

MINUTES

Livingston Parish November 10, 2022

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee met on November 10, 2022, at the hour of five o'clock (5:00) p.m. in the Parish Council Chambers, located in the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, 20355 Governmental Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana with the following members present:

Jeff Ard
Garry Talbert
Shane Mack- Vice-chair
Tracy Girlinghouse- Chair

The Vice-Chairman, Councilman Shane Mack, called the meeting to order.

The Deputy Clerk called roll. Everyone was present except Mr. Girlinghouse, **the Vice-Chair began by addressing item 3a, Old Business, Amend Section 100-5 Penalty for Violations of this Chapter (Chris Moody).**

Mr. Mack advised that the committee talked about this item in the last committee meeting but wanted to talk about it further in this meeting. Mr. Mack expressed his concerns about this ordinance. Mr. Talbert then tried to explain the ordinance and clear up the concerns that Mr. Mack had. Mr. Ard then read a letter from Bryan Myers with the compliance department that Mr. Sam Digirolamo asked him to send to the Council, explaining why they think this ordinance is needed. Mr. Talbert and Mr. Ard explained it further to Mr. Mack on some examples as to why this ordinance would be beneficial.

Public Input: Ryan Clemmons

Ryan Clemmons suggested that at least the supervisor of the department should be deputized. The committee explained that the decision to do that would be up to the Sheriff, they could not require someone to become deputized because of liability reasons. After some discussion, the committee decided to send the ordinance to the Council with a positive recommendation.

Public Input: Deric Murphy

Mr. Mack called for the vote to send this item to the Council with a positive recommendation. There was no motion or second.

The Vice-Chair addressed item 3b, Amend wording of animal control funding

Mr. Talbert explained that Mr. Delatte showed concern about animal control and Mr. Talbert explained that if they amend the animal control ordinance and take out the section that says the ordinance would not be in effect unless it is funded, administration would have to find money in the budget to fund it.

Public Input: Randy Delatte

Mr. Delatte explained that the current animal control will pick up stray dogs, but not cats or other animals. The committee had an open conversation about where the funding would come from. They said the way it could be funded is by taking a phrase out of the ordinance, but that means something else in the budget would have to be cut. After an extensive conversation, everyone agreed that the timing is not right to add animal control into the budget.

Public Input: Jennifer Meyers – Finance Director

Jennifer explained that the costs of everything has gone up over the years and if they spend all the extra money they have on animal control, they eventually will have no money left to pay for state law mandated things such as the coroner's office, Planning department, etc., as costs increase. She then went over what helps fund the current animal control operations.

Mr. Girlinghouse joined the meeting at minute mark 44:15

The Vice-Chair addressed item 4a, New Business, discuss zoning definitions/classifications and utilizing new online zoning maps

Mr. Mack shared that he would like the new interactive online zoning maps (portal) to be the "official" map that the parish would go by. Mr. Girlinghouse suggested updating the portal once a year in case anyone rezones.

Public Input: Randy Delatte
Deric Murphy

Mr. Murphy showed concern with only updating the portal once a year due to engineers and others use the portal to determine if they are going to develop or not or if someone wants to move into the Parish based on its zone. He suggested it be updated more frequently.

Mr. Mack agreed the committee should discuss this topic further, but they ran out of time since the Council meeting needed to start.

A **MOTION** was offered by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to adjourn the November 10, 2022 meeting of the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee, with no further discussion and where none opposed.

/s/ Caroline Lockhart
Caroline Lockhart, Deputy Clerk

/s/ Tracy Girlinghouse
Tracy Girlinghouse, Chairman