



Parish of Ascension

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

July 6, 2023 - 6:00 PM

**ASCENSION PARISH COURTHOUSE
300 Houmas St.
Donaldsonville, LA**

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 May 4, 2023
 - b.** Adoption of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2023
 - c.** Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between the Parish and the Amite River Basin Commission to provide the Parish's drone equipment, including an operator to pilot said drone, to Amite River Basin Commission for purposes of obtaining aerial footage of the Amite River Basin - Comite Diversion Project. The video will contain the Ascension Parish Channel 21 logo (Parish President Clint Cointment) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - d.** Approval of renewal of one (1) year Security Services Contract between Ascension Parish Government (Lamar Dixon Expo Center) and Merchants Security Services, Inc. in the amount of \$104,000.00 to provide one (1) unarmed, uniformed security support officer 4:30 pm - 8:00 am, seven (7) days a week to provide proactive deterrence to criminal activity, enforce policies and procedures and aid management, employees and guests (Kyle Rogers, Lamar Dixon Expo Center General Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - e.** Approval of participation in the ITEP under the 2018 rules - Honeywell International, Inc. (Kate MacArthur, President & CEO of Ascension Economic Development) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- f. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between the Parish and the Ascension Parish Sheriff to facilitate the establishment of a needs assessment and strategic plan for opioid awareness to determine how to effectively use the settlement funds. The Parish shall reimburse the Sheriff for the costs associated with the expenses incurred for the needs assessment and strategic plan for opioid awareness program, not to exceed \$100,000.00 (Sheriff Bobby Webre or Staff Member and Chief Administrative Officer John Diez) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- g. Approval of renewal of Participation Agreement with St. Bernard Parish Sheriff for housing of juveniles (John Diez, Chief Administrative Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- h. Approval of Amendment #2 to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Nicholls State University, to allow the University to operate and administer the West Ascension Early Childhood Development Center at the B Lemann Building on Mississippi Street in Donaldsonville (Bill Dawson, Utilities Director and Special Projects and John Diez, Chief Administrative Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- i. Approval of request for funding in the amount of \$25,000 over a five year period (Sherry Denig, Executive Director Volunteer Ascension) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- j. Approval to make second installment payment of \$42,500.00 for Professional Liability Coverage for Ascension Parish Government Healthcare workers. Total contract amount of \$89,122.50 with Ironshore (Bret Hughes, Hughes Insurance) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- k. Bid results and approval to enter into contract for Asphalt Concrete Pavement Preservation 2023 with the lowest responsive bid submitted by Material Resources, Inc. in the amount of \$948,192.50 (Jim Buras, Purchasing Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- l. Approval of Renewal of Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of the Army and Co-Applicants, The Ascension Parish Government and The East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1 for the expedited processing of Section 10/404 permit applications (Ron Savoy, Ascension Parish Department of Public Works Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- m. Approval for President Cointment to enter into an agreement with the Capital Region Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) action plan development grant with the 20% local match paid for by Ascension Parish of \$19,546.79 (Jeff Burst, HNTB) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- n. Approval of Amendment 1: Grant Extension to the Memorandum of Understanding between the National Recreation and Park Association and Ascension Parish Government Recreation Department for the South Louisiana Fairgrounds (LaLa Regira Field) Sport Renovation Project, to be extended through June 30, 2024. Total Grant Amount \$40,000 (Michael King, Recreation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

(7) General Business

- a. Approval for President Cointment to approve and sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with TNT Building Consultants for use of parking at Lamar Dixon at a cost of \$25,000/month to include parking lot upgrades and a completed turf field for Lamar Dixon's sole use (Kyle Rogers, Lamar Dixon Expo Center General Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- b. Approval of Sewer Development Fee Waiver for Delaune Estates Subdivision (Utilities Director Bill Dawson) *Councilwoman Teri Casso, Chairman Chase Melancon, Councilman Dempsey Lambert*
- c. Approval of Third Party Sewer Ownership Waiver - Delaune Estates Subdivision (Utilities Director Bill Dawson) *Councilwoman Teri Casso, Chairman Chase Melancon,*

Councilman Dempsey Lambert)

- d. Approval of corrected Official Journal Bid - Gonzales Weekly Citizen (Council Secretary)

(8) Introduction of Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Introduction of Ordinance - Budget Amendment #3 - Approval to amend 2023 Budget *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- b. 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*

(9) Public Hearings Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. ***Public Hearing - comments on proposed Animal Shelter Sites - (as requested by Council)***
 - a) 15460 Airline Highway Prairieville, District 7
 - b) 41597 Weber City Rd. Gonzales, District 10
 - c) 40532 Black Bayou Rd. Ext. Gonzales, District 9
- b. Reading of Ordinance - Budget Amendment #2 - Approval to amend 2023 Budget
- c. Public Hearing - to consider Budget Amendment #2 - to amend the 2023 Budget
- d. Ordinance - Budget Amendment #2 - Approval to amend 2023 Budget
- e. Reading of Ordinance - to amend Appendix II, Section 17-2045, Apartments, of the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code to add a requirement of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) by the Zoning Commission for Multi-Family Residential Apartments (DC 23.01)
- f. Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance amending Appendix II, Section 17-2045, Apartments, of the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code to add a requirement of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) by the Zoning Commission for Multi-Family Residential Apartments (DC 23.01)
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- h. Reading of Ordinance - 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 (ZT-23.02)
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- j. Ordinance - 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 (ZT-23.02)
- k. Reading of Ordinance - to amend Appendix II of the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code Creating a New Zoning District Designation Conservation 5 (C5) (DC23.02)
- l. Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance amending Appendix II of the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code Creating a New Zoning District Designation Conservation 5 (C5) (DC23.02)
- m. Ordinance - to amend Appendix II of the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code Creating a New Zoning District Designation Conservation 5 (C5) (DC23.02)
- n. Reading of Ordinance - to revise language in the Ascension Parish Development Code

Appendix XI to add a new Zoning Designation for Conservation 5 (C5) by revision of the Ascension Parish Zoning Map (ZM-23.04)

- o.** Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance revising language in the Ascension Parish Development Code Appendix XI to add a new Zoning Designation for Conservation 5 (C5) by revision of the Ascension Parish Zoning Map (ZM-23.04)
- p.** Ordinance - to revise language in the Ascension Parish Development Code Appendix XI to add a new Zoning Designation for Conservation 5 (C5) by revision of the Ascension Parish Zoning Map (ZM-23.04)
- q.** Reading of Ordinance - 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) (ZT23.03)
- r.** Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance amending Appendix I Zoning Tables of the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (LDC) to add a new Zoning Designation of Conservation 5 (C5) (ZT23.03)
- s.** Ordinance - 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) (ZT23.03)

(10) Executive Session

- a.** Resolution to file lawsuit against the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development, to enjoin improper allocation of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Funds related to the 2016 Flood
- b.** Caldwell Young v Ascension Parish Suit No. 133046B - Approval of Settlement Balance
- c.** Shaw Construction Darrow Sewer Project - Discussion of prospective litigation

(11) Pending Executive Session

- a.** Approval of Change Order #9 - Shaw Construction Services Ascension Parish Sewer Program Improvements for additional scope of services for an additional amount of \$82,588.00. Total contract amount \$5,056,157.66 (Bill Dawson, Utilities Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

(12) Adjourn