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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

June 26, 2025 - 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) **Presentations**
 - a. Recognition of Ascension Parish Finance Department - Government Finance Officer's Association Triple Crown Award
 - b. 2024 Audit Presentation (Faulk & Winkler)
- (6) **Parish President's Report:**
- (7) **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval to amend the resolution with Capital Area Finance Authority (CAFA) for them to offer their bond programs in addition to their current grant programs to citizens looking to purchase homes in Ascension Parish (Dawn Caballero, Chief Financial Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - b. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Ascension Chamber of Commerce. Ascension Chamber of Commerce will assist in advocating for the Infrastructure and Industry Coalition, the Parish, Industry, and Community Leaders to State Officials and assist and support the promotion and advancement of the various projects as a critical infrastructure need and statewide economic driver, and participate in appropriate Legislative Committee and Department of Transportation and Development meetings. Ascension Parish Government will provide funds not to exceed \$48,000.00 (Donnie Miller, President & CEO Ascension

Chamber of Commerce) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- c. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Ascension Chamber of Commerce for creation, production, and publishing of a local podcast (Donnie Miller, President & CEO Ascension Chamber of Commerce) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- d. Approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Donaldsonville Area Chamber of Commerce for a company to provide an approach that will improve the implementation of large capital projects, strengthen community relationships, and promote overall economic resilience. In exchange for this assistance from the Chamber, the Parish agrees to pay the Chamber a total sum of \$48,000.00 in calendar year 2025, which the Chamber may use at its discretion to cover the company's expenses (Ruth Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- e. Approval of Agreement for Autopsy and Autopsy Forensic Services between Dr. Christopher Trevino, duly elected Coroner of Ascension Parish and Dr. Frank Peretti d/b/a Forensic Autopsy & Consulting Services, LLC. Payment to provider shall be per the fee schedule (Ruth Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- f. Approval of Renewal of Participation Agreement with St. Bernard Parish Sheriff for housing of six (6) male juveniles. Cost to provider shall be per the fee schedule (Ruth Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- g. Approval to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Gonzales for the Parish to provide equipment and personnel for one-time debris removal in the laydown yard alongside New River near the City's original maintenance barn. The City agrees that the laydown yard is vital for hurricane preparations and will add to the overall hurricane preparations for the Parish, and they agree to allow the Parish utilization of the laydown yard as needed (Ruth Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- h. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Staffing Agreement with Advantage Medical Professionals, LLC for temporary staffing at the Ascension Parish Jail. This Amendment is to dissolve the not to exceed amount in accordance with the Agreement. Payment to the provider will be per the fee schedule (Colleen Arceneaux, Director of Health and Community Development) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- i. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Nicholls State University to manage the operations of the West Ascension Early Learning Center (WAE LC), including hiring and managing of all WAE LC staff, which is the majority of the costs in this contract. In addition to staffing-related costs, the contract also covers travel for two Nicholls staff members. Contract amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 (Colleen Arceneaux, Director Health & Community Development) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- j. Approval of Maintenance Agreement with Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for mowing and litter pickup for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 (Jade Robin, Director Drainage Operations) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- k. Approval of a five (5) year Sponsorship Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Baton Rouge Coca-Cola Bottling Company United-Gulf Coast, LLC for Lamar Dixon Expo Center with the option to renew for a consecutive five (5) year term after the one five (5) year period ends (Kyle Rogers, General Manager Lamar Dixon Expo Center) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- l. Approval of the Professional Selection Committee's recommendation to select the highest scoring respondent, Domain Architecture, APAC, for the RFQ - Ascension Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 Remodel and to enter into a service contract not to exceed \$200,000.00 (Randy Mullis, Director Project Management and/or Joshua Wingerter, Fire District No. 1 Fire Service Coordinator) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- m. Approval of Change Order #1 with Promethean General Contractors, LLC for the South Louisiana Fairgrounds Park Improvements Project to increase the contract price by \$2,966.00, for a new contract price of \$2,195,966.00. The increase is for additional concrete footings and slab demo, and haul off which was not part of the original scope (Randy Mullis, Director Project Management) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- n. Approval of Change Order #2 with Promethean General Contractors, LLC for the South Louisiana Fairgrounds Park Improvements Project to increase the contract price by \$12,734.00, for a new contract price of \$2,208,700.00. This change order also increases the contract time by 2 days. The increase is to add additional drainage piping and inlet connections to facilitate the continuation of drainage from the adjacent property at new parking and driveway connections. These improvements also allow the enclosure of the open ditch at the new parking for a safer and more aesthetically pleasing user experience (Randy Mullis, Director Project Management) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- o. Approval of Change Order #3 with Promethean General Contractors, LLC for the South Louisiana Fairgrounds Park Improvements Project to increase the contract price by \$2,095.00, for a new contract price of \$2,210,795.00. This change order is for the removal of two additional slabs that were uncovered during the clearing and demolition of the existing concrete slab (Randy Mullis, Director Project Management) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- p. Approval of Change Order #1 with GeoSurfaces, Inc. - Ascension Parish has elected to remove from the scope of work all areas related to the pre-manufactured restroom facility for the Prairieville Park Renovations project. A deductive change order in the amount of -\$412,224.00 for the restroom and installation is needed. The necessary restroom facility will be purchased directly by contract or purchase order. New contract price after this change is \$1,561,776.00 (Randy Mullis, Director Project Management) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- q. Approval of the Professional Selection Committee's recommendation to select the two (2) highest scoring respondents, Corporate Mechanical Contractors, Inc. and Dove Group, LLC for the RFQ - Maintenance Services for Parish HVAC Maintenance and to enter service contracts for the project (Jason Thompson, Director Facility Management) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- r. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between Ascension Parish Government and State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) for the donation of approximately 800 cubic yards of Recycled Asphalt Concrete (RAP), and approval for Parish President Clint Cointment to execute the CEA (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- s. Approval of Amendment #3 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 December 31, 2025. This amendment extends the contract term only and does not affect the contract price (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- t. Approval of Amendment #3 to the Renewal of the Master Contract for Professional Services for Geotechnical Assistance, ENG-19-026 with Gulf South Engineering and Testing, Inc., to extend the contract term through December 31, 2025, and to increase the contract price by \$50,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$400,000.00 (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- u. Approval of Contract between Ascension Parish Government and Triumph Construction, LLC for the construction of the PR 929 at PR 930 Roundabout Project in the amount of \$2,157,836.50, and to authorize the Parish President to execute this contract (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- v. Approval of Ratification of the contract with Durable Piling Restoration, LLC for Bridge

Repairs on Herman Guedry Road #2. Ascension Parish Government entered into this contract following a local declaration of emergency and site visit by a certified bridge inspector. Total contract amount not to exceed \$78,538.00 (Treg Cunningham, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- w. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government, East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1, and Residents of Herman Guedry Road. The Parish/East Ascension Drainage has a servitude along New River and needs right of access to cross the bridge to maintain the servitude. In exchange for the right of access, the Parish will maintain the bridge (Ron Savoy, Director Drainage Capital Projects) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

(8) Planning and Zoning Recommendations

- a. Zoning Review ID PZ-3667.25 - Lot Y-1-A for Deshea Waguespack - located on the north side of LA Highway 933 approximately 700' east of LA Hwy 44 to amend the Ascension Parish Zoning Map from Medium Intensity Residential (RM) to Mixed Use 2 (MU2) TO ACCEPT OR DENY recommendation of the Zoning Commission to approve the rezone
- b. Zoning Review ID PZ-3677.25 - Division of McCall Plantation for Evan Belle Corp - located on the north side of LA Highway 405 approximately 2000' east of LA Hwy 1 North to amend the Ascension Parish Zoning Map from Conservation (C) District to Mixed Use (MU), Light Industrial (LI), Medium Industrial (MI), and Heavy Industrial (HI) TO ACCEPT OR DENY the recommendation of the Zoning Commission to approve the rezone
- c. Zoning Review ID PZ- 3678.25 -140 Acre and 260 Acre Tract F North of McCall Bayou for Belle SOD Co., LLC located on the west side of LA Highway 1 North approximately 6800' north of LA Highway 405 to amend the Ascension Parish Zoning Map from Conservation (C) District to Light Industrial (LI) District, Medium Industrial (MI) & Heavy Industrial (HI) TO ACCEPT OR DENY the Zoning Commission's recommendation to APPROVE the rezone

(9) General Business

- a. Resolution - to honor the life and legacy of Mayola Gautreau Martinez with the naming of Lamar Dixon Expo Center Barns 7 & 8 - "Martinez Pavilion"
- b. Approval to proceed with an ordinance for the update to the Transportation Impact Fee Program and recommendations to adjust the Transportation Impact Fee per ordinance (Planning Director Eric Poche)
- c. Resolution - approval of 2025 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (OEP) - updated to outline strategies that reduce risks from natural disasters, safeguard lives, and protect property - enhancing overall community resilience (Rachael Wilkinson, OHSEP Director)

(10) Introduction of Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Introduction of Ordinance - Budget Amendment #3 - Approval to amend 2025 Budget *Finance Committee Recommendation*

(11) Public Hearings Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Reading of Ordinance - to revoke a 30.75' portion of an existing one hundred (100) foot drainage servitude located across the southern portion of Lots 17 & 18 of the Cessna Street, 2nd Filing property *Moved to Council via UDC 17.4050(B.2)*
- b. Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance revoking a 30.75' portion of an existing one hundred (100) foot drainage servitude located across the southern portion of Lots 17 & 18 of the Cessna Street, 2nd Filing property *Moved to Council via UDC 17.4050(B.2)*
- c. Ordinance - to revoke a 30.75' portion of an existing one hundred (100) foot drainage servitude located across the southern portion of Lots 17 & 18 of the Cessna Street, 2nd Filing property *Moved to Council via UDC 17.4050(B.2)*

(12) Executive Session

- a. Employee Appeal of termination
- b. Approval for Ascension Parish Government to pay subrogation claim for rental damage
- LCA 0030195 HERC Rentals, Inc
- c. State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development vs. Ascension
Parish Council, 23rd JDC, Parish of Ascension, Suit No. 121,268, Div "C" -
Discussion/Approval of Settlement

(13) Adjourn

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