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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

**October 17, 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 September 19, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 - b.** Adoption of October 3, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 - c.** Approval of Resolution to approve funding for the New River Stormwater Management Pump Station Project by allocation of funds from the Mega Fund in the amount of \$15,000,000.00 (Clint Cointment, Parish President) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - d.** Approval of renewal of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Ascension Economic Development Corporation to promote, encourage and develop industry and commerce in the Parish of Ascension and for the purpose of providing and serving the residents of Ascension Parish with greater economy and efficiency related to economic development within the Parish. Total agreement amount not to exceed \$322,800.00 (Kate MacArthur, President/CEO Ascension Economic Development Corporation) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - e.** Approval of renewal of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish, Fire District #3 and Prairieville Fire Department for the compensation of part-time firefighters for the 2025 calendar year. Total agreement amount not to exceed \$490,000.00 (Mark Stewart, Fire Chief Fire District #3) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - f.** Approval of renewal of the Master Services Contract with Lofton Industrial Services,

LLC for temporary staffing. Total contract amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 (Megan Babin, Interim Human Resources Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- g. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Maintenance Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Office of Engineering for mowing and litter pickup, to increase the stipulated minimum number of maintenance cycles in Fiscal Year 2025 from four (4) to five (5). This agreement is DOTD funded (Jonathon Samuel, Assistant Director Public Works) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- h. Approval of Addendum #2 to AIA Document B133 with Grace Hebert Curtis Architects, LLC for the Ascension Parish Courthouse Construction. This contract came in under budget at \$150,000.00; therefore, the new not to exceed amount of the contract is being reduced from \$180,000.00 to \$151,404.85, which includes reimbursable expenses in the amount of \$1,404.85 (Randy Mullis, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- i. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Master Contract for Professional Services with McKim & Creed, Inc. for the Water Sector Program. The amendment only extends the term of the project through September 25, 2025, and is retroactive to September 25, 2024, and does not affect the original contract price (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- j. Approval of Change Order #9 - Hendrick Construction, Inc., for the PR 929 and Parker Road Roundabout Project in the Move Ascension Program, Project H.006457.6, for partial project acceptance. This change order value is \$0. The total contract amount remains unchanged at \$2,597,730.94 (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- k. Approval of renewal of the Legal Services Contract with Larry W. Buquoi for real estate acquisitions and miscellaneous land related work. Total contract amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 (Jean-Paul Robert, Parish Attorney) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- l. Approval of renewal of the Legal Services Contract with Stemmans & Alley, PLLC to represent the Parish in insurance litigation, including Workers' Compensation and any other legal matters necessary. Total contract amount not to exceed \$45,000 (Jean-Paul Robert, Parish Attorney) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- m. Approval of renewal of the Legal Services Contract with Jeff Diez for legal advice, advisory opinions, counsel and legal assistance to the Parish President, and the staff and administrators of the Executive Office on an as-needed, on-call continuing basis. Total contract amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 (Jean-Paul Robert, Parish Attorney) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- n. Approval of renewal of the Legal Services Contract with Ledet Law Group, LLC as Counsel for Alan Braud vs Ascension Parish Council, Delacey Joseph vs Ascension Parish, and use of his services on any further personnel or employment issues or lawsuits against Ascension Parish Government. Total contract amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 (Jean-Paul Robert, Parish Attorney) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

(7) General Business

- a. Budget Presentation and approval to Introduce the 2024 amended and 2025 Budgets (Dawn Caballero, Chief Financial Officer)
- b. Approval of Halloween Hours -Thursday, October 31st, 6pm-8pm
- c. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Contract with DRC Emergency Services, LLC for Emergency Debris Removal and related services to revise Exhibits A and B to add language all tipping fees shall be reimbursed at cost, no mark-up allowed, to add a line item to Phase I - collection, hauling to staging site, reduction and to convert unit ton to cubic yard in Phase II -loading and Hauling Reductions to a Final Disposition Site (OEP Director Rachael Wilkinson)
- d. Approval to accept the Fiscal Year 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$56,438.85 (Hermina Irvin, Grants Director) *Parish President Clint*

Cointment, Chairman Chase Melancon, Councilman Brett Arceneaux

- e. Approval to accept award for the Fiscal Year 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$60,265.36 (Hermina Irvin, Grants Director) *Parish President Clint Cointment, Chairman Chase Melancon, Councilman Brett Arceneaux*
- f. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Ascension Parish Government, the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office and the East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for the use and hauling of dirt and materials from various APSO construction locations to the former L'Alumina plant as part of the closure plan outlined in the Intergovernmental Agreement with LDEQ (James Leblanc, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs)
- g. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office to authorize the Sheriff's Office to proceed with the permit process to build a communication tower with special stipulations that shall run with the land and be of personal obligation to each party in order to provide for the overall safety, welfare and protection of the citizens of Ascension Parish (Planning Director Eric Poche)

(8) Introduction of Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Introduction of Ordinance - for East Ascension Drainage District #1 to acquire a parcel of immovable property situated in the Parish of Ascension, in Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 3 East, Southeastern Land District of Louisiana, designated as Lot E-1, containing 13.0 acres for the price of \$767,000 plus closing cost for regional detention for the Parish Floodplain Management Plan (Legal Counsel)
- b. Introduction of Ordinance - to revoke an existing 15' servitude located across the eastern portion of Tract 1-A-3-A of the Joseph Kernan et als Property *Moved to Council Agenda via UDC 17.4050 (B.2)*
- c. Introduction of Ordinance - Approval to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5 - Animals and Fowl, Article III, Animal Control, to clarify language related to registration and rabies tags and to align the ordinance language with state statute (Colleen Arceneaux, Director of Health and Community Development) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- d. Introduction of Ordinance declaring surplus and authorization of the sale and/or transfer of miscellaneous movable equipment (Lynda Timmons, Senior Accountant II) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

(9) Public Hearings Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Reading of Ordinance - 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)
- b. Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance 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
- c. Ordinance - 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

(10) Adjourn

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