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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

May 18, 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) Parish President's Report:**
- (6) Consent Agenda**
 - a.** Adoption of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2023
 - b.** Adoption of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2023
 - c.** Approval of Renewal of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and A&M College represented by LSU Agriculture Center and Ascension Parish Government, to provide 4-H Youth Development Programs that are both relevant and useful to all Louisiana citizens. Total amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 per year (Camille Brady, Ascension Parish 4-H Agent) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - d.** Approval of Amendment #1 to Professional Services Contract with Joey Thibodeaux's Drain Cleaning and Plumbing for Parish Utilities of Ascension distribution system, labor and material as needed to repair leaks, install taps and any other work necessary to maintain the distribution system to increase the total contract amount by an additional \$80,000.00 for a new total contract amount of \$129,000.00 (Bill Dawson, Utilities Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - e.** Approval of Maintenance Agreement , including mowing and litter pick-up between the Parish and LADOTD. Parish to perform maintenance related to mowing, herbicide application and litter collection along State Roadways located within Ascension Parish. The maximum amount of reimbursement to Parish is \$154,640.00 (Jonathan Samuel,

Transportation) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- f. Approval of Legal Services Contract, to hire the law firm of Daigle, Fisse & Kessinich, Attorney Stephen Brouillette, to represent the Parish in the matter of Ascension Parish vs Demco Electric (Jean Paul Robert, Parish Attorney) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- g. Approval of Amendment #5 to the Master Contract for Traffic Engineering Consulting between the Parish and Gresham Smith to extend the original contract term through July 31, 2023. The amendment will not affect the contract price (Patrick Goldsmith, Chief Financial Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

(7) General Business

- a. Approval of Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant, a \$794,758 allocation from OCD through the Hometown Revitalization Program designed to restore jobs and revitalize commercial districts that suffered major damage from 2020-2021 disasters (Grants Director Hermina Irvin)
- b. Update from the Animal Services Board regarding site selection - including presentation of chart with considered sites and approval of possible sites to be considered for survey, appraisal and wetland delineation *Councilman Aaron Lawler, Chairman Chase Melancon, Councilwoman Teri Casso*
- c. Recreation Updates on LaLa Regira Fields, Food Trucks at AP Parks and Field Conditions and Maintenance at Parks *Councilman Aaron Lawler, Councilman Travis Turner, Councilman Joel Robert*
- d. Presentation and approval to proceed with Introduction of Ordinance of "2023 Transportation Impact Fee Study Update" - (Jerome Fournier, Planning Director, Clancy Mullen, Duncan and Associates) *President Cointment, Councilman Dempsey Lambert, Councilman Aaron Lawler*
- e. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between the Parish of Ascension and the Council on Aging to authorize the Parish to purchase immovable property on behalf of the Council on Aging, Lots 19&20, Commerce Centre, Prairieville, LA for the purchase price of \$1,099,902.20.00 - Parish to be reimbursed by the Council on Aging *Chairman Chase Melancon, Councilman John Cagnolatti, Councilwoman Teri Casso*

(8) Planning and Zoning Recommendations

- a. Approval to proceed with Introduction of Ordinance - DC-23.01 - Requiring a Planned Unit Development (PUD) by the Zoning Commission for Multi-Family Residential Apartments TO ACCEPT OR DENY - *Zoning Commission recommends APPROVAL*
- b. Approval to proceed with Introduction of Ordinance - ZT-23.02 to amend Appendix I Zoning Tables of the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (LDC) to add a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Multi-Family Residential Apartments TO ACCEPT OR DENY *Zoning Commission recommends APPROVAL*
- c. Approval to proceed with Introduction of Ordinance - DC-23.02 - Creating a New Zoning District Designation Conservation 5 (C5) Appendix II Development Code TO ACCEPT OR DENY *Zoning Commission recommends APPROVAL*
- d. Approval to proceed with Introduction of Ordinance - ZM-23.04 - Revisions to the Zoning Map - Conservation 5 (C5) Zoning Designation TO ACCEPT OR DENY *Zoning Commission recommends APPROVAL*
- e. Approval to proceed with Introduction of Ordinance - ZT-23.03 to amend Appendix I Zoning Tables of the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (LDC) to add a new Zoning Designation of Conservation 5 (C5) TO ACCEPT OR DENY *Zoning Commission recommends APPROVAL*

(9) Introduction of Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the ordinance repealing descriptions and designations of existing Ascension Parish Council Districts, establish new Ascension

Parish Council Districts, define the territory of each new district, describe the boundaries of each new district, designate each new district, and to address other matters relative thereto

- b. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the ordinance that re-established certain precinct boundaries in order to comply with applicable law regarding redistricting and reapportionment
- c. Introduction of Ordinance - Budget Amendment #2 - Approval to amend 2023 Budget *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- d. Introduction of Ordinance - to approve the acquisition of two parcels of immovable property by the Parish of Ascension for the Council on Aging *Chairman Chase Melancon, Councilwoman Teri Casso, Councilman Dempsey Lambert, Councilman John Cagnolatti*
- e. Introduction of Ordinances - to amend the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code to add Appendix XV - Traffic Calming *Planning Commission Recommends APPROVAL*
- f. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code, Appendix IV Subdivision Regulations regarding Traffic Calming Policy *Planning Commission recommends APPROVAL*

(10) Committee Recommendations

- a. Consideration to grant variance for Belle Maison Subdivision to allow a third party utility provider to furnish wastewater treatment. Chapter 18 of the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances in Section 117.2 (m) outlines variances in this code (Bill Dawson, Utilities Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- b. Consideration to grant variance for waiver of sewer connection and development fee of \$2,500.00 per lot per Section 18-117.2 and 18-117.5 for Belle Maison Subdivision (Bill Dawson, Utilities Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

(11) Public Hearings Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Reading of Ordinance - to levy millages on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Ascension Parish Government
- b. Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance to levy millages on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Ascension Parish Government
- c. Ordinance - to levy millages on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Ascension Parish Government
- d. Reading of Ordinances - to amend an Ordinance 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)
- e. Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance amending an ordinance 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
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(12) Executive Session

- a. Alan Braud, Jr. vs. Ascension Parish Council, Docket No. 131,544 "D" - Discussion of Settlement Offer

(13) Adjourn