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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

May 4, 2023 - 6:00 PM

ASCENSION PARISH COURTHOUSE

300 Houmas St. Donaldsonville

AGENDA

- (1) **Call To Order / Invocation and Pledge**
- (2) **Roll Call**
- (3) **Chair's Additions**
- (4) **Public Comment Sign- In Period**
- (5) **Presentations**
 - a. Certificates of Recognition - Dutchtown High School Gymnastics - State Champions (Councilman Aaron Lawler)
 - b. Certificates of Recognition - West Ascension Biddy Basketball - National Championship Runner Up - 10U (Councilman Alvin "Coach" Thomas)
 - c. Proclamation - to proclaim "Mental Health Awareness Month" in Ascension Parish
- (6) **Parish President's Report:**
- (7) **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Jambalaya Capital of the World to provide funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 to help marketing and public relations (Wally Taillon, Jambalaya Festival Association President) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - b. Consideration to grant variance for sewer development fee for Pit Stop Car Wash at 16338 Airline Hwy, Prairieville, LA (Bill Dawson, Utilities Director and Quality Engineers) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - c. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Roberto Macedo and Associates for Administrative Consultant Services for the funds received through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program for Section 8 Housing for an additional amount of \$5,100.00 through the end of

the current term. Total contract amount shall not exceed \$79,600.00 (Hermine Irvin, Grants Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- d. Approval of Renewal of Master Contract for Professional Services between Ascension Parish Government and Roberto Macedo and Associates for Administrative Consultant Services for the funds received through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program for Section 8 Housing. Contract amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 (Hermine Irvin, Grants Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- e. Approval of the Professional Selection Committee's recommendation to select HNTB for the RFQ - Move Ascension Program Manager program (Jim Buras, Purchasing Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- f. Results of Request for Quotes and Approval to enter into Contract with the lowest responsive quote submitted by Premier Service Team, LLC in the amount of \$62,050.67 for replacement of the shingles on the Arc Building (Jim Buras, Purchasing Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- g. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and the City of Donaldsonville for \$400,000.00 from Capital Outlay Funds for the revitalization of LaLa Regira Baseball Field (Ricky Compton, Director Planning & Facilities) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- h. Approval of Amendment #4 to the Master Contract for Professional Services with Meyer Engineers, Ltd., for Dutchtown Library Splash Pad, to increase the total contract amount by an additional \$9,700.00 for a new total contract amount of \$59,600.00 (Michael King, Recreation) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- i. Approval of Renewal of Master Services Contract between Ascension Parish Government and Gallo Mechanical Services, LLC for HVAC Maintenance and Repair in Parish Facilities. Total budget amount of \$350,000.00 to be shared between two providers (Jason Thompson, Maintenance) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- j. Approval of Renewal of Master Services Contract between Ascension Parish Government and Corporate Mechanical Services, LLC for HVAC Maintenance and Repair in Parish Facilities. Total budget amount of \$350,000.00 to be shared between two providers (Jason Thompson, Maintenance) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- k. Approval of Renewal of Contract between Ascension Parish Government and Ty Gautreau, FNP-BC to provide medical services to inmates at the Parish Jail in the amount of \$4,725.00 per month (Michelle Gaudin, Ascension Parish Jail Nurse Supervisor, and Christy Burnett, Health Unit Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- l. Approval of Amendment #2 to the original Agreement with Capital City Staffing d/b/a Ammons Staffing for nursing staff at the Ascension Parish Jail, for an increase to the contract amount in the amount of \$100,000.00, with a new total contract amount of \$199,500.00 (Michelle Gaudin, Ascension Parish Jail Nurse Supervisor and Christy Burnett, Health Unit Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- m. Approval of Amendment #5 to the Contract with Meyer Engineers, Ltd. for support services for the Parish Recreation Department for the Lamar Dixon Expo Center Gym Expansion to increase the contract amount by an additional amount of \$28,757.50, for a new total contract not to exceed amount of \$317,657.50 to include additional design services resulting from Contractor Metal Building submittal issue and to extend the contract term through May 1, 2023 (Randy Mullis, Project Manager)
- n. Results of Request for Quotes and Approval to enter into Contract with the lowest responsive quote submitted by Zizzi Construction, LLC in the amount of \$99,250.00 for construction of the Recreation Department Maintenance Shop located at Lamar Dixon Expo Center (Randy Mullis, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- o. Approval of the Renewal of the Contract with Louisiana Claims Administrators (LoCA) for Claims Management and Administration and Risk Management Claims Tracking.

This contract shall be for a term of three (3) years, with 1st year fee of \$63,900.00, 2nd year fee of \$65,800.00 and 3rd year fee of \$67,800.00 (Lucy Cason, Human Resources Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- p. Approval of Substantial Completion - Angelo & Son Electric Services - Barn Power Drops - Lamar Dixon Expo Center (Christopher Welch, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendations*
- q. Approval of Change Order #1 to the Original Contract with B.E.T. Construction , Inc. for the Early Childhood Care Facility - Lemann Building for credit to the contract in the amount of \$34,150.00 for revision #1 in VE lighting design (Dean Thomason, Project Manager)
- r. Approval of Amendment #5 to the Master Contract for Professional Services with T. Baker Smith for the LA Highway 3127 Extension Design Services to extend the contract term for an additional year through February 7, 2024. This amendment only extends the term of the contract and does not affect the contract price (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- s. Approval of Change Order #6 - RJ Daigle & Sons Contractors, Inc. - US 61 and Germany Road Intersection Improvements, MA-18-05, to add 175 additional days and increase in contract amount by \$15,168.01 for installation of pavement patching and installation of rebuilt fence (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- t. Approval of Contract between Ascension Parish Government and Richard Price Contracting Co., LLC - Roundabout @ Churchpoint Road & Roddy Road, Clearing and Grubbing, in the amount of \$1,936,083.96, and 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 and Jeff Burst, HNTB) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- u. Approval of Amendment #14 to the Professional Services Contract with All South Consulting Engineers for Grants Management & Disaster Recovery Project Management Activities to correct Amendment #13 approved at the March 16, 2023 Council meeting for a total of \$345,000.00. The correct amount should have been \$374,000.00. The new total amount of the contract was correct as approved, \$1,476,100.00, and remains the same (Jean Paul Robert, Parish Attorney) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- v. Approval of Amendment #3 to the Agreement for psychiatric , substance abuse and mental health with Dr. J. Robert Barnes, Mental Health East for additional funds for services in the amount of \$45,000.00. Total contract amount not to exceed \$268,881.28 (Patrick Goldsmith, Chief Financial Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- w. Approval of Amendment #5 to the Master Contract for Professional Services Agreement with Magnolia Service Group, LLC for services at the Ascension Counseling Center, to increase the total contract amount by an additional \$20,500.00 for a new contract amount of \$111,499.00 (Patrick Goldsmith, Chief Financial Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- x. Resolution to approve the two year reappointment of Patrick Goldsmith as a Director to the Board of Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority for the purpose of assisting political subdivisions and other designated entities in acquiring, financing and constructing certain facilities, including environmental, public infrastructure, community and economic development purposes and to otherwise establish programs to aid in the financing of local government and economic development projects (Patrick Goldsmith, Chief Financial Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- y. Approval of Amendment #2 to Contract with Trash Rangers to increase the total contract amount by an additional \$60,000.00. This increase is due to the upcoming opening of the new Recycling Center at DPW West, demolition of playgrounds at

several parish parks, removal of surplus items to allow renovations of Armory in Donaldsonville, increase in litter pickup program collections and increase in number of pickups for 8-yard dumpsters (Patrick Goldsmith, Chief Financial Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- z. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and The Arc of East Ascension (COEA) to provide funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 for reimbursement on a non-renewable basis for the Summer Shine Day Camp (Patrick Goldsmith, Chief Financial Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- aa. Approval of Resolution to update banking information for the Parish (Patrick Goldsmith, Chief Financial Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

(8) General Business

- a. Approval of waiver of requirement to donate sewer assets to Ascension Parish and allow Sewer of Clare Court Subdivision to be donated to a 3rd party (President Cointment, Councilman Michael Mason, Chairman Chase Melancon)
- b. Approval of waiver of requirement for Clare Court sewer system to pay development fee (President Cointment, Councilman Michael Mason, Chairman Chase Melancon)

(9) Introduction of Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Introduction of Ordinance - Budget Amendment #1 - Approval to amend 2023 Budget *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- b. Introduction of Ordinance - to levy millages on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Ascension Parish Government *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- c. Introduction of Ordinances - to amend an Ordinance adopted on January 9, 2023, amending Section 16-1 of the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances adopted by the Ascension Parish Council on June 20, 1996, adopting a Pay Classification Plan to add the positions of Planner I, Planner II, increase the Labor Grade of the Planner (Senior) from 120 to 121, and add an Intern (Councilman Michael Mason, Councilwoman Teri Casso, Chairman Chase Melancon)

(10) Public Hearings Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Reading of Ordinance - To amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16. Personnel, Article 1. In General, Section 16-1., Personnel Manual and Official Pay Classification Plan, last adopted on January 9, 2023, IV. Employee Benefits Programs, L. Holiday Pay, in order to adopt one (1) new parish holiday and clarify habitually confusing policy language - (Juneteenth Holiday)
- b. Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance amending the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16. Personnel, Article 1. In General, Section 16-1., Personnel Manual and Official Pay Classification Plan, last adopted on January 9, 2023, IV. Employee Benefits Programs, L. Holiday Pay, in order to adopt one (1) new parish holiday and clarify habitually confusing policy language - (Juneteenth Holiday)
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(11) Executive Session

- a. HR Solutions First Quarter Review
- b. Shane Anderson and Nicole Anderson vs. The Parish of Ascension, Docket No. 130,709, Div.: "B", 23rd JDC, Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana,
- c. District Attorney Ricky Babin, Sheriff Bobby Webre, and the Ascension Parish Government in the Name of Ascension Parish versus Merrill H. Braud and Theresa M. Braud, Case No. 135,412"D - (Pookie Lane)

(12) **Adjourn**