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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

September 19, 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) ****Board of Review** (Certification of 2024 Tax Roll and Property Tax Appeals)**
- (6) **Presentations**
 - a. Presentation of Ascension Parish Government Retiree Plaques (Human Resources Director Megan Babin)
 - b. Proclamation - to proclaim September 17-23 Constitution Week in Ascension Parish (Brittany Kean)
- (7) **Parish President's Report:**
 - a. Ratification of Declared State of Emergency for Hurricane Francine (Parish President Clint Cointment)
- (8) **General Business**
 - a. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Professional Services Contract with St. Bernard Parish Sheriff for the housing of juveniles to increase the total amount of the contract by an additional \$1,500.00, for a new not to exceed amount of \$549,000.00 (Ruth Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer)
 - b. Approval to purchase a .85 acre tract of property located at 42060 Churchpoint Rd. at a price of not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the purpose of the relocation of the DPWE recycling facility (Ricky Compton, Infrastructure Division Director and/or Ron Savoy, Department of Public Works Director)
 - c. Approval of Master Services Contract with Capital City Staffing, LLC t/a AMMON Healthcare for temporary nurses at the Ascension Parish Jail for a not to exceed

amount of \$300,000.00 (Colleen Arceneaux, Health and Community Development Director)

- d. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Master Contract for Professional Services with Lofton Industrial Services, LLC for temporary staffing to add an additional \$40,000.00 to the contract amount for a new not to exceed amount of \$109,000.00 (Megan Babin, Human Resources Director)
- e. Approval for President Clint Cointment to sign and execute any and all documents relating to the FY 2024 - 2024 LA 44 at LA 933 Parker Road Roundabout FP&C Project #50-J03-24-03 and/or Chief Financial Officer Dawn Caballero for financial documents (Hermine Edward-Irvin, Grants Director)
- f. Approval for President Clint Cointment to sign and execute any and all documents relating to the FY 2024 - 2024 LA 73 at LA 30 Roundabout FP&C Project #50-J03-24-02 and/or Chief Financial Officer Dawn Caballero for financial documents (Hermine Edward-Irvin, Grants Director)
- g. Approval for President Clint Cointment to sign and execute any and all documents relating to the FY 2024 - 2024 LA 431 Roundabout FP&C Project #50-J03-24-01 and/or Chief Financial Officer Dawn Caballero for financial documents (Hermine Edward-Irvin, Grants Director)
- h. Approval for President Clint Cointment to execute any and all contracts of whatever kind relating to the Henderson Bayou Channel Improvements, State Project Number H.016072 and/or Chief Financial Officer Dawn Caballero for financial documents (Hermine Edward-Irvin, Grants Director)
- i. Approval for President Clint Cointment to execute any and all contracts of whatever kind relating to the Welsh Gully Channel Improvements, State Project Number H.016071 and/or Chief Financial Officer Dawn Caballero for financial documents (Hermine Edward-Irvin, Grants Director)
- j. Approval for President Clint Cointment to execute any and all contracts of whatever kind relating to the West Ascension Drainage Improvements Bayou McCall, State Project Number H.015974 and/or Chief Financial Officer Dawn Caballero for financial documents (Hermine Edward-Irvin, Grants Director)
- k. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Master Contract for Professional Services with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. to include an additional amount of \$200,000.00, for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$400,000.00. Neel-Schaffer, Inc. will only receive a portion of the amount, dependent on the task orders awarded and completed (Eric Poche, Planning and Development Director)
- l. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Master Contract for Professional Services with Vectura Consulting Services, LLC to include an additional amount of \$200,000.00, for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$400,000.00. Vectura Consulting Services, LLC will only receive a portion of the amount, dependent on task orders awarded and completed (Eric Poche, Planning and Development Director)
- m. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Master Contract for Professional Services with Intelligent Transportation Systems, LLC to include an additional amount of \$200,000.00, for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$400,000.00. Intelligent Transportation Systems, LLC will only receive a portion of the amount, dependent on the task orders awarded and completed (Eric Poche, Planning and Development Director)
- n. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Master Contract for Professional Services with Gresham Smith to include an additional amount of \$200,000.00, for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$400,000.00. Gresham Smith will only receive a portion of the amount, dependent on the task orders awarded and completed (Eric Poche, Planning and Development Director)
- o. Approval to enter into contract negotiations with Mougeot Architecture for the architectural design for the new Animal Services Center (Randy Mullis, Project

Manager)

- p.** Approval of Change Order #1 - Crescent Multimedia Solutions, LLC for additional data wire installation for internet services, not included in the original scope of work for the Ascension Parish Courtroom Improvements Audio Visual System Medium Courtroom 221 project (Project #ADMN240015). This change order increases the contract amount by \$12,695.53, for a total contract amount of \$162,015.53 (Randy Mullis, Project Manager)
- q.** Approval of Change Order #2 - Build Commercial Construction, LLC for the Ascension Parish Courtroom Improvements Project (Project #ADMN240015) to add 34 construction days to the project duration due to the lead time of procurement of materials from the final selection to ensure the courtroom matches existing courtrooms. The date of substantial completion will be moved to September 18, 2024. There is no change to the original contract price of \$1,138,000.00 (Randy Mullis, Project Manager)
- r.** Approval of Change Order #3 - Build Commercial Construction, LLC for the Ascension Parish Courtroom Improvements Project (Project #ADMN240015) to include the cost of additional millwork from an existing courtroom per owner's request. This change order will increase the contract amount by \$438.00, for a new not to exceed amount of \$1,138,438.00 (Randy Mullis, Project Manager)
- s.** Approval to amend the Master Contract for Professional Services for professional and design related services for Move Ascension (Contract #220298), with T. Baker Smith, LLC., executed on February 28, 2023, to adjust the labor and equipment fee schedule from 2022 rates to 2024 rates and to amend the fee schedule beginning January 1, 2025. This contract modification results in no change in the contract not to exceed cost or the contract expiration date (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer)
- t.** Approval of Change Order #6 (DOTD Change Order #8) - Richard Price Contracting Co., LLC, for the Churchpoint Road and Roddy Road Roundabout Project in the Move Ascension Program, Project H.006459, to reconcile quantities. This change order will decrease the contract amount by \$13,532.67, for a new total contract amount of \$1,936,439.78 (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer)
- u.** Approval of Change Order #7 (DOTD Change Order #9) - Richard Price Contracting Co., LLC, for the Churchpoint Road and Roddy Road Roundabout Project in the Move Ascension Program, Project H.006459, to provide compensation for a full depth asphalt patch on the east approach of Churchpoint Road. This change order will increase the contract amount by \$34,310.83, for a new total contract amount of \$1,970,450.61 (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer)
- v.** Approval of Change Order #8 (DOTD Change Order #10) - Richard Price Contracting Co., LLC, for the Churchpoint Road and Roddy Road Roundabout Project in the Move Ascension Program, Project H.006459, to provide for additional drainage work inside the project limits to add (2) working days to the contract for a total of 128 days. This change order will increase the contract amount by \$11,789.24, for a new total contract amount of \$1,982,239.85 (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer)
- w.** Approval to pay the US Army Corps of Engineers \$916,667 for the Parish's 25% share of the design cost for the Waterline Replacement Project (Dean Thomason, Project Manager)
- x.** Approval of Change Order #7 (DOTD Change Order #8) - Hendrick Construction, Inc., for the PR 929 and Parker Road Roundabout Project in the Move Ascension Program, Project H.006457.6, to reimburse Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office for police presence that was not captured under Change Order #4. This change order will increase the contract amount by \$2,700.00 for a new total contract amount of \$2,597,730.94 (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer)
- y.** Approval to amend contract with Legal Counsel Jeff Diez to add to the scope - representation of the Ascension Parish Library for contract negotiations and other legal matters (Legal Counsel)

(9) 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-3460.24 - Lot E-1 of the 110' X 320' Lot and 106.60 X 320' Lot Redesignated as Lot L and Lot E into Lot L-1 and E-1 for Shelly Sanchez - Located on the north side of LA Hwy 74 approximately 200' west of Carrie Lane
- b. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend Appendix II of the Unified Land Development Code - 07-2038 - (Add) Solar Farm, Conditional Use
- c. Introduction of Ordinance - to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and the City of Donaldsonville and Act of Cash Sale for certain property owned by Ascension Parish Government (Legal Counsel)

(10) Public Hearings Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Reading of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6 - Buildings and Building Regulations - to clarify and update language in the building code (Chief Building Official Derrin Duplessis) *Councilman Todd Varnado, Councilman Brian Hillensbeck, Councilman Dennis Cullen*
- b. Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6 - Buildings and Building Regulations - to clarify and update language in the building code
- c. Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6 - Buildings and Building Regulations - to clarify and update language in the building code
- d. Reading of Ordinance - to amend and restate an ordinance adopted on August 1, 2024 ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 7, 2024 to authorize certain amendments to the Home Rule Charter to postpone Proposition No.2 - *to delete language "Governing Authority members shall receive an annual salary not to exceed the maximum amount allowed for police jurors by state law"* to a March 29, 2025 Election *Councilman Todd Varnado, Councilwoman Pam Alonso, Councilman Brian Hillensbeck*
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(11) Adjourn

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