**MINUTES**

Livingston Parish

June 24, 2021

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Finance Committee met on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at the hour of five forty-five (5:45) p.m. in the Parish Council Chambers, located in the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, 20355 Governmental Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana with the following members present:

~~Shane Mack~~

Gerald McMorris

Maurice “Scooter” Keen – Vice-chair

Jeff Ard – Chair

**Also Present**: Jennifer Meyers, Finance Director

**Absent:** Parish President, Layton Ricks

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The Chair, Councilman Jeff Ard, called the meeting to order and asked the Deputy Clerk, Angie Cornett to call the roll. Councilman Shane Mack was not in attendance.

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The Chair read agenda item 3) *Old Business.* Having none, he called on the parish finance director, Jennifer Meyers to address item 4a) *New* Business: *Monthly/YTD Financials and b)* *Discuss and make recommendation to accept proposal from Open Meeting Technologies LLC.* Meyers stated that they were “super busy” trying to line out the details of how they could spend the thirteen million plus of American Rescue Plan money. Being the least restrictive amount of money that they have received, as long as it falls into four broad categories, Meyers added that she wanted to be certain that once the grant ended, and they are audited, that there are no problems. She said that Steve Kistler set up a meeting with Robbie Miller from Tangipahoa to work on the Broadband project and he has a Zoom meeting with Hud next week. She received determination from Parochial Retirement on whether that had to be included as premium pay for essential workers. She added that they were waiting on the worker’s comp. determination, have met with the sewer district on their needs, and are meeting with French Settlement Water for water needs. She added that they are putting all the budgets together and that all of it is in motion.

Meyers said that Sales Tax looks great and that the audit is finished with no issues besides the same budget finding because grants are not perfectly timed out when they receive the revenue back or spend the money depending on how fast the project moves. Councilman Keen reminded Meyers of the last meeting when she spoke of the large pack of papers that she had to pour through and asked if they had a better handle on it. Meyers explained that they had not even finalized the parameters of what the money could be spent on and noted that it is still in the public comments period.

The chair, Councilman Ard, reminded her of the Open-Meeting Technology discussion. Meyers needed authorization that the council was okay with the expenditure so that a purchase order could be issued.

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by Mr. Gerald McMorris for the Livingston Parish Finance Committee to recommend to the full Council that authorization is given to the parish finance director Jennifer Meyers for the Open-Meeting Technology expenditure for the Council Chambers.

YEAS: MR. MAURICE “SCOOTER” KEEN MR. GERALD MCMORRIS, MR. JEFF ARD

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SHANE MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

The Deputy Clerk asked about the audit presentation (inaudible) and Ms. Meyers replied that it would be on the 8th.

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Having no other business to come before the committee, it was moved and agreed that the Livingston Parish Finance Committee adjourn until the Chair decides.

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Mr. Gerald McMorris and duly seconded by Mr. Maurice “Scooter” Keen for the Livingston Parish Finance Committee to adjourn until the next Finance Committee is called.

YEAS: MR. GERALD MCMORRIS, MR. MAURICE “SCOOTER” KEEN, MR. JEFF ARD

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SHANE MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

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Angie Cornett, Deputy Clerk Jeff Ard, Chair