

**MINUTES**

**Livingston Parish**  
**May 18, 2023**

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee met on May 18, 2023, at the hour of five thirty o'clock (5:30) 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- Chair  
Randy Delatte  
John Wascom  
Erin Sandefur

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\*The first five minutes of the committee meeting were inaudible. Sound was restored at YouTube minute mark 5:00 while discussing item 4a, School Impact Fees \*  
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Mr. Delatte wanted to apologize that he had to leave the meeting early due to a prior engagement, but he wanted to state that he was in favor of the school impact fees and all other impact fees for large subdivisions. He also wanted to make clear that he thought this fee should not be placed on the buyers, but the fee should be paid upfront. The infrastructure needs to be done upfront, so he thinks the fees should be paid then too.

Public Input: Cecil Harris – Livingston Parish School Board

Mr. Harris informed the committee that the school board has come up with a new figure, but he cannot share the information at this time due to it having to go through their budget committee and board approval first, which was scheduled for the next week. He also recommended putting an inflation clause into the agreement.

Mr. Mack expressed how important the school system is to his family. He asked if they had done any studies to justify the fee cost. Mr. Harris said yes. Mr. Mack then asked about who would collect and distribute the funds collected. Mr. Harris answered that the fees would be divided up by which district they are collected from. Whichever district the funds were collected in, the funds would be spent within that district. Ultimately, he said the Council would be collecting the fees and distributing them to the school board.

Mr. Wascom asked Mr. Harris is few more questions about spending and dividing funds, with Mr. Harris answering them.

Mr. Mack explained the next step would receive the resolution from the school board and go from there.

Mr. Harris asked if the Council planned on asking for impact fees from the Sheriff, Drainage, etc. Mr. Mack said it is an ongoing discussion and could happen in the future. He said they have ideas on how much they want to charge for the other fees but have not done the studies to justify it yet.

Mr. Delatte explained there is an agenda item for the regular Council meeting to hire a planner to help them with these fees.

Public Input: Gerald Burns – Master Plan Review Committee

Mr. Burns expressed his concern for traffic in this Parish. He said if the Parish would've had impact fees 5 years ago, they would've had enough money to have a four lane round about at Florida Blvd. He had a list with him from DOTD on what the costs would be to have four lane roads and round abouts in the Parish. He suggested the Council ask for \$2,500 per residence to go towards traffic impact fees.

Mr. Mack agreed with Mr. Burns that there is significant traffic on Juban Road and 4-H Club Road and it needs to be upgraded.

Public Input: Kellee Hennessey (Livingston Parish School Board)

Ms. Hennessey said she had attended DOTD meetings with Mr. Burns and she agrees that the roads and traffic are getting bad with all the developments coming to the Parish. She asked the committee to consider these impact fees as soon as possible.

Public Input: Cecil Harris (Livingston Parish School Board – President)

Mr. Harris shared around how much each school costs to build, asking the committee to please consider these school impact fees.

Mr. Mack asked Mr. Harris how many students could attend each school once it was built. He explained around 500-600 students, but most schools are at capacity or very close to capacity now. He explained that the school board has land to build a new Highschool on 4-H Club Road, but they do not have the funds (\$90 million) to build it right now.

Ms. Sandefur made a comment that the Council has a planner to help them come up with a formula to adjust rates for inflation in years to come.

Shane Mack also explained they will need to reach out to the financial director to make sure the Council can collect the funds.

Mr. Mack then recognized all of the school board members that attended the meeting and thanked them for coming.

The Chair then addressed item 3a. Zoning Definitions:

Mr. Mack explained the ordinance committee had been working for several weeks to make changes to the zoning classifications to make it clearer for people to understand each classification. He briefly went through some changes and encouraged everyone to look at them, as it would be introduced at the next Council meeting. Mr. Mack then read the other items on the agenda that would not be talked about at that meeting.

A **MOTION** was offered by John Wascom and duly seconded by Erin Sandefur to adjourn the January 31, 2023 meeting of the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee, with no further discussion and where none opposed.

*/s/ Caroline Lockhart*  
Caroline Lockhart, Deputy Clerk

*/s/ Shane Mack*  
Shane Mack, Chairman