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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

November 21, 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 October 17, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 - b.** Adoption of November 7, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 - c.** Approval of renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Ricky Babin, 23rd Judicial District Attorney, for the continued implementation of the drug intervention program for adult offenders created by the District Attorney. Funds provided shall not exceed \$205,000.00 (Colleen Arceneaux, Director of Health and Community Development) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - d.** Approval to apply for the FY 2024-2025 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) program and to authorize Parish President Clint Cointment to sign and execute all documents relating to the application and/or Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Dawn Caballero for financial documents (Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - e.** Approval to apply for the FY 2024-2025 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and to authorize Parish President Clint Cointment to sign and execute all documents relating to the application and/or Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Dawn Caballero for financial documents (Hermina Edward-Irvin, Grants Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - f.** Approval of Agreement with The Picard Group, LLC for professional services related to

the legislative branch of state government for \$10,000.00 monthly for federal services and \$7,500.00 monthly for state services for a term of one (1) year beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025. The total not to exceed amount is \$250,000.00 for federal and state services, printing, travel, events and miscellaneous costs (Ruth Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- g. Approval of the Professional Selection Committee's recommendation to select Faulk & Winkler, LLC for the RFP - Independent Certified Public Accountant Services and to enter into a contract for these services (Dawn Caballero, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- h. Approval of Amendment #3 to the Professional Services Contract with DRC Emergency Services, LLC for emergency debris removal and related services to add the City of Donaldsonville as an appearer due to the omission of the City of Donaldsonville as a party to the contract although included in the bid (Rachael Wilkinson, OEP Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- i. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Professional Services Contract with Tetra Tech, Inc. for emergency debris monitoring to add the City of Donaldsonville as an appeared due to the omission of the City of Donaldsonville as a party to the contract, although they were included in the bid (Rachael Wilkinson, OEP Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- j. Approval of Amendment #2 to the Master Services Contract with A to Z Consulting, LLC, for the Master Plan - Roger J. Clouatre Park, to extend the contract term through December 31, 2025. This amendment only extends the term of the contract and does not affect the original contract price (Ricky Compton, Infrastructure Division Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- k. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Master Services Contract with A to Z Consulting, LLC, for the Master Plan - Richard Brown Park, to extend the contract term through December 31, 2025. This amendment only extends the term of the contract and does not affect the original contract price (Ricky Compton, Infrastructure Division Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- l. Approval of renewal of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Life House. Life House will provide labor personnel to the Parish in various operations and, in exchange, the Parish will provide employment opportunities and pay the laborers provided by Life House. This cooperative endeavor agreement has a total not to exceed amount of \$150,000.00 and shall terminate on December 31, 2025 (Ricky Compton, Infrastructure Division Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- m. Approval of Amendment #2 to the Master Contract for Professional Services for professional engineering support services with Parish Engineering, LLC, for the electrical design at the Darrow Community Center, to extend the contract term through December 31, 2025. This amendment only extends the term and does not affect the original contract price (Ricky Compton, Infrastructure Division Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- n. Approval of Amendment #3 to the Master Contract for Professional Engineering Support Services with Quality Engineering and Surveying, LLC, for the Ascension Parish Courthouse East Green Infrastructure Improvements Project, to extend the contract term to June 30, 2025. This amendment only extends the contract term and does not affect the contract price (Ricky Compton, Infrastructure Division Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- o. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Master Contract for Professional Services with Gulf South Engineering and Testing, Inc, for geotechnical assistance, to extend the contract term through March 31, 2025, retroactive to October 29, 2024, and to include an additional amount of \$50,000.00, for a new not to exceed contract amount of \$350,000.00 (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- p. Approval of renewal of the Master Services Contract with Cody Edwards Trucking, LLC for dump trucks with drivers on an as needed basis to assist with hauling hot asphalt to various locations within the Parish at a rate of \$115.00 per hour. Total budget amount of \$175,000.00 to be shared between three providers (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- q. Approval of renewal of the Master Services Contract with JFK Trucking, LLC for dump trucks with drivers on an as needed basis to assist with hauling hot asphalt to various locations within the Parish at a rate of \$115.00 per hour. Total budget amount of \$175,000.00 to be shared between three providers (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- r. Approval of renewal of the Master Services Contract with Seek Ye First Enterprises, LLC for dump trucks with drivers on an as needed basis to assist with hauling hot asphalt to various locations within the Parish at a rate of \$110.00 per hour. Total budget amount of \$175,000.00 to be shared between three providers (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- s. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Master Contract for Professional Services for professional engineering support services with Forte & Tablada, Inc., for bridge load ratings of Parish owned bridges, to extend the contract term through April 30, 2025. This amendment only extends the contract term and does not affect the contract price (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- t. Approval of Amendment #2 to the Master Services Contract with Del-Con, LLC for electrical maintenance and repairs to add another \$150,000.00 for a not to exceed amount of \$300,000.00 due to extension of contract through October 2025 and large expenses for ARC West electrical upgrades (Jason Thompson, Supervisor III Maintenance Dept) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- u. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Master Services Contract with Del-Con, LLC for plumbing maintenance and repairs to add another \$50,000.00 for a not to exceed amount of \$200,000.00 due to large expenses taking the bulk of funding for ARC West plumbing replacement and large expenses for Council on Aging water leak repair (Jason Thompson, Supervisor III Maintenance Dept) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- v. Approval to enter into a Contract with Guitreau General Contractors, LLC for the Trademart partition wall replacement at Lamar Dixon Expo Center. Total contract amount not to exceed \$70,720.00 (Chris Welch, Manager Event Operations Lamar Dixon Expo Center) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- w. Approval of Amendment #9 to the Professional Services Contract with McKim & Creed, Inc. to extend the term to December 31, 2024, retroactive to August 3, 2024. The amendment only extends the term of the contract and does not affect the contract price (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- x. Approval of Change Order #1 - I.C.E. Sales & Service, LLC - for the "Remove and Replace the Controls for the Muffin Monster Sewer System Project, Project #240106" to add 90 construction days to the project duration time due to inclement weather and electrical components delivery delays beyond the control of the contractor. There is no change to the original contract price of \$167,500.00 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- y. Approval of Amendment #2 to the Master Contract for Professional Services for professional engineering support services with Parish Engineering, LLC, for the electrical design of the muffin monster, to extend the contract term through March 31, 2025. This amendment only extends the contract term and does not affect the contract price (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- z. Approval to enter into a Contract with Premier Service Team, LLC for the Parish Utilities of Ascension (PUA) Water Treatment Plant Roof Replacement Project, Project No. UTIL240018 for removal of the existing roof, gutters and attachments and to encase the

existing metal roof, and installation of a gutter system and standing seam roof panels. Total contract amount not to exceed \$85,480.00 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

(7) General Business

- a. Approval of Amendment #2 with CSRS, LLC, to increase the contract amount by \$250,000.00, for a new total not to exceed amount of \$1,290,145.00, due to increased analysis and coordination required between staff and applicants, as well as anticipated reviews of submittals for the new offsite drainage analysis ordinance. This amendment is also to modify Exhibit B, Schedule of Rates and Charges, to include two additional staff classifications. The contract amount is also increased by \$13,500.00 to compensate for the additional work required under Amendment #1 to Task Order #1. The new total not to exceed amount for this contract is \$1,303,645.00 (Eric Poche, Director of Planning and Development and Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation (not unanimous)*
- b. Approval to amend Exhibit A of the resolution and update on projects regarding spending of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to amend Southwood Park to match lowest bid, Oak Grove to match playground cost, South Louisiana Fairgrounds to match lowest bid, and increase Courthouse Landscaping to utilize remaining funds (Ricky Compton, Director of Planning and Facilities Management)
- c. Approval of lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$749,434.00 and to enter into contract negotiations with Sticklin and Porter Construction, LLC for the Southwood Park Improvements Project (Ricky Compton, Infrastructure Director)
- d. Approval of lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$2,193,000.00 and approval to enter into contract negotiations with Promethean General Contractors, LLC for the South Louisiana Fairgrounds Park Improvements Project (Ricky Compton, Infrastructure Division Director)
- e. Approval of lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$1,974,000.00 and approval to enter into contract negotiations with GeoSurfaces, Inc. for the Prairieville Park Improvements Project (Ricky Compton, Infrastructure Division Director)

(8) Introduction of Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. **Public Hearing** - for Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances to create a Road Infrastructure District (RID) designated as Parish of Ascension Road Infrastructure District #IDD-2024-01 (Belle Maison) pursuant to the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (LDC) Appendix IV - Subdivision Regulations, Section 17-4011. Approval of Final Plat Procedure F. Infrastructure Development District
- b. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances to create a Road Infrastructure District (RID) designated as Parish of Ascension Road Infrastructure District #IDD-2024-01 (Belle Maison) pursuant to the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (LDC) Appendix IV - Subdivision Regulations, Section 17-4011. Approval of Final Plat Procedure F. Infrastructure Development District
- c. **Public Hearing** - for Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances to create a Road Infrastructure District (RID) designated as Parish of Ascension Road Infrastructure District #IDD-2024-02 (Pelican Point Golf Community) pursuant to the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (LDC) Appendix IV - Subdivision Regulations, Section 17-4011. Approval of Final Plat Procedure. Infrastructure Development District
- d. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances to create a Road Infrastructure District (RID) designated as Parish of Ascension Road Infrastructure District #IDD-2024-02 (Pelican Point Golf Community) pursuant to the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (LDC) Appendix IV - Subdivision Regulations, Section 17-4011. Approval of Final Plat Procedure. Infrastructure Development District

- e. **Public Hearing** - for Introduction of Ordinance to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances to create a Road Infrastructure District (RID) designated as Parish of Ascension Road Infrastructure District #IDD-2024-03 (Delaune Estates, 2nd Filing) pursuant to the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (LDC) Appendix IV - Subdivision Regulations, Section 17-4011. Approval of Final Plat Procedure F. Infrastructure Development District
 - f. Introduction of Ordinance to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances to create a Road Infrastructure District (RID) designated as Parish of Ascension Road Infrastructure District #IDD-2024-03 (Delaune Estates, 2nd Filing) pursuant to the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (LDC) Appendix IV - Subdivision Regulations, Section 17-4011. Approval of Final Plat Procedure F. Infrastructure Development District
- (9) Public Hearings Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)**
- a. Reading of Ordinance - to amend the 2024 Budget and appropriate the 2025 Budget for Ascension Parish Government
 - b. Public Hearing - to consider amending the 2024 Budget and appropriating the 2025 Budget for Ascension Parish Government
 - c. Ordinance - to amend the 2024 Budget and appropriate the 2025 Budget for Ascension Parish Government
 - d. Reading of Ordinance - to amend an ordinance adopted on January 18, 2024 amending Section 16-1 of the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances adopted by the Ascension Parish Council on June 20, 1996, adopting a Pay Classification Plan to adjust pay ranges to allow for a three-tiered approach, based on Labor Grade, for a 2025 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) effective December 23, 2024
 - e. Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance to amend an ordinance adopted on January 18, 2024 amending Section 16-1 of the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances adopted by the Ascension Parish Council on June 20, 1996, adopting a Pay Classification Plan to adjust pay ranges to allow for a three-tiered approach, based on Labor Grade, for a 2025 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) effective December 23, 2024
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- (10) Executive Session**
- a. Delacey Joseph vs. Ascension Parish Government, et.al.; 23rd JDC, Parish of Ascension, Suit No. 132,014 Div "C"
- (11) Adjourn**

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