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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

June 20, 2024 - 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 May 16, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 - b. Adoption of June 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 - c. Approval of 2024-2025 Ascension Parish Government Health Care Services Professional Liability Insurance - Liberty Mutual Insurance (Bret Hughes, Hughes Insurance and Colleen Arceneaux, Health and Community Development Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - d. Approval to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1 for the management of the Louisiana Watershed Initiative - Round 2 John LeBlanc Detention Improvements. (John Monzon, HNTB) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - e. Approval to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1 for the management of the Louisiana Watershed Initiative - Round 2 Lower Bayou Conway Drainage Improvements. (John Monzon, HNTB) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - f. Approval of Amendment #2 to the Professional Services Contract with ELOS Environmental, LLC to increase the not to exceed amount by \$200,000.00, for a total not to exceed amount of \$220,000.00 to cover the cost of additional services provided, such as concerns with LAlumina and hauling of red dirt (Jay Prather, ELOS Environmental) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- g.** Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and the Town of Sorrento for the Parish to assist with certain road repairs within the boundaries of the Town of Sorrento (Ruth Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- h.** Approval of Renewal of the Participation Agreement with St. Bernard Parish Sheriff for housing of juveniles to accommodate six (6) male juveniles between the ages of 10 and 17 at a cost of \$250.00 per day per bed (Ruth Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- i.** Approval of Amendment #3 to the Master Services Contract with Enmon Enterprises, LLC dba Jani-King of Baton Rouge to increase the contract amount by \$300,000.00, for a total not to exceed amount of \$1,594,093.00 due to additional events at Lamar Dixon Expo Center, and to pay the remaining invoices for the contract term (Ricky Compton, Infrastructure Division Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- j.** Bid Results and approval to enter into contract with R.J. Daigle & Sons Contractors, Inc. for asphalt concrete reconstruction and overlay improvements (indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contract) 2024. Total Contract amount not to exceed \$4,419,335.00 (Treg Cunningham, Transportation) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- k.** Approval of Amendment #2 to the security services contract with Merchants Security Services, Inc. to extend the contract term through July 16, 2024, and to add another \$10,000.00 to the contract amount for a total not to exceed amount of \$114,000.00 (Chris Welch, Lamar Dixon Expo Center) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- l.** Results of Request for Qualifications and approval to enter into a contract with Rollo Security Services, Inc. for overnight security services to include one unarmed security officer to perform services in a manner that enhances security of the interior and exterior of the Lamar Dixon Expo Center buildings and grounds. Pricing as per fee schedule (Chris Welch, Lamar Dixon Expo Center) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- m.** Approval of Amendment #1 for the contract with Corporate Mechanical Contractors, Inc., to increase the not to exceed amount by \$50,000.00, for a total of \$400,000.00. Total budget amount to be shared between two providers (Jason Thomson, Maintenance Department) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- n.** Approval of Amendment #1 for the contract with Gallo Mechanical Services, LLC, to increase the not to exceed amount by \$50,000.00, for a total of \$400,000.00. Total budget amount to be shared between two providers (Jason Thompson, Maintenance Department) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- o.** Approval of Change Order #2 - GeoSport Lighting Systems, LLC for South Louisiana Fairgrounds Lighting Upgrades Project, to increase contract time by an additional 131 days for a new substantial completion date of July 2, 2024 and decrease contract price by an additional -\$20,000.00 for a total contract price of \$462,393.32 for deduction of punch list items (Rachael Farrar, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- p.** Results of Request for Qualifications for the Lamar Dixon Gym Leak Remediation and approval to enter into a contract with Holly Smith Architects to assess existing building and infrastructure and to define and design repairs needed to remediate moisture intrusion/condensation problems at the Ascension Gymnasium located on the grounds of the Lamar Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales, LA (Rachael Farrar, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- q.** Results of Request for Qualifications for Feed Water Storage Tanks Project and approval to enter into a contract with Principal Engineering to support the Parish by providing professional design services under a professional services contract to renovate our water storage tanks (Dean Thomason, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- r. Approval of Change Order #1 with Ready Power, LLC for the Ascension Parish 5% Initiative Generator Project - HMGP 4263-DR-LA #20 Project. This change order is for a decrease in the amount of -\$6,450.00 to the contract amount for a total contract amount of \$146,848.00, as a credit for the cost between the plans and this modification to the feeders from the generators to the transfer switches (Dean Thomason, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - s. Approval of Renewal of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for maintenance and upkeep of the jail by Ascension Parish Sheriff Bobby Webre. Total not to exceed amount of \$2,500,000.00 per year for the four (4) year renewal term (Ruth Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - t. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office to contribute funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 each to the Bobby Webre's Community Outreach Initiative, Inc., a 501(c)3 public charity for the operation and administration of the newly created "Eyes on Ascension" program (Ricky Compton, Infrastructure Division Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- (7) **Condemnation Proceedings (*Patrice Johnson, Chief Code Enforcement Officer*)**
- a. 40147 Germany Road, Gonzales (District 11)
 - b. 40159 Germany Road, Gonzales (District 11)
 - c. 40129 Coontrap Road, Gonzales (District 9)
 - d. Parcel # 4186800 Tobey Road, Gonzales (District 9)
 - e. 13063 KC Road, Gonzales (District 9)
- (8) **Personnel Committee Recommendations (*Personnel Chairman Dennis Cullen*)**
- a. Human Resources Review Board Reappointments (4)
- (9) **General Business**
- a. Notice of Consideration of Action regarding Ad Valorem Taxes - the Parish of Ascension will meeting its capacity as the governing authority of Road Lighting District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Parish of Ascension on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 6pm at the Ascension Parish Courthouse, Council Meeting Room, 607 E. Worthey Rd, Gonzales at which time there will be consideration of action regarding calling an election to authorize the renewal of the levy and collection of existing ad valorem taxes in each district for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, highways, alleys, and public places within such districts (Bond Counsel)
 - b. Notice of Non-Compliance from Louisiana Economic Development for the 2022 reporting period -Reagent Chemical & Research, Inc. Contract #20190153-Industrial Tax Exemption - consideration of penalty (Lisa Laws, Ascension Economic Development) *Finance Recommendation*
 - c. Approval of DOTD Maintenance Agreement - Mowing and Litter Pickup on State Roads located in the Parish- FY ending June 30, 2025- DOTD will reimburse the Parish on a semi-annual basis for work performed pursuant to the agreement (Todd Elisar, EAD Supervisor) *Parish President Clint Cointment, Councilman Michael Mason, Chairman Chase Melancon*
- (10) **Introduction of Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)**
- a. Introduction of Ordinance - (Ordinance #1) - to levy taxes on the 2024 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Ascension Parish Government for Road Infrastructure Districts
 - b. Introduction of Ordinance - (Millage Ordinance #2) - to increase millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rates on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2024 and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied -

Road Infrastructure Districts

- c. Introduction of Ordinance - to declare one 1998 Sunshine Homes Manufactured Home, VIN ALS04681, an asset of EA Drainage No. 1 as surplus and provide for the sale and/or transfer of same (Legal Counsel)
- d. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances to add subsection (e) Records Retention to Chapter 2 - Administration, Article I. In General, Section 2-8 Public Documents (Legal Counsel)
- e. Introduction of Ordinance - declaring surplus and authorization of the sale and/or transfer of miscellaneous movable equipment (Lynda Timmons, Finance) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- f. Introduction of Ordinance - to declare surplus and authorize the sale and/or transfer of miscellaneous immovable property commonly known as LaLa Regira Field (Ricky Compton, Infrastructure Division Director)
- g. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code, Appendix IV, Section 17-40100 Definitions, by adding Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) and Offsite Drainage Assessment (ODA) *Planning Commission Recommends Approval*
- h. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code, Appendix IV, Attachment B. Drainage Impact Study Procedure - Paragraph I. Study Conclusions and Recommendations; and Paragraph J. Consideration for Protecting Existing Watersheds and Conveyance Systems *Planning Commission recommends APPROVAL*
- i. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code, Appendix V, Drainage, to add new Section 17-506.3 - Offsite Drainage Assessment *Planning Commission recommends APPROVAL*
- j. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code, Appendix XII, Fees *Planning Commission recommends APPROVAL*
- k. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend Chapter 19, Roads, Bridges and Other Public Ways, Article IV, Transportation Impact Fee, Section 19-51(d). Establishment of Transportation Impact Fee Schedule, of the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinance (3.17% decrease) *Transportation Committee Recommendation*

(11) Adjourn

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