

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 20th DAY OF JUNE, 2023

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:38 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Burrell, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). ABSENT: Commissioner Chavez (1).

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to expand the agenda and add the following items:*

- *Adopt Emergency Ordinance 6340 Of 2023, an emergency ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for Reserve Trust Fund to provide public assistance to Caddo citizens as a result of the June 16 storm and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Adopt Emergency Ordinance 6341 Of 2023, an emergency ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for Public Works Fund to provide debris removal after the June 16 storm and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

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, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Public comment by Kenny Gordon regarding Parks & Recreation and food package proposal. The Chair recommended Mr. Gordon to speak to their City Councilperson. Public comment by Jerome Nicholas in opposition of zoning case 22-37-BAP. Public comment by Michael Kelsh in support of zoning case 22-37-BAP. Public comment by Steven Thornton in opposition of zoning case 22-37-BAP. Public comment by John Lorick in support of zoning case 22-37-BAP.

NEW BUSINESS

- Administrative Report

Mrs. Bryant reported the Parish Administration's address of citizen's emergency concerns, the population at the Juvenile Detention Center, and the May monthly financial statements. Mrs. Bryant requested that citizens contact the Parish with issues.

Mr. Jackson indicated that a requested amendment was not provided, which Mrs. Bryant addressed.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to Advance The Introduction Of Ordinance 6337 Of 2023 Related To 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.*

Substitute motion by Mr. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to forward Ordinance No. 6337 Of 2023 to the July 6th Regular Session for a final vote.*

Mr. Atkins explained that the motion would allow additional opportunity to discuss through public hearing on both sides of the matter.

Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Chavez (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Atkins advised the process of the zoning ordinance and the time frame for comment during public hearing.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to Advance Introduction Of Ordinance No. 6338 Of 2023 In Regards To PZC Case#23-12-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 on the west side of Albany Road, approximately three thousand feet north of Old Mooringsport Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A Rural Agricultural Zoning District to C-4 Heavy Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to suspend the rules and allow citizen comments.* Motion carried by acclamation.

Public comment by Beverly Zaia in opposition of Ordinance No. 6338 of 2023. Mr. Allen Clarke, MPC Director, addressed Mr. Hopkins concern that Ordinance No. 6338 of 2023 was not an appeal. Public comment by Sarah Harville in opposition of Ordinance No. 6338 of 2023.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to move back into Special Session.* Motion carried by acclamation.

Mr. Jones explained the process for the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (10). NAYS: Hopkins (1). ABSENT: Commissioner Chavez (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to Advance the Introduction of Ordinance 6336 Of 2023, ordinance amending the 2023 Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Parks and Recreation and Oil and Gas Funds to appropriate funds for Shreveport Green.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Chavez (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to Advance Introduction of Ordinance 6339 Of 2023, ordinance amending the 2023 Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Reserve Trust Fund.*

Commissioners Gage-Watts, Johnson, Young and Burrell requested to be added as co-sponsors on agenda items. Mr. Jackson addressed Mr. Atkins' inquiries about how the funds would be implemented and the distribution from the Food Bank.

Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Chavez (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Bryant discussed the available emergency funds.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to Advance Resolution 28 Of 2023, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to approve the assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of state agency leases 2775, 15035 and 18798 to Arapahoe SPV, LLC, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.*

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

- *Advance Resolution 28 Of 2023, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to approve the assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of state agency leases 2775, 15035 and 18798 to Arapahoe SPV, LLC, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.*
- *Adopt Advance Resolution 29 Of 2023, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to approve the assignment, bill of sale and conveyance of state agency leases 20128, 20132 and 20134 to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Advance Resolution 30 Of 2023, a resolution to express the appreciation of the Caddo Parish Commission for the work of the Citizen Advisory Committee to the Juvenile Justice Committee, to dissolve the committee, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.*
- *Advance Resolution 31 Of 2023, a resolution amending Resolution 50 of 2022-giving written public notice of the regularly scheduled meetings of the Caddo Parish Commission for the calendar year 2023, and to otherwise provide with*

respect thereto

- *Advance Resolution No. 32 Of 2023, a resolution supporting the Fair Park Alumni Association's Medical Program Proposal, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.*
- *Advance Resolution 33 Of 2023, a resolution creating a children And Youth Planning Board pursuant to state law, requesting appointments thereto, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.*
- *Advance Resolution 35 Of 2023, a resolution urging and requesting the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to make request for a presidential disaster declaration and support a supplemental disaster appropriation in connection with damaging recent storms in Caddo Parish, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.*

Commissioners Gage-Watts, Johnson, Jones, and Burrell requested to be added as co-sponsors on agenda items. Mr. Jackson requested that all damages be reported per the request of Homeland Security. Mr. Jackson explained that by doing so the Parish could capture costs of damages to bring resources to the Caddo Parish. Mr. Atkins advised to report damages to both the website and phone number. The website to report damages: damage.la.gov and the number to call is 318-675-2255. Mrs. Bryant advised that this information is on the caddo.org website.

Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Chavez (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to Advance Resolution 34 Of 2023, a resolution to authorize the parish administrator to seek proposals for a 6 month pilot project test run of an automated traffic enforcement system to be operated on roads in the unincorporated areas of the parish, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* to the July 6th Regular Session.

Substitute motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to remove District 1 from the 6-month pilot project test run.*

The Commission discussed Resolution No. 34 of 2023, the impact of removing district 1 from the pilot project, and the unity of the Parish. Mr. Epperson requested to be a cosponsor of Resolution No. 24 of 2023.

Call for the Question by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Chavez (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Substitute motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Hopkins, Jackson, and Lazarus (3). NAYS: Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Jones, and Young (8). ABSENT: Commissioner Chavez (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, (7). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, Lazarus, and Young (4). ABSENT: Commissioner Chavez (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to Advance A Special Resolution Celebrating The 50th Anniversary of Ernest And Shirley Baylor.*

Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to englobo and advance the following items:*

- *Advance A Special Resolution Celebrating The 50th Anniversary of Ernest And Shirley Baylor*
- *Advance A Resolution of Appreciation for Retiring Administrator & CEO Dr. Woodrow Wilson*
- *Advance A Special Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation for Caddo Football Stars and Their Families*
- *Advance A Special Resolution Recognizing the Annual Sickle Cell Softball Tournament*
- *Advance Special Resolution Recognizing LSUS' Office of Diversity's Juneteenth*

Celebration

- *Advance Appointment to The North Caddo Medical Center*
- *Advance the Confirmation of The Appointment of Clay Walker as Assistant Parish Administrator*
- *Advance an Action Item Adjusting ARPA Appropriations to Move \$25k From Security Trailers, Then Apply \$15k Of That to Crime Stoppers And \$10k To Rock Solid*
- *Advance Establishing the Incoming Administrator's Salary as A 10% Increase in Current Salary Per Parish Personnel Policy.*
- *Authorize Parish to Use Up To \$500,000 In Emergency Funds to Help Citizens with Tree and Debris Removal*
- *Adopt Emergency Ordinance 6340 Of 2023, an emergency ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for Reserve Trust Fund to provide public assistance to Caddo citizens as a result of the June 16 storm and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
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Mr. Jones requested to be added as a co-sponsor to agenda items. Mr. Jackson inquired about the adjustment of the appropriation from the Security Trailers, which Mrs. Bryant and Attorney Frazier addressed. Attorney Frazier advised that the emergency ordinances must be read during the meeting for introduction before final adoption and suggested the Commission host a special session to adopt the emergency ordinances before their time lapses in 30 days. The Clerk read the emergency ordinances' titles. Mr. Atkins discussed how the emergency ordinances would be implemented, which Mrs. Bryant explained that the Administration was being proactive for debris removal and to assist citizens that are impeded from having their services restored. Mr. Johnson discussed adopting the emergency ordinances then adopting them as a regular ordinance later. Mr. Jackson suggested that the Caddo Community Action Agency (CCAA) be the agent for the emergency ordinances, which Mrs. Bryant advised that the Administration would find an agency if the CCAA is not available.

Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Cothran, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Chavez (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- Mr. Burrell requested for any Commissioners that wish to be a part of video promotion of the Caddo Parish Sickie Cell Tournament on July 9th.
- Mrs. Gage-Watts announced that free food meals would be distributed at June 20th at 6 pm at the Morning Star Baptist Church 5330 Jewella Avenue.
- Mr. Epperson announced an alert from AT&T of service restoration for the west Shreveport area.
- Mr. Cothran discussed the emergency response of the Caddo Parish.
- Mr. Burrell discussed the collaboration of the Caddo Parish leaders and service workers regarding the storm aftermath, which Mrs. Bryant acknowledged Mrs. Krystle Beauchamp's communications.

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.



Linda J. Montgomery
Administrative Specialist I

Roy Burrell
President