

MINUTES

Livingston Parish
March 25, 2024

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee met on March 25, 2024, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. in the Parish Council Chambers, located in the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, 20355 Governmental Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana with the following members present:

Dean Coates – Chairman
Erin Sandefur
Ryan Chavers

The Chairman, Dean Coates, called the meeting to order.

The Council Clerk called roll. With everyone being present, the Chair began by addressing item:
3. Old Business

Being none, the Chair moved on to Agenda Item:

4. New Business:
a. Discussion of LA Trace Ordinance – Dean Coates

Councilman Dean Coates stated due to recent developments and negotiations of a settlement, this item was being pulled from the agenda. He explained if someone wanted to speak on this item it would be on the Council agenda Thursday.

Public Input:

Angie Bourgeois

Ms. Bourgeois asked the committee, didn't they decide it was going to the ordinance committee first, then go to the Council? Mr. Coates stated again due to recent activity, it is in the process of being settled and that is why it is going to the full Council. Ms. Bourgeois asked what the ordinance stated. Mr. Coates stated again it has been pulled from the agenda and they are not going to talk about it tonight.

Stacey Baker

Ms. Baker wanted to clarify that someone in the audience was taking pictures of her along with the people she was with.

Dan (?) Schnyder

Mr. Schnyder asked if it was standard procedure to bring an ordinance back to the table once it was tabled and if it was standard procedure to notify the stakeholders involved. The Chair said they do not have to notify them if they don't have time.

The Chair then addressed agenda item:
b. Discussion of Proposed Ordinance No. 24-04 – Ryan Chavers

Mr. Chavers explained he has been working with the review engineer, Morgan, on this ordinance and he would like amend Chapter 125 to make stage 4 (approval) come before the Council on any residential development.
A MOTION was made by Ryan Chavers and SECONDED by Erin Sandefur to send this item to the Council with a positive recommendation.

The Chair then addressed agenda item:
c. Discussion of "setbacks" – Gerald Burns

Mr. Burns (chairman of the Master Plan Review Committee) approached the podium and explained that the Master Plan Review Committee met, and they are coming to the committee asking the to support this item. This ordinance would make Parish road setbacks requirements the same as state highways. It also adds requirements for turn arounds.

Brian Clemmons (Member of Master Plan Review Committee) stated that state said the number one expense in Livingston Parish is land acquisition, so they requested this ordinance to help them in the future.

Jeremy Glasscock wanted to get clarification on if he bought 150 feet deep lot, he would have 110 feet to build on? Morgan clarified that he could put parking within the setback, just not any permanent structure.

A MOTION was made by Erin Sandefur and SECONDED by Ryan Chavers to send this ordinance to the Council with a positive recommendation.

The Chair asked if there was any other business to discuss?

Councilman Ricky Goff asked if the committee could consider changing the servitude width from 40 feet back to 60 feet. He explained that it needs to be 60 feet for future growth if the road needs to be widened, the Parish would have the space to do it.

The other thing Mr. Goff wants the committee to look at is “subdividing in a named subdivision.” He would like to figure out a solution to all the waivers being given for this ordinance.

Going back to the servitudes, Wade Holden suggested including utilities in the right of way.

Ms. Sandefur explained she struggles with the thought of taking more property from constituents.

Mr. Brian Clemmons wanted to clarify that a setback is not taking land, it is restricting usage of land.

A **MOTION** was offered by Erin Sandefur and duly **seconded** by Ryan Chavers to adjourn the March 25, 2024, meeting of the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee, with no further discussion and where none opposed.

/s/ Caroline Lockhart
Caroline Lockhart, Deputy Clerk

/s/ Dean Coates
Dean Coates, Chairman