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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

April 17, 2025 - 6:00 PM
ASCENSION PARISH COURTHOUSE

607 E. Worthey St. Gonzales

AGENDA

- (1) **Call To Order / Invocation and Pledge**
- (2) **Roll Call**
- (3) **Chair's Additions**
- (4) **Public Comment Sign- In Period**
- (5) **Presentations**
 - a. Presentation of Ascension Parish Retiree Plaques (Human Resources)
 - b. Proclamation - to proclaim "Fair Housing Month" in Ascension Parish
 - c. Proclamation - to proclaim "Community Development Week" in Ascension Parish
 - d. Proclamation - to proclaim "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Ascension Parish
- (6) **Parish President's Report:**
- (7) **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Adoption of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2025
 - b. Adoption of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2025
 - c. Approval of Resolution for Parish President Clint Cointment to negotiate for a time period of 36 months with Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program (Colleen Arceneaux, Director of Health and Community Development) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - d. Approval of Amendment #2 to the Claims Administration Service Agreement with Louisiana Claims Administrators (LoCA) for claims management and administration to add an additional \$5,000.00 to cover overages and any additional fees provided for in Exhibit A of the Contract. The new not to exceed amount is \$81,300.00 (Megan Babin, Human Resources Director and Joshua Cockfield, Owner LoCA) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- e. Approval of Juvenile & Youthful Offender Housing Agreement with Jackson Parish Sheriff's Department. This agreement is for housing and transportation of juvenile or youthful offenders per the fee schedule. Ascension Parish Government will be responsible for all medical and pharmaceutical costs of the incarcerated juvenile as per the agreement (Colleen Arceneaux, Director of Health and Community Development) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- f. Approval to enter into contract/agreement with the lowest responsive bid received from Del-Con, LLC for the project - Ascension Parish Governmental Complex Renovations in the amount of \$240,000.00 (Randy Mullis, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- g. Approval of Change Order #1 to the contract with Bayou Irrigation, Inc. for the Ascension Parish Courthouse Green Infrastructure Improvements Project. This change order will add 90 days to the contract term and increase the contract amount by \$88,715.52, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$877,715.52 (Randy Mullis, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- h. Approval of Amendment #1 to Master Services Contract with Enmon Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Jani-King of Baton Rouge for janitorial services at various locations around the Parish. This Amendment is to include two additional locations. The total amount of the Amendment is \$43,846.00 for a not to exceed amount of \$1,637,939.00 through August 17, 2025 (Brandon Smith, Recreation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- i. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Kingdom Fitness Recreation to provide recreation to the citizens of Ascension Parish through the use of Parish facilities. The Association shall compensate the Parish 10% of all revenues collected as registration fees for programs utilizing parish property (Brandon Smith, Recreation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- j. Approval of Contract with Scott Fence USA, LLC for the installation of pipe rail fencing for the Butch Gore Pipe Rail Fencing Project. Total contract amount not to exceed \$89,778.00 (Geoff Sanders, Supervisor IV Recreation) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- k. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) for the LA 44 at Parker Road/LA 933 Roundabout Project and approval for Parish President Clint Cointment to execute the Agreement (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- l. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) for the LA 73 at LA 429 (Cornerview Road) Roundabout Project and approval for Parish President Clint Cointment to execute the Agreement (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- m. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) for the LA 73 at Bluff Road (LA 928) Connector Project and approval for Parish President Clint Cointment to execute the Agreement (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- n. Approval of renewal of Legal Services Contract with Daigle, Fisse & Kessenich for general legal matters. The rate at which attorney may bill the Parish shall not exceed the Attorney General rate and shall not exceed \$150,000.00 (Jean Paul Robert, Parish Attorney) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- o. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Ascension Parish Coroner's Office for the purchase of a mausoleum for the placement of unclaimed human remains for those who died in the Parish in the amount of \$4,777.50 plus additional fees per agreement (Jean Paul Robert, Parish Legal Counsel) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

(8) General Business

- a. Resolution - providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana on March 29, 2025 to amend the Home Rule Charter of the Parish of Ascension as proposed (Legal Counsel)
- b. Approval of Proces Verbal of the Canvass of the votes cast at the election held in the Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 29, 2025 (Legal Counsel)
- c. Approval of replacement Intergovernmental Agreement between Parish, East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1 and West Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1 for lending and borrowing of equipment, vehicles, and specialized personnel and first refusal to purchase surplus equipment (Public Works Director Ron Savoy)
- d. Ratification of Local Emergency Declaration of Emergency - Red Dirt at LAlumina Burnside Aluminum Plant to extend this declaration as necessary pursuant to La RS 29:727 (D)(1) *Parish President Clint Cointment*

(9) Introduction of Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Introduction of Ordinance - to purchase sugar cane/crop stubble located on 47.663 acres on land owned by PRICECO West, LLC for the price of \$148,890.63 (Ruth Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- b. Introduction of Ordinance - to accept a donation of a parcel of immovable property being 59.052 acres, more or less, described as Tracts AP3, AP4, and AP5, being a portion of the Arlington Plantation Property at no cost to the Donor (Ruth Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- c. Introduction of Ordinance - declaring surplus and authorization of the sale and/or transfer of miscellaneous movable equipment (Lynda Timmons, Senior Accountant II Finance Department) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- d. Introduction of Ordinance - accepting donation of two 2018 Dodge Ram Trucks (Vin #3C63R2CL0JG291981, odometer reading 66,199, value \$30,000.00 and Vin #3C63R2CL1JG304804, odometer reading 77,798, value \$30,000.00) to Ascension Parish Government to be used by Ascension Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 (James LeBlanc, Fire Board) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- e. Introduction of Ordinance - to acquire a parcel of immovable property being Five and Four Hundredths (5.04) acres located in Section 22-9-3, East of the Mississippi River, Ascension Parish, Louisiana, for the price of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand and Zero Hundredths (\$450,000.00) Dollars, or the appraised value, whichever is lesser, plus the cost of closing (Ron Savoy, Director Drainage Capital Projects) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- f. Introduction of Ordinance - to acquire a parcel of immovable property being Two and One Hundredths (2.01) acres located in Section 22-9-3, East of the Mississippi River, Ascension Parish, Louisiana, for the price of One Hundred Fifty Thousand and Zero Hundredths (\$150,000.00) Dollars, or appraised value, whichever is lesser, plus the cost of closing (Ron Savoy, Director Drainage Capital Projects) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- g. Introduction of Ordinance - Budget Amendment #2 - Approval to amend 2025 Budget (Dawn Caballero, Chief Financial Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- h. Introduction of Ordinance - to levy millages on the 2025 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Ascension Parish Government (Dawn Caballero, Chief Financial Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- i. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Political Subdivisions, Autonomous Boards, Commissions and Authorities, Article III, Drainage Districts - Section 18-31 - West Ascension Gravity Drainage District No. 1 - to add Section 18-31.1 Drainage Channels *West Ascension Drainage Board Recommendation*

- j. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15 Parks and Recreation, Article I, Section 15-2, Park Rules and Regulations to amend (f) rental pricing for recreational facilities, to delete LaLa Regira Field and to add pricing for other field usage *Recreation Committee Recommendation*
- k. Introduction of Ordinance - to revoke an existing drainage servitude ten feet from top bank located across the northwestern portions of Lot A-2-B of the Samuel T. Fry property *Moved to Council via UDC 17.4050 (B.2.a)*

(10) Public Hearings Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Reading of Ordinance - Budget Amendment #1 - Approval to amend 2025 Budget (Dawn Caballero, Chief Financial Officer)
- b. Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance - Budget Amendment #1 - to amend the 2025 Budget
- c. Ordinance - Budget Amendment #1 - to amend the 2025 Budget
- d. Reading of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Zoning Map from Crossroads Commercial (CC) to Light Industrial (LI) - Zoning Review ID PZ-3613.25 - for Rowco Investments, LLC - located on the south side of W Edenborne Parkway approximately 1900' east of S. St. Landry Avenue
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(11) Executive Session

- a. Lonna Surla v Ascension Parish Government and Lamar Dixon Expo Center, LLC - 23rd Judicial District Court, No. 135,713-A

(12) Adjourn

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