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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

**October 16, 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.** Adoption of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2025
 - b.** Adoption of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2025
 - c.** Approval of Resolution indicating the intention of the Parish to approve the two-year appointment of Dawn Caballero as a director to the Board of Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (Ricky Compton, Chief Administrative Officer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - d.** Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Ascension Parish Library for the project to continue the research and documentation of the history of Ascension Parish. The total sum paid to Ascension Parish Library in calendar year 2026 is not to exceed \$49,999.00 (Clint Cointment, Parish President) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - e.** Approval of the Professional Selection Committee's recommendation to select the highest scoring respondent, Grant Management Group, LLC for the Request for Qualifications - Relocation and Buyout Plan and to authorize the Parish President to enter into a professional service contract (Ruth Phillips, Infrastructure Division Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - f.** Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Ascension Parish School Board (APSB) to coordinate resources to support early childhood education throughout the Parish effective as of September 9, 2025 (Colleen

Arceneaux, Director Health and Community Development) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- g. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Inc. to remove women's health services and adjust payment accordingly, due to contracting with Woman's Hospital to provide these services The new amount will be \$341,666.67 per month beginning on November 1, 2025 (Colleen Arceneaux, Director Health and Community Development) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- h. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Woman's Hospital Foundation for women's healthcare services to the residents of Ascension Parish. Payment to the provider shall be \$14,250.00 per month (Colleen Arceneaux, Director Health and Community Development) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- i. Approval of the Renewal of the Master Services Contract with Lofton Industrial Services, LLC for temporary staffing, for a total not to exceed amount of \$125,000.00 (Megan Babin, Human Resources Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- j. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with AP Baseball, LLC to provide compensation for officials used in the conduction of baseball. The compensation to the Association shall not exceed \$80,000.00 (Brandon Smith, Recreation Director)
- k. Approval of the Professional Selection Committee's recommendation to select the highest scoring respondent, G.E.C., Inc., for the Request for Qualifications - Bert Allen Ditch Detention Project Engineering Services for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program and to authorize the Parish President to enter into a Professional Services Contract (Ron Savoy, Director Drainage Capital Projects) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- l. Approval to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between Ascension Parish Government, East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1, City-Parish of East Baton Rouge, Iberville Parish Government, and City of St. George for the Bayou Manchac Restoration and Ward Creek Realignment Project (Ron Savoy, Director Drainage Capital Projects) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- m. Approval of Renewal of Master Contract for Professional Services with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. for the engineering services for the preparation of traffic impact analysis. This renewal has a term of one year, with a contract amount of \$400,000.00. Neel-Schaffer, Inc. will only receive a portion of this amount, dependent on the task orders awarded and completed (Eric Poche, Director Planning and Development) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- n. Approval of Renewal of Master Contract for Professional Services with Vectura Consulting Services, LLC for the engineering services for the preparation of traffic impact analysis. This renewal has a term of one year, with a contract amount of \$400,000.00. Vectura Consulting Services, LLC will only receive a portion of this amount, dependent on the task orders awarded and completed (Eric Poche, Director Planning and Development) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- o. Approval of Renewal of Master Contract for Professional Services with Gresham, Smith and Partners for the engineering services for the preparation of traffic impact analysis. This renewal has a term of one year, with a contract amount of \$400,000.00. Gresham, Smith and Partners will only receive a portion of this amount, dependent on the task orders awarded and completed (Eric Poche, Director Planning and Development)
- p. Approval of Renewal of Master Contract for Professional Services with Intelligent Transportation Systems, LLC for the engineering services for the preparation of traffic impact analysis. This renewal has a term of one year, with a contract amount of \$400,000.00. Intelligent Transportation Systems, LLC will only receive a portion of this amount, dependent on the task orders awarded and completed (Eric Poche, Director Planning and Development) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- q. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Master Services Contract with Joey Thibodeaux

Drain Cleaning & Plumbing, LLC for water leaks and distribution repairs for Parish Utilities of Ascension. The compensation to the provider for these services is hereby amended to include an increase of \$75,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$144,999.00 through December 31, 2025 (Jason Licciardi, Utilities Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- r. Approval of Articles of Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Ascension Water Company, for utility relocations on the PR 929 Corridor Improvements (between LA 42 and Parker Road) project in the amount of \$291,480.18, and approval for Parish President Clint Cointment to execute the agreement (Daniel Helms, Transportation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- s. Approval to enter into a Contract between Ascension Parish Government and Lanro Construction for the removal and floor replacement at the Health Unit East Building in the amount of \$56,747.60 and to authorize the Parish President to enter into this contract (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- t. Approval of Change Order #1 to the Contract with Cypress Roofing, LLC for the Ascension Parish Government Counseling Center Renovations - to purchase and install Woodgrain Millwork Timeless Craftsman 55E1 5 1/2 in. D x 11/16 in. W Primed Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF) Baseboard Molding and Woodgrain Millwork WM 106 11/16 in. x 11/16 in. x 192 in. Primed Finger-Jointed Quarter Round. Prime and paint, labor and materials. This change order will increase the contract amount by \$19,859.56, for a total contract price of \$242,458.06 and will add 14 days to the contract term for a completion date of 1/16/2026 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- u. Approval of Change Order #1 to the Contract with Cypress Roofing, LLC for the Richard Brown Community Center Roof Replacement - to replace 20 deck boards in need of replacement, that were not found until removing the old roof, so that the integrity of the roof system is maintained. This change order will add \$3,280.20 to the contract amount for a total contract amount of \$54,408.50 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- v. Approval of Change Order No. 1 to the Contract with The Building Group, LLC for the Donaldsonville Courthouse Restoration Project - FP&C Project #50-J03-23-01 - to include wainscot refinishing as part of the wall repairs for an additional \$15,461.00 for a new not to exceed contract amount of \$181,673.00 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- w. Approval of Change Order No. 4 to the contract with CEAPM, LLC for the Ascension Parish Health Unit Renovations project for the installation of new lavatories and sink combos at (3) patient rooms. New water lines and a waste line system powered by a pump. Additional work will include the removal of (2) existing doors and replacing with (2) new saloon type doors or similar. This will increase the contract price by \$21,755.00 for a total contract price of \$130,685.00 and increase the contract time by 92 days due to back order of critical materials for a contract completion date of 2/9/2026 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- x. Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for the PR 929 Overlay (US 61 - Parker Road) Project, State Project H.014642, and approval for Parish President Clint Cointment to execute the agreement. This project is cost shared with the State (80% State, 20% Parish). This change order will increase the contract amount by \$58,144.00 for a new total contract amount of \$177,689.00 (Daniel Helms, Transportation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- y. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with E&P Consulting Services, LLC for the administration of the sale or donation of adjudicated properties in the Parish to amend language in the payment terms, process, and donation or acquisition of property sections (Jean Paul Robert, Parish Attorney) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

(7) Planning and Zoning Recommendations

- a. Zoning Review ID PZ - 3720.25 - Lot B-3-A for Wastepro of Louisiana, Inc. - located on the north side of N. Robert Wilson Rd. approximately 1500' east of Rayco Sandres Rd to amend the Ascension Parish Zoning Map from Conservation (C) to Light Industrial TO ACCEPT OR DENY RECOMMENDATION of the Zoning Commission to DENY
- b. Zoning Review ID PZ 3714.25 -Tract A-2 for Parisienne Villas & Lafayette Center - SPUD Major Use Change - located on the south side of LA Highway 42 approximately 500' west of Highway 929 to request a Major Use Change to an approved Small Planned Unit Development (SPUD) TO ACCEPT OR DENY RECOMMENDATION of the Joint Planning and Zoning Commission to DENY

(8) General Business

- a. Presentation of the amended 2025 Budget and the 2026 Budget for Ascension Parish Government (Dawn Caballero, Chief Financial Officer)
- b. Approval of Ascension Parish Halloween Hours - October 31st - 6pm-8pm (Chairman Chase Melancon)
- c. Approval of Subrecipient Agreement for New River Stormwater Management Pump Station (Ron Savoy, Director of Drainage Capital Projects)
- d. Resolution - to "opt out" of siting requirements of LA RS Chapter 12 Part III Solar Power Generation Facilities, Section 1142B (Legal Counsel)

(9) Introduction of Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Introduction of Ordinance -declaring surplus and authorization of the sale and/or transfer of miscellaneous movable equipment (Lynda Timmons, Senior Accountant II)
Finance Committee Recommendation
- b. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the 2025 Budget and appropriate the 2026 Budget for Ascension Parish Government (Dawn Caballero, Chief Financial Officer)
- c. Introduction of Ordinance -to amend the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code, Appendix V - Drainage, specifically amending Section 17-503. Applicability, amend Section 17-507. Placement of Fill, and Section 17-5093. Long Term Accountability of Mitigation Facilities and Section 17-50100. Definitions *Planning Commission recommends APPROVAL*
- d. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (LDC) Appendix II - Development Code, specifically to amend Section 17-2081. Off Street Parking Requirements, adding Paragraph G - Parking Area Surfacing Standards, and to add a definition for Permeable Paving to Section 17-20100. - Definitions *Planning Commission recommends APPROVAL*

(10) Public Hearings Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Reading of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15 - Parks and Recreation, Article I - In General. Section 15-3 - Mobile Food units (food trucks) in Ascension Parish Parks, to provide for the operation and fees for the use of the Ascension Parish Government Parks or Ascension Parish Food Truck Court by a Food Truck and Trailer Vendor (Legal Counsel)
- b. Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15 - Parks and Recreation, Article I - In General. Section 15-3 - Mobile Food units (food trucks) in Ascension Parish Parks, to provide for the operation and fees for the use of the Ascension Parish Government Parks or Ascension Parish Food Truck Court by a Food Truck and Trailer Vendor
- c. Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15 - Parks and Recreation, Article I - In General. Section 15-3 - Mobile Food units (food trucks) in Ascension Parish Parks, to provide for the operation and fees for the use of the Ascension Parish Government Parks or Ascension Parish Food Truck Court by a Food Truck and Trailer Vendor
- d. Reading of Ordinance -to acquire a parcel of immovable property being 26.909 acres

located in Section 30 Township 9 South Range 4 East, Southeastern Land District, Ascension Parish for the price of \$607,500 plus the cost of closing for East Ascension Gravity Drainage District No. 1 *Approved by EA Drainage Board on April 8, 2025* (Legal Counsel)

- e. Public Hearing - to consider an ordinance to acquire a parcel of immovable property being 26.909 acres located in Section 30 Township 9 South Range 4 East, Southeastern Land District, Ascension Parish for the price of \$607,500 plus the cost of closing for East Ascension Gravity Drainage District No. 1
- f. Ordinance - to acquire a parcel of immovable property being 26.909 acres located in Section 30 Township 9 South Range 4 East, Southeastern Land District, Ascension Parish for the price of \$607,500 plus the cost of closing for East Ascension Gravity Drainage District No. 1

(11) Executive Session

- a. Discussion of Rural Roots Louisiana and Louisiana Bucket Brigade vs Ascension Parish Council, Chase Melancon and Blaine Petite 23rd Judicial District Court #C-145696, Div. D (Legal Counsel)
- b. Approval of LOCA Claim (remaining balance) - LCA-27461, Chubb Claim no: KY23K3154833
- c. Approval of Settlement for Parish of Ascension v Cobb's Mobile Home Park, LLC, 23rd Judicial District Court, No. 133171 Division "D"
- d. Discussion of and approval to assign outside counsel for Brennan Howell, et al v Parish of Ascension et al 23rd Judicial District Court, #C-145692 Division "A"

(12) Adjourn

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