Tim Heeler regarding unity in Caddo Parish. Public comment given by Marvin Muhammad regarding support for Resolution 22 of 2023.

**VISITORS**

- Mr. Epperson introduced Major Justin Thompson, US Army. Major Thompson discussed his work as a Logistics Officer in Poland and recognized Shreveport nativity. The Commission acknowledged Major Thompson for his service.
- Dr. Tim Magner, Joint Advisory Committee on Community Safety, gave a presentation regarding violent crime and juvenile violent crime, crime response, crime intervention and crime prevention. Mr. Cothran and Dr. Magner discussed the Joint Advisory Committee members and the timeline for the Joint Advisory Committee's criminal justice initiatives. Dr. Magner indicated that the Joint Advisory Committee is aware of the deficit in juvenile justice center and that their committee is hoping to create additional support to change the overall system. Dr. Magner discussed defining using data to determine the need for funding and how funding is raised and spent. Mr. Young requested that the Clerk facilitate arrangement of meetings with the Criminal Justice Initiative and interested Commissioners. Mr. Jackson confirmed that the Joint Advisory Committee is not the same committee that the City hosts and indicated that staff could have worked with the Joint Advisory Committee regarding Resolution 22 of 2023.

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- Dr. Wilson reported on the juvenile population, covid cases, and introduced the Industrial Development Board (IDB) Vice Chair Attorney William Bradford to provide an update on the IDB actions. Attorney Bradford discussed the purpose of the IDB, its current actions, and the actions of the IDB Economic Development Sub-Committee. Attorney Bradford discussed gap-funding goals and where the IDB sources the funding. Mr. Epperson requested that the IDB report to the Commission quarterly, which Attorney Bradford acknowledged. Mr. Young requested that Attorney Bradford email him to schedule a private meeting regarding a local business that may be interested in the gap-funding. Dr. Wilson reported that the Hosston Travel Center is due to open in July and that a Taco Bell and Truck Wash would be added to the area.

**COMMISSION REMARKS**

- Mr. Jones announced that on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 7 AM, KOKA radio is hosting a prayer breakfast for community leaders and invited the Commission to attend.
- Mr. Chavez discussed a successful Southern Hills clean up.
- Mr. Cothran discussed a successful Southern Hills clean up.

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Ordinance 6327 Of 2023 Relative To MPC/PZC Case #22-37-BAP, 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 west side of Wallace Lake Road, approximately seven hundred- and eighty- feet south of Overton Brooks Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A Rural-Agricultural Zoning District to R-A (PUD) Rural-Agricultural Planned Unit Development Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda.

**Substitute motion by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Cothran, *that Ordinance 6327 of 2023 be delayed until the MPC is ready to move the case forward.*

At Mr. Atkins request, MPC Director Mr. Clark discussed the MPC's request to review Ordinance 6327 of 2023 before the Commission considers it.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Ordinance 6328 Of 2023, an ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 32, Article VI of the Caddo Parish Code Of Ordinances, repealing Section 32-52 and Section 34-22 of the code of the Caddo Parish Code Of Ordinances, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda.

Mr. Atkins clarified that Ordinance 6328 of 2023 would be up for final vote by May 15, 2023. Attorney Frazier discussed industry interest in the process of ordinance passage and how their concerns would be handled.

Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (9). NAYS: Commissioner Hopkins (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Resolution No. 22 Of 2023, a resolution ordering and calling a special election to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith* be moved to Thursday's agenda.

Mr. Jones discussed support for the Resolution. Mr. Jackson discussed the resolution is as amended and that the resolution is asking citizens what they would like to do. Mr. Cothran discussed juvenile crime prevention. Mr. Johnson discussed concerns about raising taxes. Mr. Jones and Mr. Chavez discussed support for Resolution 22 of 2023.

**Call for the Question by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (9). NAYS: Commissioner Johnson (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Jones' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Jackson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (7). NAYS: Commissioner Atkins, Hopkins, and Johnson (3). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to englobo and advance the following items:*

- *Special Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation for Utility Linemen*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation for The Sanitation & Solid Waste Professionals*
- *Resolution of Recognition And Appreciation For The Shreveport Mavericks*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing Urgent Mental Health Awareness Month*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing Walnut Hill Basketball District Championship*
- *Advance Appointment To The Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission*
- *Advance Authorizing The Administration To Fund Juneteenth Activities*
- *Advance Special Resolution Acknowledging Child Stroke Awareness Month*
- *Advance Caddo Animal Service Board Appeal*

Mr. Johnson requested for more information regarding agenda item Advance Authorizing the Administration To Fund Juneteenth Activities. Mr. Jackson clarified that the Mrs. Bryant would have more information after the meeting.

Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Cothran, Epperson, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, Hopkins, and Gage-Watts (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### **COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Jackson discussed the Juneteenth Festival, funding for the festival and requested that Mrs. Bryant or Parks Director Mr. Patrick Wesley attend the SRAC meeting regarding the festival. Mr. Jackson requested for an update on the Shreveport Green issue in Cherokee Park. Dr. Wilson indicated that the cleanup is \$4,700.00 and that the equipment for the cleanup is about \$40,000. Mr. Jackson acknowledged the Juvenile Justice Citizens Advisory Committee (JJCAC). Mr. Jackson requested that Dr. Wilson follow up with the team, staff and judges regarding juvenile justice before the next Juvenile Services Committee meeting later in May.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- *Ordinance 6322 Of 2023 Related To PZC/MPC Case # 23-1-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 wireless telecommunications, with all their provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*
- *Ordinance No. 6323 Of 2023, Related To PZC/MPC Case #23-2-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 data centers, with all their provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*
- *Ordinance No 6324 Of 2023, Related To PZC/MPC Case #23-3-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 surfacing requirements for parking lots, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*
- *Ordinance 6325 Of 2023 Related To PZC/MPC Case # 23-5-P, 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 western corner of Colquitt Road and Jersey Gold Road, Caddo Parish, La., from R-A Rural-Agricultural Zoning District to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*
- *Ordinance 6326 Of 2023, ordinance amending the 2023 Budget of Estimated Revenues And Expenditures for the Oil And Gas Fund and the Riverboat Fund to appropriate funds for Safe Summer*

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

/s/ Linda J. Montgomery  
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