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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

**July 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) Parish President's Report:**
- (6) Consent Agenda**
 - a.** Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank to provide partial funding for the aiding and supporting of needy citizens of the Parish. Ascension Parish Government will provide \$2,500.00 for the 2025 fiscal year (Brian Hightower, Chief Development Officer & General Counsel for Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - b.** Approval of Extension of 2024/2025 Ascension Parish Government Health Care Services Professional Liability Insurance policy with Iron Shore from 7/1/2025 – 7/18/2025 in the amount of \$11,955.00 (Bret Hughes, Hughes Insurance and Colleen Arceneaux, Director Health & Community Development) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - c.** Approval to proceed with Introduction of Ordinance - to update Lamar Dixon Expo Center Rental Fees (Kyle Rogers, General Manager Lamar Dixon Expo Center) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - d.** Approval of Renewal of Legal Services Contract with Butler Snow, LLP to represent the Parish in legal services, in connection with the proposed creation of Infrastructure Development Districts and/or Economic Development Districts. The compensation to the provider shall not exceed \$70,000.00 (Eric Poche, Director Planning & Development) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - e.** Approval of Amendment No. 3 to Master Services Contract with Clean Earth of Alabama, Inc. for household hazardous materials collection. This amendment is to

increase the total amount of the contract by \$150,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$286,502.35 (Jade Robin, Director Drainage Operations) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- f. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Master Services Contract with Del-Con LLC for maintenance of Parish generator fleet. This amendment will increase the total amount of the contract by \$200,000.00 for a new total contract amount of \$400,000.00 for the two-year term of this contract. Total contract amount may be shared by more than one Provider (Jason Thompson, Director Facility Management) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- g. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Master Services Contract with Total Energy Solutions, LLC for maintenance of Parish generator fleet. This amendment is to increase the total amount of the contract by \$200,000.00 for a new total contract amount of \$400,000.00 for the two-year term of this contract. Total contract amount may be shared by more than one Provider (Jason Thompson, Director Facility Management) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- h. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Master Services Contract with Joey Thibodeaux Drain Cleaning & Plumbing, L.L.C. for water leaks and distribution repairs for PUA. The compensation to the Provider for these services shall be according to Exhibit A and is hereby amended to include an increase of \$25,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$79,999.00 through December 31, 2025 (Jason Licciardi, Director Utilities) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- i. Approval of Sewer Use Fee Agreement with St. James Parish for continued operation, maintenance, and repair of the sewer line that connects the Sugar Hill Crossing Subdivision to the City of Donaldsonville's sewer treatment pond. A monthly sewer use fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per residential connection shall be remitted by St. James Parish to Ascension Parish (Jason Licciardi, Director Utilities) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- j. Approval of Change Order #2 with Stricklin and Porter Construction, LLC, to remove the utilities from the existing storage shed and demolish storage shed including concrete slab, remove and dispose of the debris and fill in area of removed concrete with dirt then cover area with sod. This change will increase the contract price by \$7,675.00, for a new contract price of \$757,109.00 (Randy Mullis, Director Project Management) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- k. Approval of the Professional Selection Committee's recommendation to select the highest scoring respondent, All South Consulting Engineers, LLC, for the RFQ – Mississippi River Bike Trail Design and to enter a professional services contract (Randy Mullis, Director Project Management) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- l. Approval of contract between Ascension Parish Government and TKO Construction Solutions, LLC for the Oak Grove Park Renovations and Improvements in the amount of \$610,000.00 (Randy Mullis, Director Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- m. Approval of Change Order #2 to the contract with GeoSurfaces, Inc., for Prairieville Park Renovations for additional funds for required soil stabilization and testing for the parking lot and infield as well as irrigation materials not previously covered in original design. This change order increases the contract price by \$58,388.25 for a total contract amount of \$1,620,164.25 (Randy Mullis, Director Project Management) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- n. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) for the Detour Route for Bridge Replacement on Devall Road project (H.015530), and approval for Parish President Clint Cointment to execute the Agreement (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- o. Approval of Change Order #9 (DOTD Change Order #010) – Hendrick Construction,

Inc., for the PR 929 and Parker Road Roundabout Project in the Move Ascension Program, Project H.006457, for the additional work associated with lighting modifications. This change order increases the contract value by \$61,053.13 for a new total contract amount of \$2,658,784.07 (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- p. Approval of Change Order #10 (DOTD Change Order #6) – Hendrick Construction, Inc., for the PR 929 and Parker Road Roundabout Project in the Move Ascension Program, Project H.006457, for reconciliation of final quantities. This change order decreases the contract value by -\$85,002.15 for a new total contract amount of \$2,573,781.92 (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- q. Final Acceptance of the PR 929 and Parker Road Roundabout Project in the Move Ascension Program, State - Project H.006457, Hendrick Construction, Inc. (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- r. Approval of Amendment #8 to extend the Master Contract for Professional Services with T. Baker Smith, LLC., for the LA Highway 3127 Extension Design Services (Contract #180105) to December 31, 2025. This contract extension results in no change in the contract price (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- s. Approval of Amendment #4 with CSRS, LLC for Engineering Review Agency Services, to extend the contract term through December 31, 2025. The Amendment only extends the term of the contract and does not affect the contract price (Daniel Helms, Chief Transportation Engineer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- t. Approval of Contract between Ascension Parish Government and Cypress Roofing, LLC, for the removal and replacement of the roof of the Richard Brown Community Center, Geismar, LA, in the amount of \$53,684.30 and to authorize the Parish President to execute this contract (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- u. Approval of Contract between the Ascension Parish Government and ISE Incorporated for the replacement of the muffin monster generator at the Ascension Parish Jail in the amount of \$110,000.00 and to authorize the Parish President to execute this contract (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- v. Approval of Contract between Ascension Parish Government and Del-Con, LLC for the Ascension Parish Government Parish Wide Electrical Services in the amount of \$250,000.00 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- w. Approval of Contracts between Ascension Parish Government and Superior Plumbing & Del-Con, LLC for the Ascension Parish Government Parish Wide Plumbing Services, not to exceed a total of \$250,000 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager, III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

(7) Personnel Committee Recommendations

- a. Library Board Reappointment
- b. Economic Development Board Reappointments
- c. Waterways Commission Considerations Reappointments

(8) Planning and Zoning Recommendations

- a. **Zoning Review ID PZ-3697.25 – Lot A & B of the Jeanette Crais Property for Shawn Cook**
Located on the west side of LA Hwy 431 approximately 1025' south of LA Hwy 931 to amend The Ascension Parish Zoning Map from Medium Intensity Residential (RM) District to Mixed Use 2 (MU2) District.- TO ACCEPT OR DENY *Zoning Commission Recommend APPROVAL of this rezone*
- b. **Zoning Review ID PZ-3701.25 – Lawrence J. Noel, Inc. Property (Elise Plantation)**

for CF Industries Blue Point, LLC

Located on the south side of LA Hwy 405 approximately 430' south of Noel Road to amend The Ascension Parish Zoning Map from Conservation (C) District and Medium Industrial (MI) District to Heavy Industrial (HI) District.- TO ACCEPT OR DENY Zoning Commission Recommend APPROVAL of this rezone

(9) General Business

- a. A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Pelican Point Golf Community (#IDD-2024-02) (the "District"), on Saturday, November 15, 2025, for the purpose of authorizing the levy and collection of a fifteen (15) mill tax on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the District, in perpetuity, for the purpose of maintaining all public infrastructure including, streets, drainage, bridges and culverts within the District; and further making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the aforesaid election; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith (Planning Director Eric Poche)
- b. A Resolution granting approval to West Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of Ascension, Louisiana (the "District"), to call and hold an election on Saturday, November 15, 2025, to authorize the renewal of the levy and collection of a 4.67 mills ad valorem tax for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of providing funds to purchase necessary equipment, finance special projects and finance other capital expenditures of the District; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith (Bond Counsel Malcolm Dugas)
- c. Approval of 2025-2026 Ascension Parish Government Health Care Services Professional Liability Insurance (Bret Hughes, Hughes Insurance and Colleen Arceneaux, Health and Community Development Director) *Chairman Chase Melancon, Councilman Brian Hillensbeck, Councilman Blaine Petite*
- d. Approval of Change Order #3 for the Southwood Park Improvements Project to add 45 days to contract to allow for completion of pre-engineered restroom facility delivery and setup with a new substantial completion date of August 26, 2025. (no change in contract amount) (Randy Mullis, Project Manager) *Parish President Clint Cointment, Councilman Oliver Joseph, Councilman Brett Arceneaux*
- e. Approval of Change Order #4 for the South Louisiana Fairgrounds Park Improvements Project - Promethean General Contractors, LLC - to add 45 days to contract to allow for completion of the pre-engineered restroom facility, delivery and setup with a new substantial completion date of August 28, 2025 (no change in contract amount) (Randy Mullis, Project Manager) *Parish President Clint Cointment, Councilman Oliver Joseph, Councilman Brett Arceneaux*

(10) Introduction of Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Introduction of Ordinance - to update to the Transportation Impact Fee Program and adjust the Transportation Impact Fee per ordinance
- b. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Zoning Map from Medium Intensity Residential (RM) to Mixed Use 2 (MU2) - 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
- c. Introduction of Ordinance - 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) 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
- d. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Zoning Map from Conservation (C) District to Light Industrial (LI) District, Medium Industrial (MI) & Heavy Industrial (HI) - 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

(11) Public Hearings Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a.** Reading of Ordinance - Budget Amendment #3 - to amend the 2025 Budget to transfer \$400,000 for the Bayou McCall Drainage Improvements Project - Louisiana Statewide Flood Control Program
- b.** Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance - Budget Amendment #3 - to amend the 2025 Budget to transfer \$400,000 for the Bayou McCall Drainage Improvements Project - Louisiana Statewide Flood Control Program
- c.** Ordinance - Budget Amendment #3 - to amend the 2025 Budget to transfer \$400,000 for the Bayou McCall Drainage Improvements Project - Louisiana Statewide Flood Control Program

(12) Adjourn

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