

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. John Paul Young, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Kracman, Lazarus, Thomas, G. Young, and J. Young (11). ABSENT: Commissioner Blake (1).

Mr. Thomas gave the invocation, and Mr. Lazarus led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that the agenda be expanded and Special Resolution of Remembrance of John Tuggle* be added under Special Resolutions.

Mr. J. Young opened the floor for a public hearing. There being no one to speak in favor or against the agenda addition, the President closed the public hearing.

At this time, Mr. J. Young's motion carried unanimously and Special Resolution of Remembrance of John Tuggle was placed on the agenda. There were no Agenda Additions, so the Commission moved onto Citizens Comments.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mike Leonard came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Thank you. I am Mike Leonard, and I am with Community Renewal. I wanted to come down here and issue an invitation in person to our 30 year anniversary celebration. We've been partnering together for a long time. I can't believe its been 30 years, but it has. I've got an invitation card. I've given some to Clay. I hope you will plan to join us—the Ambassador to the United States from Mexico is going to be our keynote speaker. He's going to be touring our city for a couple of days. Obviously, we're hopeful that a relationship can begin. Maybe there's an opportunity for some mutually enhancing economics that might come out of it. This little thing at the bottom with all the squiggles on it—Ron, that's a QR code. You can scan that and go sign up for our uh—Mrs. Watts will help you do that if you have any trouble with it. If you'll just register and let us know you're coming—especially, if you'll let me know, then I'll make sure to get you in a good spot. We're expecting over 700 people to be there. Thank you again. I'll hope you'll take a chance and come by and see us.

There were no Visitors, so the Commission moved onto Adopt Regular Session Minutes.

**ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to englobo and adopt the following items minutes and Special Resolutions:*

- *Regular Session Minutes from September 19, 2024*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Gloria Gibson*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance for John Tuggle*

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried unanimously.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
GLORIA GIBSON**

WHEREAS, Gloria C. Gipson, a visionary leader and cultural advocate, founded the Theatre of the Performing Arts of Shreveport, which has operated for over 30 years, promoting the positive and powerful representation of African American culture through theater, dance, music, visual arts, history, and literature; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, the Theatre of the Performing Arts has been instrumental in initiating cultural events that have become a vital part of the Shreveport community, including the establishment of the African American History Month Parade in downtown Shreveport in 1991 and the founding of the Black Arts Festival in 1985, now known as the Let the Good Times Roll Festival; and

WHEREAS, the Theatre of the Performing Arts, through Mrs. Gipson's guidance, has

developed and presented numerous cultural arts programs, impacting the lives of countless youth with initiatives like the Yazzy Summer Morning Mix, Youth Celebrating Jazz Concert, Workshops, and The Saturday Development Academy, which have provided opportunities for participants to explore and train in all areas of the arts; and

WHEREAS, the participants in these programs have had the opportunity to collaborate and learn from local and internationally renowned artists, including violinist Michael Ward, flutist Bobbi Humphrey, African dancer Titus Fotso & The AfricaDance Institute, jazz saxophonist Pamela Williams, trumpeter Tom Browne, and most recently, Tony Award winner and Grammy-nominated artist Melba Moore; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gipson's commitment to the arts is matched by her dedication to service, as she is a Deaconess and a member of the Mission Department at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, where she founded Project New Hope, a program that provides clothing and food to those in need in the community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gipson also serves as treasurer with The Black Arts Coalition, an organization that presents cultural programs throughout Shreveport, further demonstrating her unwavering commitment to enriching the cultural landscape of Caddo Parish; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby express its deep appreciation and recognition of Gloria C. Gipson for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and contributions to the arts and culture in Shreveport and Caddo Parish.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE JOHN TUGGLE

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is deeply saddened by the recent passing of John Tuggle, who served as the Executive Director of Shreve Memorial Library for nine years, during which time he profoundly impacted the library system and the community; and

WHEREAS, John Tuggle embodied the mission of Shreve Memorial Library, working tirelessly to transform lives in Caddo Parish through the resources, services, and support the library provided. He was instrumental in guiding the library's strategic plan, demonstrating a visionary approach and a commitment to innovation; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, John championed initiatives that improved the accessibility and inclusivity of library services, fostering early childhood literacy, bridging the digital divide, and making the library a beacon of opportunity for all. Among his notable accomplishments were the establishment of the Children's Book Festival, the implementation of virtual student library cards for children in Caddo Parish Public Schools, and the expansion of library services to benefit all citizens; and

WHEREAS, John's leadership and vision extended beyond the library, fostering partnerships with numerous community organizations including the Shreveport Regional Arts Council, Sci-Port Discovery Center, United Way of Northwest Louisiana, Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana, and Louisiana State University-Shreveport, which enabled the library to reach and serve an even broader audience; and

WHEREAS, John Tuggle was a passionate advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion within the library system, working closely with the Library Board of Control to create policies that were equitable and inclusive for both staff and patrons. His dedication to competitive salaries, staff development, and a supportive work environment is a legacy that will continue to enrich the Shreve Memorial Library for years to come; and

WHEREAS, the loss of John Tuggle is felt deeply by the board, staff, and patrons of Shreve Memorial Library, the many community organizations he worked with, and the citizens of Caddo Parish, whose lives he enriched through his service and leadership; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby remember and honor John Tuggle for his distinguished leadership, his tireless commitment to the betterment of Shreve Memorial Library, and his profound contributions to the people of Caddo Parish.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Caddo 4H Newsletter

Mrs. Bryant said that each Commissioner should have a copy of the Caddo 4H newsletter.

- Poetic X

Mrs. Bryant also provided a sample of Poetic X's mural with an original poem. It was placed at Midway Elementary.

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Epperson requested Special Resolution for Constance Green and Sam Mattox be available for the next Work Session.

He also thanked everyone who participated in the National Night Out events. Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Gage-Watts, Mr. Burrell, Mr. Cothran, and Mr. G. Young echoed the same sentiments as Mr. Epperson.

Mr. Epperson said that the Director of Environmental Quality came and spoke on tires. He also said that he will be in strong contact with him with regards to the War on Litter.

- Mr. Thomas said that the Red River Revel is going on right now and encouraged all to attend.
- Mr. Cothran praised Animal Services for their professional attitude in answering the calls from citizens with regards to at-large dogs.
- Mrs. Gage-Watts asked everyone to wear pink or purple to recognize Breast Cancer Survivors and Domestic Violence Survivors.
- Mr. G. Young talked about Roy Road. He said that it is a dangerous intersection that has no stop signs. He requested that discussions be had regarding it.

There was no President's Report, so the Commission moved onto Public Hearing on Ordinances.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES

President J. Young opened the public hearing on the following zoning ordinance:

- *Ordinance No. 6463 of 2024, Zoning Case 24-01-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 rentals with all their provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one to speak in favor, or against, the ordinance, the President closed the public hearings.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

President J. Young opened the public hearing on the following zoning ordinance:

- *Ordinance No. 6464 of 2024, an ordinance prohibiting the placement of certain monuments on Parish property, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one to speak in favor, or against, the ordinance, the President closed the public hearings.

ZONING ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. J. Young**, seconded by Mr. Thomas, *that Ordinance No. 6463 of 2024, Zoning Case 24-01-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 rentals with all their provisions included herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.*

ZONING CASE 24-01-CTAP, ORDINANCE NO. 6463 OF 2024

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

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.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, on recommendation of the Shreveport-Caddo Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, adopted the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission has determined that

certain provisions in that Code should be changed to address recent issues and improve the application and administration of that Code and land use within the Planning and Zoning Commission's jurisdiction within Caddo Parish;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, having considered the recommendations of the Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission, agrees that such changes are desirable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that volume II of the code of ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, to add various new provisions and procedures relative to short-term rental property in Article 23. – Short-Term Rental Property, with all provisions included therein.

I. Article 23, Section 23.10 is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 23. – SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTY

23.10–VIOLATIONS, PENALTIES, AND ENFORCEMENT

- A. It is unlawful to violate any provision of this Article. Each day of violation shall be deemed a separate offense and be punishable as such.
- B. Violation of any term, condition, requirement, or duration of a short-term rental permit approved under this Article is unlawful, and will constitute a violation of this Code, and will subject the violator to the penalties set forth in Article 19 (Enforcement). In addition, the short-term rental permit may be revoked or suspended following public hearings by the Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission and the Caddo Parish Commission, if appealed.
- C. Enforcement of this Article may be initiated in any of the following ways:
 - 1. The Zoning Administrator is authorized to administratively suspend or revoke any short-term rental permit, as well as issue any zoning violations to the property owner to which the short-term rental is operating if:
 - a. The short-term rental permit holder, or the property owner of such short-term rental, were convicted of a violation of this Code, or local, state or federal law, in the course of operating such short-term rental; or
 - b. The short-term rental has endangered neighborhood safety or has a documented history of conditions interfering with the use and enjoyment of the property within its vicinity. Conditions interfering with use and enjoyment of properties within the vicinity of a short-term rental include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Occupancy by a number of short-term rental users exceeding either (1) the maximum number of allowed occupants included in the short-term rental permit application or (2) the maximum occupancy permitted pursuant to this article;
 - ii. Parking of a number of motor vehicles exceeding either (1) the maximum number included in the short-term rental permit application or (2) the maximum number of motor vehicles permitted at any short-term rental pursuant to this article;
 - iii. Uninvited entry of short-term rental occupants upon private property within 500 feet of the short-term rental;
 - iv. An act of violence has occurred within 500 feet of the short-term rental property that places the public safety at risk; or
 - c. The Zoning Administrator determines that the operation of the short-term rental presents a present and pervasive threat to or disregard for public health and safety. In determining the existence of any present and pervasive threat to or disregard for public health and safety, the Zoning Administrator will consider the following:
 - i. The nature and extent of the violations of this Code, as

this Article.

7. Subsequent Applications. Once a short-term rental permit has been revoked or suspended, no new short-term rental permit shall be issued to the applicant for the same property for a period of one year from the date of revocation or suspension. Upon expiration of the revocation period, a new permit application for short-term rental use must be submitted in accordance with this Article.

II. Article 23, Section 23.12 is amended to read as follows:

23.12- APPEALS

~~A. Within 30 days after the date of the decision for any administrative short-term rental permit the applicant or any aggrieved party may appeal a Zoning Administrator's decision to the Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission.~~

~~B. Within 10 days after the date of the decision for any Special Exception Use for any short-term rental permit by the Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission, the applicant or any aggrieved party may appeal the PZC's decision to the Caddo Parish Commission.~~

A. Appeals of Administrative Decision by the Zoning Administrator
Within thirty (30) days after the date of an administrative decision on a short-term rental permit approval, denial, renewal, revocation, or suspension by the Zoning Administrator, the applicant or any aggrieved party may appeal that decision to the Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission.

B. Appeals of Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission

1. Within ten (10) days after the date of a decision for any appeal of an administrative decision regarding a short-term rental permit by the Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission, the applicant or any aggrieved party may appeal the PZC's decision to the Caddo Parish Commission.

2. Within 10 days after the date of the decision for any Special Exception Use approval for a short-term rental permit by the Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission, the applicant or any aggrieved party may appeal the PZC's decision to the Caddo Parish Commission.

C. Appeals of Caddo Parish Commission
Within thirty (30) days after the date of the decision on an appeal for a short-term rental permit by the Caddo Parish Commission, the applicant or any aggrieved party may appeal the Caddo Parish Commission decision to Caddo Parish Civil District Court.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Ordinance No. 6464 of 2024, an ordinance prohibiting the placement of certain monuments on Parish property, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Cothran, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, Thomas, and G. Young (7). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Kracman, Lazarus, and J. Young (4). ABSENT: Commissioner Blake (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6464 OF 2024

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN MONUMENTS ON PARISH PROPERTY, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission believes that monuments should serve to

memorialize persons of notable and great accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission believes that such monuments should be free from the stigma of criminality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission amends Chapter Two, Article I of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances to add the following:

**CHAPTER 2-ADMINISTRATION
ARTICLE I.-IN GENERAL**

Sec. 2-7.-Prohibition of certain Monuments on Caddo Parish Property

- (a.) There shall be no memorials, monuments, statues, plaques, flags, etc., erected on Caddo Parish Property, or displayed in any buildings owned by the Parish of Caddo, of individuals, organizations, groups, or entities that advocate bigotry, division, hatred and racism.
- (b.) There shall be no memorials, monuments, statues, plaques, flags etc., erected on Caddo Parish Property, or displayed in any buildings owned by the Parish of Caddo, of individuals that have been found guilty of obstructing a constitutionally mandated process.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance is effective ten days after its final passage.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

There were no Zoning Ordinances for introduction by title, so the Commission moved onto Ordinances for introduction by title.

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 6465 of 2024, an ordinance amending the Budgets of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Building Maintenance Fund, Capital Improvement Fund I, Oil & Gas Fund, Public Works Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Parks & Recreation Fund, Juvenile Justice Fund, Heath Tax Fund, General Fund, Detention Facilities Fund, and the Capital Outlay Fund for the year 2024 to terminate completed or lapsed capital projects, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6466 of 2024, an ordinance to amend Article VI of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo relative to Section 26-189, Schedule I, No Truck Zones, on Brown Street and Coley Road and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6467 of 2024, an ordinance to authorize the purchase of the surface parking lot, located at Texas at McNeill Streets, Shreveport, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6468 of 2024, an ordinance declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus and to authorize the Parish Administrator, or a designee, to sell the Parish of Caddo's tax interest in certain surplus adjudicated properties, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

**WORK SESSION MINUTES
RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that the following items be engloboed and adopted:*

- *Work Session Minutes September 30, 2024*
- *Resolution No. 66 of 2024, a resolution establishing a Caddo Parish Youth Commission comprised of local high school students, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

- *Resolution No. 67 of 2024, a resolution requesting the Caddo Parish School Board to implement a Litter Education & Prevention Program, and otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Mr. Epperson requested that a clause be included in the NGO application with regards to the importance of preventing blight and removing litter from the community.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 66 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CADDO PARISH YOUTH COMMISSION COMPRISED OF LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the young people in the Parish of Caddo want and deserve a voice in their communities, which in turn will identify positive solutions and build stronger communities; and

WHEREAS, a concerted effort is needed to encourage youth participation and involvement to help municipal leaders make better decisions and wiser public investments; and

WHEREAS, youth participation and involvement in local government promotes the full and healthy development of young people; and

WHEREAS, researchers have suggested young people who are involved in positive activities such as community service and participation in civic affairs are less likely to pursue risky behaviors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby establishes the Caddo Parish Youth Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial youth Commission shall be composed of up to 50 students recruited from Caddo Parish high schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

RESOLUTION NO. 67 OF 2024

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CADDO PARISH SCHOOL BOARD TO IMPLEMENT A LITTER EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, litter is a continuing and significant problem in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of municipalities in the parish; and

WHEREAS, litter is a persistent blight on the parish and municipalities in the parish; and

WHEREAS, such a persistent blight demands a coordinated effort by municipalities, homeowners, neighborhoods, large property owners, unincorporated communities, and other institutions such as churches, schools, homeowner association, and community organizations to increase efforts to eliminate litter in the Parish; and

WHEREAS, schools are located throughout the Parish and well situated to instruct students in the benefits of litter prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby request that the Caddo Parish

School Board implement a Litter Education and Prevention Program to aid in Caddo Parish's ongoing "War on Litter."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Dr. Tim Jones be appointed to the Industrial Development Board to fill the unexpired term left by the resignation of Kyle McInnis.*

Substitute motion by Mr. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that Mr. Patrick Caraway be appointed to the Industrial Development Board to fill the unexpired term left by the resignation of Kyle McInnis.*

Mr. Atkins read aloud the following letter from Mr. Caraway:

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for the Industrial Development Board. I apologize I am not able to be there for you in person today. I, instead, had to travel to Baton Rouge to accept the LED Lantern Award on behalf of our company. The award is given each year to the top manufacturing companies in Louisiana. I believe my background and work experience would make me a constructive member of the Industrial Development Board. I'm a licensed Louisiana CPA and have spent 16 years in public practice. For the past 11 years, I've been the Chief Financial Officers for different companies. The unique combination of public and private experience has provided me with a high level of insights to numerous companies to help with accounting and detailed insights in the companies for which I have served as CFO. I understand, more than most, what it takes for a company to be successful both financially and operationally. I would like to put these skills to work on the Industrial Development Board. In the past, I have served my community by coaching youth baseball, teaching Sunday School, and participation on a non-profit board. I have yet to serve my community at the Parish level and would consider it an honor to do so if selected.

Respectfully,
/s/Patrick Caraway

Mr. Cothran spoke in favor of Dr. Jones and said that he could hit the ground running, if selected.

Dr. Jones came before the Commission and thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak. He said that it is an honor to be considered as a member of the Industrial Development Board.


COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Jones offered condolences for those who lost their lives during Hurricane Helene.
- Mr. Epperson announced that the Veterans Celebration Honor Ceremony & Parade will be held on November 9 - November 10. He also announced that November 4-11 will be Operation Green Light. He asked that businesses and private residences light up their house green to show support for the Veterans.
- Mr. Burrell announced that there will be a voters education program held on October 5 at Bilbury Park. There will be an I-49 meeting regarding the Inner City Corridor on October 9.
- Mr. Atkins talked about inflation. He said that if currency is printed and fed into a finite economy at a higher rate than the system is growing, then the value of the dollar will begin to erode and cause inflation. Our currency is not invincible, he said.
- Mr. Lazarus thanked everyone for their support in adopting his resolution regarding litter education in the school system.

- Mr. Thomas said that there are several events going on in the community this weekend, including voter education and registration drives.
- Mr. Jones encouraged all to support the homecoming activities that are happening this weekend.
- Mr. Cothran said that Roy Griggs Day was celebrated recently. Mr. Griggs led the charge for the Ronald McDonald House. Mr. Thomas said that Mr. Griggs also set up a business school at SUSLA.
- Mrs. Gage-Watts also said that there will be several voter registration drives in her district. There will also be a Safety Awareness Workshop on October 9 hosted by the YWCA.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant to the Commission Clerk


John-Paul Young
President