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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

March 7, 2024 - 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. Leadership Ascension Community Service Project - "Work of Arc" - Cocktails and Contracts happy hour social to be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, Gonzales Civic Center, 4pm-6pm
- (6) Parish President's Report:**
- (7) General Business**
 - a. Resolution - to rename the Donaldsonville Senior Center to "Grace Reynaud Garon Senior Center"
 - b. Approval of New Operating Budget and Capital Budget for Prevost Hospital (Bill Dawson, WA Hospital District Board)
 - c. Approval of Amendment #5 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Nicholls State University wherein the University shall provide consulting services for the Early Learning Center in Donaldsonville, La to update the billable rate schedule - total contract amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 (Colleen Arceneaux, Director of Health and Community Development) *Councilman Oliver Joseph, Councilman Dennis Cullen, Councilman Travis Turner*
- (8) Personnel Committee Recommendations**
 - a. Planning and Zoning Commission - New Appointment and Reappointments
 - b. Animal Services Board Reappointments
 - c. Fire Protection District #3 Reappointments

(9) Public Hearings Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Reading of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 - Sec 2-11 (b)(2) and Section 2-121 through 2-129 to update the list of ratified positions to include those specifically required by the Home Rule Charter (CAO, CFO, and Parish Secretary), to remove the requirement for Parish council approval of department head pay and benefits, to create the Health and Community Development Division with a ratified position of Director, Health and Community Development, and to delete the ratification requirement for all other departments/positions and subsequent sections that contain ratification language except Director, Infrastructure Division, and Director, Public Works Department (Lucy Cason, Human Resources Director)
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Finance Committee Recommendation
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- g. Reading of Ordinance - to declare miscellaneous movable equipment surplus (Lynda Timmons, Senior Accountant)
- h. Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance to declare miscellaneous movable equipment surplus
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- j. Reading of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Art. I. - In General, Sec. 2-8. - Public Documents. - (c) Fee Schedule to add (5) Electronic delivery of records (Jean Paul Robert, Parish Attorney)
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(10) Executive Session

- a.** Approval of Workman's Compensation claim for Darin Martin
- b.** HR Solutions Report (Lucy Cason, HR Director)

(11) Adjourn

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