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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

October 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) Parish President's Report:**
- (6) Consent Agenda**
 - a.** Adoption of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2023
 - b.** Adoption of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2023
 - c.** Approval of September 12, 2023 Special Council Meeting minutes
 - d.** Approval to Introduce an Ordinance on the November 5, 2023 Council Meeting agenda to accept the donation of property owned by Palo Alto Incorporated and The McCall Company, LLC for the use of fire services by Fire District No. 2 (Travis Cedotal, Fire Chief Fire District No. 2) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - e.** Approval of Amendment #2 to the Master Contract for Professional Services between Ascension Parish Government and Mougeot Architecture, LLC for Ascension Parish Fire District #1 - Substation #41 Renovations, for an extension of the contract through January 31, 2024. This amendment does not affect contract price (Josh Wingerter, Fire Service Coordinator Fire District #1) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - f.** Approval of Amendment #1 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with National Water Infrastructure Services, LLC for an additional amount of \$70,000.00. The total contract amount is \$994,000.00 (Bill Dawson, Utilities Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - g.** Approval of the Professional Selection Committee's recommendation to select Del-Con,

LLC for the RFP - Mechanical Services: West Ascension Fire Hydrant Repair/Replacement project to enter into a service contract not to exceed \$50,000.00 to provide construction/fire hydrant services on an as needed basis and on emergency callouts (Jim Buras, Purchasing Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- h. Approval to accept the FY 2023 State Homeland Security Grant (SHSP) in the amount of \$69,012.02 and to authorize Parish President Clint Cointment to sign and execute all documents pertaining to this application and/or Dawn Caballero, Interim CFO for financial documents (Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- i. Approval to accept the FY 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$56,438.85 and to authorize Parish President Clint Cointment to sign and execute all documents pertaining to this application and/or Dawn Caballero, Interim CFO for financial documents (Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- j. To amend Exhibit A on the resolution adopted on August 4, 2022 to update the recreation items regarding spending of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds (Ricky Compton, Director of Planning and Facilities Management) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- k. Approval of Change Order #1 - R.J. Daigle and Sons Contracting, Inc., for Task Order 3 of the 2020 Asphaltic Concrete Reconstruction and Overlay Improvements to remove two (2) roads from their responsibility for overlay/reconstruction, which reduces the contract amount by \$186,455.42. Total Contract Amount is \$1,073,180.03 (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- l. Approval of Agreement with DOTD for the Local Road Striping and Signing (Ascension) Local Road Safety Program, State Project No. H015011, and approval for Parish President Clint Cointment to execute the Agreement (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- m. Approval of the renewal of the Master Contract for Professional Services between Ascension Parish Government and The Beta Group Engineering and Construction Services, LLC, for geotechnical testing. Budget amount of \$300,000.00 to be shared with another provider contracted to provide these services on a task order basis (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- n. Approval of the renewal of the Master Contract for Professional Services between Ascension Parish Government and Gulf South Engineering and Testing, Inc, for geotechnical testing. Budget amount of \$300,000.00 to be shared with another provider contracted to provide these services on a task order basis (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- o. Approval of the second renewal of the Master Contract for Professional Services - Professional Engineering Support Services between Ascension Parish Government and Forte & Tablada, Inc. for bridge load ratings of parish-owned bridges. The total amount of the contract is \$150,000.00 shared between two providers (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- p. Approval of the second renewal of the Master Contract for Professional Services - Professional Engineering Support Services between Ascension Parish Government and Huval & Associates, Inc. for bridge load ratings of parish-owned bridges. The total amount of the contract is \$150,000.00 shared between two providers (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- q. Approval of Change Order #7 - R.J. Daigle and Sons Contractors, Inc., for the US 61 and Germany Road Intersection Improvements (MA-18-05) to add 153 additional days created by supply chain issues in receipt of traffic signal equipment and increase the contract by \$20,496.93, for a new not to exceed amount of \$1,125,698.33, to paint the median and driveway islands and remove pavement markings in the intersection (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- r. Approval of Change Order #1 - Hendrick Construction, for the PR 929 at Parker Road Roundabout Project in the Move Ascension Program, Project H.006457, to reimburse the contractor for LADOTD requirement to purchase Owner's and Contractor's Protective Liability (OCP) insurance, which increases the contract amount by \$6,335.00 for a total contract amount of \$2,183,173.65 (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- s. Approval of Change Order #2 - Hendrick Construction, for the PR 929 at Parker Road Roundabout Project in the Move Ascension Program, Project H.006457, to provide for quantity overruns and additional working days to bridge utilities by enclosing proposed site road drain with concrete pipe versus relocating them. This work increases the contract amount by \$60,385.94 for a new total contract amount of \$2,243,559.59. This work also adds eight (8) additional working days to the contract, for a total of 88 working days (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- t. Approval of Change Order #3 - Hendrick Construction, for the PR 929 at Parker Road Roundabout Project in the Move Ascension Program, Project H.006457, to add pay items to mitigate unsuitable material found through excavation. This work increases the contract amount by \$157,949.77, for a new total contract amount of \$2,401,509.36 (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- u. Approval of the Legal Services Contract between Ascension Parish Government and Mayhall, Fondren, Blaize, LLC, to provide legal advice to Ascension Parish Government regarding carbon capture. The rate at which Mayhall, Fondren, Blaize, LLC may bill the Parish shall not exceed the Attorney General rate and shall not exceed \$50,000.00 (Jean Paul Robert, Parish Attorney) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- v. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Master Contract with Quality Engineering & Surveying for the Butch Gore Park Renovations to include a walking trail design for an additional amount of \$5,000.00. The total contract amount is \$137,822.00 (Rachael Farrar, Project Manager Recreation) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- w. Approval for the Ascension Parish Council to adopt the Rate Study required for the Water Sector Grant Program and to authorize Parish President Clint Cointment to implement, sign and execute all documents pertaining to this Rate Study and/or Dawn Caballero, Interim CFO, for financial documents (Dean Thomason, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- x. Approval of Amendment #3 to Master Contract for Professional Services with I.C.E. Sales and Service, LLC for SCADA Support, Service and Maintenance, Project No. PUA-19-001, for an extension of the contract through January 31, 2024. This amendment does not affect the contract price (Dean Thomason, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- y. Approval of Change Order #7 - B.E.T. Construction, Inc. for the Early Learning Center-Lemann Building, for additional work to add access control and security to include a new panic button system and door intercom with door release for additional costs of \$80,334.58 and to extend the substantial completion date an additional 45 days. New contract price \$1,565,969.14 with a new substantial completion date of 11/18/2023 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- z. Approval of Change Order #8 - B.E.T. Construction, Inc. for the Early Learning Center-Lemann Building, for additional work to add HVAC modifications for an additional amount of \$987.36. New contract amount \$1,566,956.50 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- aa. Approval of Change Order #9 - B.E.T. Construction, Inc. for the Early Learning Center-Lemann Building, for additional work to add concrete beneath display windows for an additional cost of \$3,289.31 and to extend the substantial completion date an additional three (3) days. New contract amount \$1,570,245.81 and new substantial completion date of 11/21/2023 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

Recommendation

- bb. Approval of Change Order #10 - B.E.T. Construction, Inc. for the Early Learning Center - Lemann Building, for additional work to remove existing mastic from the concrete floor in order to install a new floor and add an additional seven (7) days to the contract term for the additional work. Additional amount of \$117,933.20. The new contract amount is \$1,688,179.01 and the new substantial completion date is 11/28/23 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

(7) Planning and Zoning Recommendations

- a. **Zoning Review ID PZ-3267.23 – Lot 2-A of the Joseph N. Delaune Estates for Crawfish Properties, LLC**- Located on the west side of Hwy 73 approximately 950' south of Duplessis Road to amend the Ascension Parish Zoning map from Medium Intensity Residential (RM) to Mixed Use 2 (MU2) **ACCEPT OR DENY**
recommendation of Zoning Commission to APPROVE

(8) Condemnation Proceedings: (Patrice Johnson, Chief Code Enforcement Officer)

- a. 36546 C. Braud Road, Prairieville
- b. 40229 Coontrap Road, Gonzales
- c. 12424 Calcote Road, Gonzales
- d. 39043 Saturn Avenue, Darrow
- e. 13063 KC Road, Gonzales

(9) General Business

- a. Budget Presentation and call for Introduction of Ordinance (Interim CFO Dawn Caballero)
- b. Renaming of Darrow Park to Joseph U. Pierre Park (Councilman Travis Turner, Councilwoman Teri Casso, Councilman Michael Mason)
- c. Approval to Introduce an Ordinance on the November 5, 2023 Council Agenda to amend the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code Appendix XII regarding building fees (Jean Paul Robert, Parish Attorney) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- d. Approval for Parish President Clint Cointment to sign and execute any and all necessary documents to allow Capital Area Finance Authority (CAFA) to offer their bond programs in addition to their current grant programs to citizens looking to purchase homes in Ascension Parish (Kristin Delahoussaye, Capital Area Finance Authority) *Passed on at the September 19th Council Meeting to address concerns and make amendments to prohibit PILOT agreements*
- e. Resolution - Authorizing and confirming non-EDA (Economic Development Administration) match requirements funding availability for EDA FY 2023 Disaster Supplement *CAO Patrick Goldsmith* (Parish President Clint Cointment, Councilman Michael Mason, Chairman Chase Melancon)
- f. Resolution - to place an item on the ballot to make Video Gaming lawful in the Parish of Ascension (Councilman Corey Orgeron, Councilman John Cagnolatti, Councilman Aaron Lawler)
- g. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Legal Services Contract with Daigle, Fisse & Kessenich to amend the contract and Exhibit A to include additional scope of work: Parish of Ascension v. Corey J. Orgeron and Brandee C. Orgeron #2023-412 P (Jean Paul Robert, Parish Attorney) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- h. Approval to renew and re-open Professional Services Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Grace and Hebert Curtis Architects, for design work on the unfinished courtroom in the new courthouse - not to exceed \$180,000 (*State supplemental appropriation to expire on June 30, 2024*) Randy Mullis, Professional Project Manager *Councilman Michael Mason, Councilman John Cagnolatti and*

Councilman Chase Melancon

- i. Updated Community Needs Assessment Report (SSA Consultants) *Councilwoman Teri Casso, Councilman John Cagnolatti, Councilman Aaron Lawler*
- j. Presentation by Sunrise Community Group - Transforming Healthcare in Our Community (Glenn Price) *Councilwoman Teri Casso, Councilman John Cagnolatti, Councilman Aaron Lawler*
- k. Presentation/Approval of West Ascension Hospital Board (Prevost Hospital) Budget
- l. Approval of Purchase Agreement for Animal Shelter Property - 8.724 acre tract located at 15460 Airline Highway, Prairieville for a purchase price of \$840,000

(10) Introduction of Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Zoning Map from Medium Intensity Residential (RM) to Mixed Use 2 (MU2) Zoning Review ID PZ-3196.23 - for William Freeman - located on the west side of Highway 929 approximately 300' north of Parker Road
- b. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Zoning map from Conservation (C) and Medium Industrial (MI) to Mixed Use Corridor (MU), Light Industrial (LI), Medium Industrial (MI), and Heavy Industrial (HI) Zoning Review ID 3226.23 - Germania Planatation Property for Germania Plantation, Inc. ET AL - located on the south side of LA Highway 405 approximately 2500' west of Mulberry Grove Road
- c. Introduction of Ordinance - to create reporting requirements of the parish attorney to the Council (Councilman Aaron Lawler, Councilwoman Teri Casso, Councilman John Cagnolatti)
- d. Introduction of Ordinance - to comply with Louisiana RS 18:532.1 Authorizing Ascension Parish Government to re-establish certain precinct boundaries in order to comply with applicable law regarding the results of the 2023 precinct surveys and to assign polling locations for precincts within Ascension Parish (required) *Registrar of Voters Shanie Bourg*

(11) Public Hearings Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Reading of Ordinance - to revoke and set aside the dedication of a twenty foot (20') waterline servitude on the attached survey of a portion of the Monroe Plantation and to declare said servitude abandoned
- b. Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance to revoke and set aside the dedication of a twenty foot (20') waterline servitude on the attached survey of a portion of the Monroe Plantation and to declare said servitude abandoned
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- d. Reading of Ordinance - to amend an ordinance to update the Ascension Parish Government Classification Plan by updating one (1) position title from Applications Specialist 120 to Applications Specialist I (118) and Applications Specialist II (120) in Technology to establish career progression; updating one (1) labor grade for Assistant Director of Recreation (from 117 to 122); adding one (1) new senior-level position of Applications Specialist, Senior (122) in Technology; adding one (1) new position in Data Analytics of GIS Administrator (120) and adding one (1) new position in the HR Department of Assistant Safety Officer (118)
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- g. Reading of Ordinance - to acquire immovable property - Parcel# 20039818 Lot 11-A-2, 8.09 acres, Section 12, T10S, R3E, SED. Property located at La Hwy 941 Gonzales, La. 70737/Hackett Regional Drainage Exhibits to Parish
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(12) Executive Session

- a. Employee Appeal of Suspension
- b. Dixie Electric Membership Corporation versus Ascension parish Government and HNTB - Approval of Settlement Agreement

(13) Adjourn

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