



Parish of Ascension

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

January 19, 2023 - 6:00 PM

**ASCENSION PARISH COURTHOUSE
607 E Worthey Rd.
Gonzales**

AGENDA

- (1) Call To Order / Invocation and Pledge**
- (2) Roll Call**
- (3) Chair's Additions**
- (4) Public Comment Sign- In Period**
- (5) Presentations**
 - a. Presentation - to proclaim "National School Board Recognition Month" in Ascension Parish
 - b. Proclamation - to proclaim January 26th "Paint the Parish Purple" Day in Ascension Parish to kick off Relay for Life Event
- (6) Parish President's Report:**
- (7) Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of the 2022 Audit Engagement Letter (Jacob Waguespack, Faulk & Winkler) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - b. Approval of the 2022 Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures Engagement Letter (Jacob Waguespack, Faulk & Winkler) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - c. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Southeast Louisiana High School Rodeo Club to provide \$17,000.00 to host their rodeo at Lamar Dixon Expo Center on March 3-5, 2023 (Misty Fairchild, South Louisiana High School Rodeo Association) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - d. Approval of the Renewal of the contract with Total Energy Solutions for Preventative Maintenance of all the generators at various locations around the Parish. Total Contract Amount: \$174,950.00 (Jason Thompson, Facility Maintenance) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- e. Approval of Amendment #3 to the Professional Services Contract with Joey Thibodeaux's Drain Cleaning & Plumbing, to increase the contract amount for additional services in the amount of \$5,000.000 for a total contract amount of \$65,000.00 (Matt Didier, Utilities Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- f. Approval of Amendment #5 - The Beta Group, Engineering & Construction Services, LLC - Ascension Parish Sewer Testing and Inspection Services, Hillaryville, Darrow, Astroland and St. Elmo, CDBG Project #03PARA2301 to extend the contract term through December 31, 2023. This amendment only extends the term of the contract and does not affect the contract price (Matt Didier, Utilities Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- g. Approval of Resolution for contracting authority for Ascension Parish Geaux Mow (Ricky Compton, Director of Planning and Facilities) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- h. Approval of Amendment #1 to Grounds Maintenance Services contract with H&O Grounds, to extend the original contract term an additional three (3) months to March 31, 2023 and to increase the total contract price by an additional \$17,670.00 for a total contract amount of \$143,494.00 (Michael King, Recreation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- i. Approval of Amendment #2 to the Grounds Maintenance Services Contract with Royal Estates, to extend the original contract term an additional three (3) months to March 31, 2023 and increase the contract price by an additional \$25,000.00 for a total contract amount of \$192,431.89 (Michael King, Recreation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- j. Approval of Contract for Water Main Extension - Ascension Water Company - to extend a water line down Harry Savoy Rd, to Gore Park Rd., to provide a reliable water source to Butch Gore Park. Total amount \$121,396.82 (Michael King, Recreation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- k. Approval of Amendment #4 - Gresham Smith and Partners for Traffic Engineering Consulting, to continue the traffic study at LA 621 at LA 73 for the intersection to be signalized instead of a roundabout and to extend the contract term to May 1, 2023. This amendment does not affect the contract price (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- l. Approval of Contract between Ascension Parish and R.J. Daigle & Sons Contractors, Inc., for the LA 939 Overlay Program, and for approval of the Parish President to execute this contract. LADOTD did advertise for, receive and accept a bid from the contractor for work on the construction project (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- m. Approval of Resolution - 2022 Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire - "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, hereby adopts the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2022 Audit of the Government of the Parish of Ascension.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire be presented to Auditors Faulk & Winkler, said audit firm approved by the Ascension Parish Council and the State of Louisiana Legislative Auditor." (Patrick Goldsmith, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- n. Acceptance of Priority of Bridge Repairs or Replacements for the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program. (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Transportation Committee Recommendation*
- o. Approval of striping of Charleston Rd. (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Transportation Committee Recommendation*
- p. Resolution - to request Administration and Planning and Zoning Commission to integrate traffic calming requirements into Subdivision Requirements. (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Transportation Committee Recommendation*

- q. Roads to be considered for acceptance into the Parish Maintenance system as follows:(Joey Tureau, Transportation Director)

FORESTWOOD SUBDIVISION

Forestwood Avenue - 1,400 ft

Sweetgum Lane - 846 ft

Treeline Drive - 1,126 ft

JAMESTOWN CROSSING, 1ST FILING

Blue Heron Court - 591.6 ft

Pelican Lane - 661.2 ft

Shearwater Trace - 1,981.6 ft

- r. Approval of Jefferson Oaks Subdivision pavement preservation and maintenance. (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Transportation Committee Recommendation*
- s. Approval of Oak Alley Subdivision pavement preservation and maintenance. (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Transportation Committee Recommendation*
- t. Approval of Quail Creek Subdivision pavement preservation and maintenance. (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Transportation Committee Recommendation*
- u. Approval of Manchac Harbor Subdivision pavement preservation and maintenance. (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Transportation Committee Recommendation*

(8) Committee Recommendations

- a. Appointment to Ascension Parish Library Board
- b. Reappointments to Animal Services Board (3)

(9) General Business

- a. Amended ITEP Resolution to grant approval to Air Liquide, Geismar to participate in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (Kate MacArthur, Ascension Economic Development Director)
- b. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Inc. (Dr. Chris Trevino, OLOL) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- c. Update on Transportation Department regarding future hiring, personnel and current staffing (Councilman Aaron Lawler, Councilwoman Teri Casso and Councilman Dal Waguespack)

(10) Introduction of Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Article VI- Council Procedures, Section 2-100- By-Laws and Operating Procedures of the Parish Council Standing Committees - to eliminate the Strategic Planning Committee and the Utilities Committee (Chairman Chase Melancon, Councilwoman Teri Casso and Councilman John Cagnolatti)
- b. Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance amending the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinance to create a Road Infrastructure District (RID) designated as Parish of Ascension Road Infrastructure #IDD-2022-04 (Belle Savanne - Phase 1, 2A & 2B) pursuant to the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (LDC) Appendix IV - Subdivision Regulations, Section 17-4011. Approval of Final Plat Procedure F. Infrastructure Development District
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- d. Introduction of Ordinance - to revoke an existing twelve (12) foot utility servitude located

along the southeastern portion of Lot D-1-A-1-A of the Carole Wolfe property along Churchpoint Road *Moved to Council via UDC 17.4050 (B.2.a)*

- e. Introduction of Ordinance - to accept the donation and transfer of title to an Emergency Response Boat from the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office to the Parish of Ascension/Fire District #1 (Jean Paul Robert, Legal Counsel) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

(11) Public Hearings Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Reading of Ordinance - directing the renewal of the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax of 1.5 mills on the dollar of assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation within the geographic boundaries of the Parish of Ascension for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of paying the costs of programs for the elderly citizens of the Parish to be administered by the Parish through the Ascension Council on Aging , including services, operations, capitol improvements, equipment and other lawful expenses related thereto
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(12) Executive Session

- a. Settlement Authority for LCA-00265335

(13) Adjourn