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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

**January 16, 2025 - 6:00 PM
ASCENSION PARISH COURTHOUSE**

607 E. Worthey Rd. Gonzales, LA 70737

AGENDA

- (1) Call To Order / Invocation and Pledge**
- (2) Roll Call**
- (3) Presentations**
 - a.** Proclamation - to proclaim January "National School Board Appreciation Month" in Ascension Parish (President Clint Cointment)
- (4) Election of Chair and Vice Chair**
- (5) Chair's Additions**
- (6) Public Comment Sign- In Period**
- (7) Parish President's Report:**
- (8) General Business**
 - a.** Notice of Consideration of Action regarding Ad Valorem Taxes- pursuant to LA RS 42:19:1 - the Ascension Parish Council will meet on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Ascension Parish Courthouse, 300 Houmas St, Donaldsonville to consider calling an election to authorize the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes not to exceed fifteen (15) mills in each district for Belle Maison Subdivision (IDD #2024-01), Belle Savanne Subdivision, Phase 1, 2A & 2B (#IDD-2022-04) and Pelican Point Golf Community (#IDD-2024-02) (Legal Counsel)
 - b.** Resolution - providing for the canvas of returns and declaring the results of the special election held in Road Lighting Districts No.1, No. 2, No. 3, No.4, No. 5 and No. 6 of the Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana on Saturday, December 7, 2024 to authorize the renewal of the levy and collection of the five (5) mill ad valorem tax in each District for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, highways, alleys and public places in the Districts (Bond Counsel)

- c. Resolution - directing the renewal of the levy and collection of the five (5) mill ad valorem tax on the dollar of assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation within the geographic boundaries of Road Lighting District No.1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No.5, and No. 6 of the Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, highways, alleys and public places in the Districts and providing for other matters in connection therewith (Bond Counsel)
- d. Approval of the Proces Verbal of the Canvass of the votes cast at the election held in Road Lighting District No 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 of the Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana on Saturday, December 7, 2024 for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, highways, alleys and public places in the Districts (Bond Counsel)
- e. Resolution - canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana on December 7, 2024, to amend the Home Rule Charter of the Parish of Ascension (Bond Counsel)
- f. Approval of the Proces Verbal of the canvass of the votes cast at the election held in the Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 7, 2024 to amend Articles III, IV and V of the Home Rule Charter to provide that the Secretary and related staff shall be appointed by the Parish Council of the Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governing Authority as specifically described in the summary on file at the office of the Governing Authority (Bond Counsel)
- g. Approval of amendment to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Companion Animal Rescue of Ascension, Inc. to increase the agreement by \$100,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$450,000.00 per the 2025 Adopted Budget (CAO Ruth Phillips)
- h. Resolution - to appoint Parish President Clint Cointment as representative and CAO Ruth Phillips as an alternate to the Ascension Parish Industrial Tax Exemption (ITEP) Program Committee (CAO Ruth Phillips)
- i. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Ascension Parish 4-H, a division of Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service. Ascension Parish Government will provide funding in the form of an appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.00 to assist with the district livestock show to be held January 29, 2025 through February 1, 2025 at Lamar Dixon Expo Center (Renee Naquin and/or Camille Brady, Ascension Parish 4-H)
- j. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and SLHSRA to provide funding in the form of a one-time payment in the amount of \$25,000.00 to enhance economic development through the hosting of the South Louisiana High School Rodeo to be held at Lamar Dixon Expo Center, scheduled for February 28 - March 2, 2025 (Misty Fairchild, SLHSRA)
- k. Approval of Amendment #2 to the Contract for grass cutting with E&C Bush Hogging, LLC to amend Attachments A and B to include six (6) additional locations. The total amendment amount is \$98,604.00 for a new total contract amount of \$208,188.00 (Ricky Compton, Infrastructure Division Director)
- l. Approval of the Professional Selection Committee's recommendation to select the highest scoring respondent, Vector Disease Control International, for the RFP - Mosquito Control Spraying for Ascension Parish (Shawn Sevario, Mosquito Control Director)
- m. Approval of the lowest responsive quote in the amount of \$75,450.00 submitted by CEAPM, LLC, for the Health Unit Renovations/Gonzales Location, and to authorize the Parish President to enter into any applicable agreement or contract for this project (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III)

(9) Planning and Zoning Recommendations

- a. Approval to proceed with Ordinance DC-24.01 - to amend Appendix II, Section 17-2051 of the Unified Land Development Code (LDC) to create a new section for Food Truck and Trailer Vendors **TO ACCEPT OR DENY** Zoning Commission recommends APPROVAL of the amendment
- b. Approval to proceed with Ordinance ZT-24.02 to amend Appendix I Zoning Tables of the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (LDC) to add Food Truck and Trailer Vendors **TO ACCEPT OR DENY** Zoning Commission recommends APPROVAL of the amendment
- c. Approval to proceed with Ordinance ZT 24.03 - to amend Appendix I Zoning Tables of the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (LDC) to add Food Truck Parks **TO ACCEPT OR DENY** Zoning Commission recommends APPROVAL of the amendment
- d. Approval to proceed with Ordinance ZT-24.01 - to amend Appendix I Zoning Tables of the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (LDC) to add Solar Farms per ordinance adopted on October 3, 2024 **TO ACCEPT OR DENY** Zoning Commission recommends APPROVAL
- e. Zoning Review ID-PZ 3401.24 - Tract X and Tract Y-1 of the Charles C. Brown Property for Primax Properties, LLC - located on the north side of LA Highway 42 approximately 1400' east of Old Jefferson Highway (LA Highway 73) to amend the Ascension Parish Zoning Map from Mixed Use 2 (MU2) to Small Planned Unit Development (SPUD) TO ACCEPT OR DENY Joint Planning and Zoning Commission recommends APPROVAL with stipulations
- f. Zoning Review ID PZ-3566.24 Lots 4-A & 4-B for Annette Martin- located on the south side of LA Highway 621 approximately 720' east of LA Highway 44 to amend the Ascension Parish Zoning Map from Medium Intensity Residential (RM) to Crossroad Commercial (CC) TO ACCEPT OR DENY Zoning Commission recommends APPROVAL of the rezone

(10) Introduction of Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Introduction of Ordinance - to acquire a 8.65 acre tract of land off of Abbey James Road in Prairieville, Section 32, T8S, R3E for the amount of \$389,250.00 for Regional Detention per the Floodplain Management Plan - East Ascension Drainage District #1 (Ron Savoy, Public Works Director) *Chairman Chase Melancon, Councilman Blaine Petite, President Clint Cointment*
- b. Introduction of Ordinance - to acquire an 80 acre tract of land located on Louis White Rd., Geismar, Section 22, T 9-S, R 2-E for \$1,600,000.00 for Regional Detention per the Floodplain Management Plan (Ron Savoy, DPW Director) *Chairman Chase Melancon, Councilman Blaine Petite, President Clint Cointment*

(11) Public Hearings Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Reading of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances to create a Road Infrastructure District (RID) designated as the Parish of Ascension Road Infrastructure District #IDD-2024-04 (Delaune Estates, 3rd 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
- b. Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance amending the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances to create a Road Infrastructure District (RID) designated as the Parish of Ascension Road Infrastructure District #IDD-2024-04 (Delaune Estates, 3rd 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
- c. Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances to create a Road Infrastructure District (RID) designated as the Parish of Ascension Road Infrastructure

District #IDD-2024-04 (Delaune Estates, 3rd 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

- d. Reading of Ordinance - to purchase a 15-acre parcel of immovable property located in Section 32, T8S-R3E Southeastern Land District of the St. Helena Meridian, East of the Mississippi River, Ascension Parish, Louisiana (Causey Road) for \$865,000.00 plus the cost of closing for the Floodplain Management Plan for Regional Detention (Legal Counsel)
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(12) Executive Session

- a. Approval of proposed litigation regarding Manchac Acres Bridge Replacement Project H.013458 (Legal Counsel)

(13) Adjourn

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