

MINUTES

Livingston Parish
May 13th, 2025

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee met on May 13th, 2025, at five thirty (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:

Ryan Chavers – Chairman
John Mangus

The Chairman, Ryan Chavers, called the meeting to order.

The Deputy Clerk called roll.

The Chair began by addressing “New Business,” agenda item:
5b/c. Discussion of Ordinance for commercial development landscaping – Ricky Goff:

Councilman Goff approached the podium to address this item. He speaks about the signage/billboards and explains that if you are driving through Walker, La you can see that the signs for each business are lower to the ground and not high in the air, that is what he wants to do for the entire Parish. He also explains that in different Parishes and Cities have a landscaping Ordinance to have some kind of uniformity with the landscaping when you are developing your business. He explains that this would not include existing commercial business, it would just be moving forward. He reiterates that we are not trying to make this more difficult, but this guideline would be part of the initial plans that are submitted to Planning.

With no more discussion, the Chair then moved to the next agenda item:
5a. Discussion of Ordinance for drainage studies for minor re-subs (presentation by Gravity Drainage District 2) – Ryan Chavers

Mr. Chavers explains that he met with Gravity Drainage 2 several months ago and some of the concerns that they brought to me were that minor subdivisions are popping up and what is happening is when they develop nine or less lots and then the developers wait two years and start the second filing of nine or less lots, they will keep doing this until it is a “subdivision” and it is not a minor re-sub anymore. There are no drainage studies being conducted on this lots, and that is making the surrounding areas flood. Mr. Chavers states that he and Mr. Jerome Fouriner have been working on an Ordinance for this issue.

Mr. Billy Barringer approached the podium to talk about what Gravity Grainge 2 is having the most issue with. He reiterates what Mr. Chavers said and further explains that even when the developers are bringing in dirt and making driveways, this still impacts the surrounding areas and flooding issues that they have. Mr. Chavers states that essentially something must be done with this loophole that developers are taking advantage of.

Councilman Mangus questions what type of study they would need to have? Mr. Barringer explained that a flood impact study would need to be done.

Mr. Chavers further explained that a Drainage Analysis Plan could be done for around 10,000\$-12,000\$ dollars, where as a drainage study could be done between 2,000\$-5,000\$ depending on who you go through.

Councilman Ricky Goff also mentioned that this doesn’t affect just developers but also small family subdivision of land.

There was then a lengthy discussion.

Public Input:
Mr. Carroll (no last name given)
Mr. Gary (no last name given)
Mr. Earl (no last name given)

With no other business to discuss, the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee adjourned their meeting.

/s/ Raven Watts
Raven Watts, Deputy Clerk

/s/Ryan Chavers
Ryan Chavers, Chairman