

Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council

Livingston, Louisiana

January 23, 2020

The Livingston Parish Council met in a regular session duly called, advertised, and convened at its regular meeting place, the Parish Council Chambers, Governmental Building, 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, January 23, 2020, at the hour of six-thirty (6:30) p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

Jeff Ard
Garry “Frog” Talbert
Maurice “Scooter” Keen

John Wascom
R.C. “Bubba” Harris
Gerald McMorris

Tracy Girlinghouse
Randy Delatte

Absent: Shane Mack

Also, present: Layton Ricks, Parish President
Jennifer Meyers, Parish Finance Director
Sam Digirolamo, Director of Planning and the Department of Public Works
Christopher Moody, Parish Legal Counsel

In the absence of the chairman, Councilman Shane Mack, according to Section 2-07 of the Home Rule Charter, “*Council Meetings and Rules*”, the co-chair shall preside. Therefore, Councilman Garry “Frog” Talbert as the co-chairman called the meeting to order as the pre-siding officer with no objection.

The co-chair addressed agenda items 5a and b:

- 5. Election of officers:**
a. Council chair
b. Council co-chair

He advised that the first officer that would be elected would be Council chair and he wished to open the floor for nominations.

Councilman Randy Delatte stated that he wished to nominate John Wascom.

The pre-siding co-chair advised that Mr. Delatte made a motion to nominate Mr. Wascom for chair and asked if there was anyone who wished to make a second to his motion.

Mr. Delatte was quick to invoke point of order to this and instructed that a second was not required per Robert’s Rules of Order.

The pre-siding co-chair asked Mr. Chris Moody, Parish Legal Counsel and Parliamentarian for direction in this matter of parliamentary procedure, as a point of order occurs when someone draws attention to a rules violation in a meeting of a deliberative assembly and there is a query in a formal debate or meeting as to whether correct procedure is being followed.

Mr. Moody advised that his statement was correct, a second was not needed for a nomination, and he could continue to take nominations from the members as they came forth.

Councilman Jeff Ard made a motion to nominate Councilman Garry Talbert for chairman.

The pre-siding co-chair stated that the motions had been made. He qualified that there had been a motion made for Mr. Wascom, and then also for himself as chairman, and he then called for any other nominations that may be presented on the floor at that time.

The pre-siding co-chair questioned how the vote would be called as did the Council clerk. Mr. Moody advised that the Council clerk would advise that the Councilmembers would announce their vote when the roll would be called.

The Council clerk called the roll for the Councilmembers and requested them to acknowledge and announce their vote for chairman at that time when their name was called:

LPR NO. 20-018

MOTION was made by Randy Delatte **to nominate John Wascom to serve as chairman** of the Livingston Parish Council for the calendar year of 2020:

In addition to:

MOTION was made by Jeff Ard **to nominate Garry Talbert to serve as chairman** of the Livingston Parish Council for the calendar year of 2020:

Upon being submitted to a vote by announcement, the vote thereon was as follows:

Roll:

MR. GIRLINGHOUSE:	MR. TALBERT FOR COUNCIL CHAIRMAN
MR. ARD:	MR. TALBERT FOR COUNCIL CHAIRMAN
MR. KEEN:	MR. TALBERT FOR COUNCIL CHAIRMAN
MR. WASCOM:	MR. WASCOM FOR COUNCIL CHAIRMAN
MR. TALBERT:	MR. TALBERT FOR COUNCIL CHAIRMAN
MR. MCMORRIS:	MR. WASCOM FOR COUNCIL CHAIRMAN
MR. DELATTE:	MR. WASCOM FOR COUNCIL CHAIRMAN
MR. HARRIS:	MR. WASCOM FOR COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the pre-siding co-chair declared that the Motion had **TIED** and therefore **CONSIDERED FAILED**.

The pre-siding co-chair questioned what to do of Mr. Moody since there was a tie vote. Mr. Moody advised that the Home Rule Charter did not provide any resolution in this type of situation. He suggested that they wait until they have a full membership back or they nominate a temporary chairman for that evening.

Councilman Randy Delatte advised that he wished to nominate Mr. Wascom as temporary chairman. Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse questioned if the Council could vote for their co-chair and that person could serve as the presiding chair to run the meeting?

Mr. Moody advised that was permissible in the absence of a chairman.

The co-chair, as the presiding officer of the meeting, stated that the next item of the agenda was to elect a co-chair for the year. However, there was still a motion for a temporary chair on the floor and he questioned how they should proceed?

Mr. Moody advised that he felt that it would be appropriate to make a motion of how they would like to proceed and asked if there was a motion for co-chair?

Councilman Maurice “Scooter” Keen advised that he wished to make the motion to vote on the co-chair. The pre-siding co-chair requested if there was a second to his motion. Councilman Jeff Ard requested to make the second to that motion.

Councilman Randy Delatte called point of order once again to educate the Councilmembers that they were incorrect in their vernacular of the use of the word “co-chair” and they should be using the terminology, “vice-chair”. Mr. Moody advised that while he was correct, the Councilmembers just have always used the term “co-chair” without any rebuke.

The pre-siding co-chair then changed his call for the vote to state that the motion was to move forward and proceed with nominations for vice-chair. He asked if any challenged this motion and wished to make a substitute motion? Having none, he asked the Council clerk to call for the vote. Councilman Randy Delatte requested to educate everyone on the differences between a co-chair and a vice-chair. The pre-siding co-chair abrogated his request and asked of him to let them get through the voting process before he would get to all of that, to which no one objected, and he called for the vote.

LPR NO. 20-019

MOTION was made by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by Jeff Ard to proceed with the meeting and move forward with nominations for **VICE-chairman**.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT,
MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. MACK
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the pre-siding co-chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The presiding co-chair then called for nominations for vice-chairman. Councilman Jeff Ard made the nomination for Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse to serve as the Livingston Parish Council vice-chairman. Councilman John Wascom stated that he wished to second Councilman Jeff Ard's motion.

Councilman Randy Delatte stated that he wished to nominate himself for vice-chairman.

The pre-siding co-chair asked if there were any other nominations for vice-chairman other than Councilman Girlinghouse and Councilman Delatte. Having none, he then instructed the Council clerk to call roll for the vote.

LPR NO. 20-020

MOTION was made by Jeff Ard to nominate Tracy Girlinghouse to serve as **VICE-CHAIRMAN** of the Livingston Parish Council for the calendar year of 2020:

In addition to:

MOTION was made by Randy Delatte to nominate himself to serve as **VICE-CHAIRMAN** of the Livingston Parish Council for the calendar year of 2020:

Upon being submitted to a vote by announcement, the vote thereon was as follows:

Roll:

MR. GIRLINGHOUSE:	MR. GIRLINGHOUSE FOR COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN
MR. ARD:	MR. GIRLINGHOUSE FOR COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN
MR. KEEN:	MR. GIRLINGHOUSE FOR COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN
MR. WASCOM:	MR. DELATTE FOR COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN
MR. TALBERT:	MR. GIRLINGHOUSE FOR COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN
MR. MCMORRIS:	MR. DELATTE FOR COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN
MR. DELATTE:	MR. DELATTE FOR COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN
MR. HARRIS:	MR. DELATTE FOR COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the pre-siding co-chair declared that the Motion had **TIED** and therefore **CONSIDERED FAILED**.

Councilman Randy Delatte stated that he wished to go back to his original motion to vote for a temporary chair.

The pre-siding co-chair asked if there was a second to the motion to vote for a temporary chair?

Mr. Moody as the Council's Parliamentarian advised that there was another option that they could have, to vote this motion down, or to entertain a substitute motion. The chair called for someone to second to the motion, and Councilman Gerald McMorris made that call.

Councilman Jeff Ard requested to make a substitute motion to continue running the meeting that night with a second to that motion by Councilman Maurice "Scooter" Keen.

Councilman Delatte requested to speak and asked if the chairman that they were voting on was a "temporary chair" for that night only- -was that correct?? To which his was answered in the affirmative. Councilman Delatte then questioned what was so different from that motion than the motion that he had just made?

The pre-siding officer gave detailed explanation and other members requested that they move on. He further explained that a "Yes VOTE" would leave him as chair for the rest of the night and if the vote

does not carry then they will vote on if they move to vote for a temporary chairman. He further explained at that point and time, they will have to have a nomination and vote again.

LPR NO. 20-021

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Jeff Ard and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to continue with the meeting and move forward with the selection of current chair and vice-chair.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. TALBERT

NAYS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the pre-siding co-chair declared that the Motion had **TIED** and therefore **CONSIDERED FAILED**.

The motion then went back to the original motion made prior to the substitute motion:

LPR NO. 20-022

MOTION was made by Randy Delatte and duly seconded by Gerald McMorris to appoint a temporary chairman to serve for one (1) night only at the January 23, 2020 regular meeting.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. TALBERT

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the pre-siding co-chair declared that the Motion had **TIED** and was therefore **CONSIDERED FAILED**.

The Councilmembers looked to Mr. Moody for direction and any solutions he may offer at this impasse that they had come to.

Mr. Moody indicated that he did not have any solutions other than what he had already offered earlier in the meeting. The members could pick someone else that had not been previously nominated.

Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse suggested that the Councilmembers agree to nominate Councilman Jeff Ard for just that evening.

Councilman Randy Delatte called on the pre-siding co-chairman, Councilman Garry Talbert, and asked if they were going by Robert’s Rules of Order, and he said that their standard operating procedures says that they are, it says that the chairman should show leadership ability and not influence the vote in any case when it comes to a tie like that. He said that if you abstain from voting or not try to influence the vote it would not be for a temporary chair and that would be in the best interest of the meeting.

Councilman Girlinghouse stated that his wishes were to make a motion to designate Mr. Ard as temporary chair for the night and Councilman Maurice “Scooter” Keen advised that it was his desire to second that motion.

Councilman Garry Talbert, who was pre-siding as the chairman, called upon the Council clerk. He requested that the Council clerk move his vote down to be called upon and counted last at the end of the roll. The Council clerk acknowledged his request and called his name last in the roll call for the vote.

LPR NO. 20-023

MOTION was made by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to elect Councilman Jeff Ard as temporary chairman of the Livingston Parish Council, being for that night only, Thursday, January 23, 2020 for the regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS MR.TALBERT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the pre-siding co-chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

Councilman Jeff Ard and Councilman Garry Talbert respectfully switched places and Councilman Jeff Ard took his place as the chairman of the regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council and called the meeting to order.

LPR NO. 20-024

MOTION was offered by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by R.C. “Bubba” Harris to appoint Sandy Teal as the Council clerk of the Livingston Parish Council.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair asked the public to please mute or turn off their cell phones.

The chair announced that Public Input would be accepted from any member of the audience wishing to address an agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item 9, “Presentations”, and advised that there were none at that time to be given and moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item 10, “Adopt a resolution granting approval to Fire Protection District No. 5 to call and hold an election on Saturday, May 9, 2020 to authorize the levy and collection of a service charge in an amount not to exceed \$32.00 per annum for each single family residential structure, not to exceed \$100.00 per annum for each multi-family residential structure and not to exceed \$150.00 per annum for each commercial structure for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of providing fire protection services – Jim Ryan”.

Mr. Jim Ryan was not able to attend the meeting that evening, but Councilmen R.C. “Bubba” Harris and Maurice “Scooter” Keen were able to elaborate on what the resolution entailed.

The chair asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to have any public input on this agenda item. Having none, he then requested if there was a representative from the Fire District who wished to speak on their behalf.

Public input: Wesley Sorenson: Board member of Fire Protection District No. 5

PARISH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA

The following resolution was offered by Councilman R.C. “Bubba” Harris and seconded by Councilman Maurice “Scooter” Keen :

L.P. RESOLUTION NO. 20-025

A Resolution granting approval to Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana to call and hold an election on Saturday, May 9, 2020 to authorize the levy and collection of a service charge in an amount not to exceed \$32.00 per annum for each single family residential structure, not to exceed \$100.00 per annum for each multi-family residential structure and not to exceed \$150.00 per annum for each commercial structure for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of providing fire protection services.

WHEREAS, Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the “*District*”) adopted a Resolution on December 10, 2019 (the “*District Resolution*”) ordering and calling a special election to be held in the District on Saturday, May 9, 2020, for the purpose of levying and collecting a service charge in an amount not to exceed \$32.00 per annum for each single family residential structure, not to exceed \$100.00 per annum for each multi-family residential structure and not to exceed \$150.00 per annum for each commercial structure for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of fire protection services (the “*Service Charge*”), all in the manner conferred by Article VI, Sections 30 and 32 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, and La. R.S. 40:1502.1 and the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a copy of which is on file with the Parish Council of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, as governing authority of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the “*Parish Council*”).

WHEREAS, the District has made application to the Parish Council for approval to call and hold such election on Saturday, May 9, 2020, as more fully set forth in the District Resolution.

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 15 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, and Section 1415 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, grant power to the Parish Council to approve any proposal submitted by the District to levy a service charge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council, as the governing authority of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to a request submitted to this Parish Council by the District and in accordance with Article VI, Section 15 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended and La. R.S. 33:1415, approval is hereby granted to the District to call and hold an election on Saturday, May 9, 2020, for the purpose of authorizing the levy and collection of a service charge in an amount not to exceed \$32.00 per annum for each single family residential structure, not to exceed \$100.00 per annum for each multi-family residential structure and not to exceed \$150.00 per annum for each commercial structure for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of fire protection services (the “*Service Charge*”), in the manner conferred by Article VI, Section 32 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, La. R.S. 40:1502.1 and the applicable provisions of Chapter 6 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority and as more fully set forth in the District Resolution.

SECTION 2. In the event the foregoing propositions pass, approval, consent and authority are hereby granted to the District to levy and collect the Service Charge described in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 3. This approval is granted in compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, and Section 1415 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

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This Resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM,
MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

WHEREUPON, this Resolution was declared to be adopted by the Parish Council of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, on this, the 23rd day of January 2020.

\\ Sandy C. Teal
Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

\\ Jeff Ard
Jeff Ard, Council Chairman

The chair addressed agenda item 11, “Adoption of the Minutes from the January 9, 2020 regular meeting of the Council” and advised that this item would be deferred until the next Council meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2020.

The chair addressed agenda item a through b, “Parish President’s Report:” and called upon Parish President Layton Ricks.

Parish President Layton Ricks addressed the Councilmembers and advised that each four (4) years he must come before the Council to reconfirm his directors, and once again he is very proud to present Ms. Jennifer Meyers, his Finance Director and Mr. Sam Digirolamo, his Public Works Director. He requested that the Councilmembers confirm them and explained that they had been with him basically since day one (1) and that they did an outstanding job not only for the Councilmembers, but for the people in the Parish, and certainly for the people in the Administration. He asked for support from the Council for his recommendation for their approval.

The chair advised that the Councilmembers could adopt a resolution to approve both Department Heads at the same time if no one objected. Mr. Chris Moody, Parish Legal Counsel concurred.

LPR NO. 20-026

MOTION was made by Randy Delatte and duly seconded by Gerald McMorris to reappoint Jennifer Meyers as Finance Director and Sam Digirolamo as the Director of Public Works of the Parish of Livingston.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM,
MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The Parish President deferred to Jennifer Meyers, Finance Director, to present agenda item 12b, “Resolution to approve contract/s awarded through the RFP process for annual grass cutting and spraying to control weeds and undesired vegetation throughout Livingston Parish”.

Ms. Meyers explained the bidding process and the two (2) companies that made submissions.

Councilman Maurice “Scooter” Keen advised that he had constituents that were questioning why the Parish was cutting inside the “clover-leaf” interchanges that were thought to be owned by the State of Louisiana. The Parish President advised that the Parish did own a portion of that land. Councilman Keen advised that he was not aware of that information and thanked Mr. Ricks for answering his questions.

LPR NO. 20-027

MOTION was made by John Wascom and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to approve the bid recommendations by Administration for annual grass cutting and spraying to control weeds and undesired vegetation throughout Livingston Parish as listed below and authorize the Parish President to sign the contracts:

**SERVICE CONTRACT FOR ANNUAL GRASS CUTTING & SPRAYING TO CONTROL WEEDS &
UNDESIRED VEGETATION THROUGHOUT LIVINGSTON PARISH:**

1. Roadside Spraying, Ditch Bottom Spraying, Roadside Brush Spraying Up to 8 Feet Tall (Per Running Mile on Both Sides) – **DOUBLE A CONSTRUCTION, INC.**
2. Spraying Flat Areas (Per Acre) – **DOUBLE A CONSTRUCTION, INC.**
3. Lateral Ditch Spraying: 1ft-5ft, 5ft-10ft, 10ft-15ft, 15ft-25ft, 25ft-35ft, and 35ft & Above – **DOUBLE A CONSTRUCTION, INC.**
4. Bush Hog Cutting, As Directed (Per Acre) – **DYNAMIC SPECIALTIES, INC.**
5. Grass Cutting at Livingston, Holden, Albany, and Satsuma Interchanges (Per Month) – **DYNAMIC SPECIALTIES, INC.**
6. Grass Cutting, As Directed (Per Month) - **DYNAMIC SPECIALTIES, INC.**

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM,
MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The Parish President requested if the Council could move up agenda number 27:

District Attorney Report(s):

- a. **Introduction of ordinance:** Amend Section 2-2, “Livingston Parish Council – Regular and Special Meetings” setting the time and dates for regular meetings of the Council

Mr. Ricks had an interest in this agenda item and wished to encourage the Council members to consider his directors and employees that make appearances at the meetings. He was in favor of moving the time of the meetings earlier.

Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse objected to holding the meetings at five-thirty (5:30) p.m. because he felt that the public should have ample time to be able to attend the meetings as well. He felt that six o’clock (6:00) p.m. would be a fair time for all.

LPR NO. 20-028

MOTION was made by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by R.C. “Bubba” Harris to change the time of the regular meetings of the Livingston Parish Council from six-thirty (6:30) p.m. to six o’clock (6:00) p.m.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM,
MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The following ordinance was introduced in proper written form and read by title, to wit:

L.P. ORDINANCE 20-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-2, “LIVINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL – REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS”, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF LIVINGSTON PARISH BY AMENDING THE TIME AND HOUR OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL FROM SIX-THIRTY (6:30) P.M. TO SIX O’CLOCK (6:00) P.M.

LPR NO. 20-029

MOTION was offered by John Wascom seconded by Randy Delatte to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal in accordance with the legal mandates and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, February 6, 2020 at the hour of six-thirty (6:30) p.m. at the Parish Council Chambers in the Governmental Building located at 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at which time comments will be received on the proposed ordinance prior to a Council vote.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair addressed agenda item 13, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness:
a. Quality Assurance Panel recommendation: Acadian Ambulance contract renewal

Mr. Mark Harrell addressed the Councilmembers and advised that the Quality Assurance Panel members had met in reference to the Acadian contract. He advised that all but one (1) member was in attendance, and everyone, including himself, voted to renew the Acadian contract as it stands. He advised that there were three (3) or four (4) Acadian representatives on hand in the audience to answer questions from the Councilmembers, and he would be available as well if need be.

Councilman Randy Delatte requested to call upon Dwain Meche, Acadian Ambulance Governmental Liaison Community Relations Supervisor in the audience to answer his questions about response times in the lower part of his Council District.

Mr. Dwain Meche came to the lectern and advised Mr. Delatte that since he was last there, Acadian had added many resources to Livingston Parish, including rural responders and the aforementioned Quality Assurance Panel by Mr. Mark Harrell. He discussed the response times and answered Mr. Delatte's questions.

Councilman Maurice "Scooter" Keen discussed the same problems that the citizens of Watson were experiencing and praised Mr. Meche and Acadian Ambulance for their outstanding attempts in rural areas. Mr. Meche advised of the recent rural responder efforts and strides that had recently been implemented and all three (3) spoke of their hopes for proposed upcoming road projects.

LPR NO. 20-030

MOTION was made by John Wascom and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to accept the unanimous recommendation submitted by the Livingston Parish Quality Assurance Panel to renew a four (4) year contract, known as Amendment #1 to Contract, with Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. for emergency and non-emergency ambulance services for the Parish of Livingston; and also including any municipality choosing to participate via intergovernmental agreement; the renewal Agreement's term of four (4) years shall be beginning February 1, 2020 and ending on January 31, 2024.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair addressed agenda item 14, “Request for Director of the Livingston Parish Convention and Visitors’ Bureau (Tourism Commission) to present informational update and discussion of changes in their Bylaws”.

Eric Edwards, the Director of the Livingston Parish Convention and Visitors’ Bureau, greeted the Councilmembers and citizens of Livingston Parish. He presented positive statistic reports from the Louisiana Lieutenant Governor’s office and the University of New Orleans who reported a one hundred eighteen million dollars (\$1,018,000.00) economic impact for 2019. He continued to give a very detailed to report of our tourism industry regarding occupancy tax, their budget numbers, forecasted growth for Livingston Parish, reported number of visitors for 2019, numbers of tourism employees, social media, studies being conducted of visitors and where they are traveling to, what our Parish is selling: Quality of Life, Food, Music, and Places for People to Grow their Families and Have a Great Place to Live. He discussed the benefits of Juban Crossing and the influx of retirees, the Parish’s waterways, Blue Ribbon Schools, low crime, and now we have shopping and health care. He foretold that the Parish is destined to become even better than now. He discussed the influx showing in their budget and wished to explain how they had received unexpected money from the BP oil spill. He continued to explain his conservativeness and what their hopes in these reserves could be used for, such as upcoming expansions into regional and international markets.

He invited the Councilmembers to ask any questions of him that they may have and advised that his door was always open. He also stated that he would love to come before the Council annually and present an updated report if they would allow him that objective.

Councilman Delatte asked how far the distances were that people were traveling to come to the Parish and also wanted to know about adding another tourism center closer to Bass Pro and Baton Rouge.

Councilman Keen requested how many tourists come into the center?

Mr. Edwards responded and answered all of their questions to their satisfaction.

Councilman Gerald McMorris wished to address Mr. Edwards and offer the use of Recreation District No. 5’s community center located a few miles up the interstate to the tourism center.

Mr. Edwards excitedly continued to tell of the many wonderful things that Livingston Parish had to offer.

He thanked the members for the opportunity to speak and the Councilmembers thanked him for coming and presenting his report.

The chair stated that he wished to move agenda item 22, “ Resolution to request the East Baton Rouge Metro Council to not support the resolution approving CAFA PILOTs for Morningside in which approves an annual payment in lieu of taxes to the Sheriff of Livingston Parish”, up from its position on the agenda, to which he met no opposition.

The chair called upon Councilman Garry Talbert to explain why he asked to put the item on the agenda.

Councilman Talbert advised that he received an email from East Baton Rouge Metro Councilman Trae Welch that asked why the governing authority of East Baton Rouge Parish were voting to eliminate property taxes in Livingston Parish. He further explained his discussion with Mr. Welch how “CAFA”, Capital Area Finance Authority, was structured. Mr. Welch had sent Councilman Talbert a Memorandum of Understanding between CAFA and the developer of Morningside. He explained that this is a pilot and CAFA, as a governmental entity, will acquire land and be exempt from ad valorem taxes and pay the Parish in lieu of ad valorem taxes one hundred and one dollars and thirty-five cents (\$101.35) each year for twenty (20) years in lieu of ad valorem taxes for a one hundred and twenty-five (125) unit apartment complex located off of Buddy Ellis Road. He further expounded to state that the Legislature expanded the boundary that CAFA could operate in, but did not change the governing authority, being the East Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council. Consequently, this parish governing authority could waive the Parish of Livingston’s property taxes, in lieu of a payment of one hundred and one dollars and thirty-five cents (\$101.35) to be split and divided among the Livingston Parish School Board, the Livingston Parish Sheriff’s office

and the Parish to get their share in lieu of receiving its normal property taxes. However, CAFA on the other hand, will be receiving an upfront one-time payment of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) and then an eighteen thousand seven hundred fifty-dollar (\$18,750.00) payment annually during the life of the pilot, plus the lease agreement. Councilman Talbert discussed the complications of not receiving revenue from those one hundred twenty-five (125) units. He discussed the language in the Memorandum of Understanding that stated that the pilot would operate the apartment complex for low to middle income citizens and they are going to sell Louisiana Housing Authority Low Income tax credits creating a competitive advantage for the individuals that own these apartments but it will be to the disadvantage of the Parish's revenues and budget.

Public input: Tom Delahaye: developer of Morningside; explained that this development is for senior citizens and not low to medium income multi-family residents

The chair allowed comments from each of the Councilmembers:

The chair called upon Councilman Randy Delatte. Councilman Delatte agreed with Councilman Talbert, however, he had a problem with adopting the resolution before them because it was a non-binding law and did not go far enough. He thought that there was a procedure when they gave up a tax, that it is done by ordinance, and if the Delegation made a mistake, possibly send them a resolution to place the Parish within the decision-making process. He further stated that if the Council does decide that is what they wish to do at later date, then use that procedure that the state government allows to give that tax break. He reiterated that a resolution is just the will of the Council and not a law and he did not want to be giving up a tax break at this time without enough information and no public hearings.

Councilman Gerald McMorris concurred and stated his opinions on what he had researched regarding this matter.

Councilman R.C. "Bubba" Harris shared that he did not want to do anything to the citizens of Livingston Parish that were fifty-five (55) and older and was in favor of the project.

Councilman John Wascom asked Mr. Moody if this was a program the state had approved that someone can build buildings in Livingston Parish and cut out all of our taxing that's apportioned for?

Mr. Moody instructed him yes. He continued to advise that he had not looked at this in great detail, but, he explained that this sets up a public housing trust, so the trust owns the property and they will allow certain things because they want to encourage certain housing needs.

The chair allowed a short open discussion.

Councilman Maurice "Scooter" Keen questioned if this was the same development that the Council had approve the preliminary plat on two (2) or three (3) years ago that they waive all parking on?

Public input: Tom Delahaye: answered Councilman Keen: waiver was to reduce the number of parking spaces to allow for more green spaces

The chair allowed an open discussion.

Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse questioned why the senior citizen verbiage was not included in the resolution?

Public input: Tom Delayhaye: answered Councilman Girlinghouse's questions
Gueydan Smith, Council District 3: questioned what happened if the property was sold by the developer?

The chair allowed follow-up comments from the Councilmembers.

The chair wished to end the comment period and share his concerns of the serious need for infrastructure on Buddy Ellis Road where the proposed development would be built.

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LIVINGSTON**

LPR NO. 20-031

The following resolution was offered by Garry “Frog” Talbert and seconded by Randy Delatte:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-031

A RESOLUTION OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL REQUESTING THE EAST BATON ROUGE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL TO NOT SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION APPROVING CAFA PILOTs FOR MORNINGSIDE IN WHICH APPROVES AN ANNUAL PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES TO THE SHERIFF OF LIVINGSTON PARISH.

WHEREAS, the East Baton Rouge Parish is considering the adoption of a certain resolution titled as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ANNUAL PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES TO THE SHERIFF OF LIVINGSTON PARISH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE CURRENT PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT, RESPECTIVELY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CAPITAL AREA FINANCE AUTHORITY AND JUBAN INTERCHANGE PARTNERS IV, LLC

WHEREAS, said resolution and the accompanying memorandum of understanding set the proposed annual payment in lieu of taxes to Livingston Parish tax entities at a very low amount and:

WHEREAS, there is local opposition to this arrangement since it will detrimentally affect the infrastructure and education resources for twenty years and:

WHEREAS, if the project is completed it will take out of private commerce the property in question which would likely be developed even without the tax exemption and;

WHEREAS, if the property in question is otherwise developed for private commercial use it can generate needed ad valorem taxes for the various Parish taxing entities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Livingston Parish Council formally requests that the East Baton Rouge Parish Council reject the above resolution and deny the project hereafter.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by this Livingston Parish Council, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the East Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ, AND, AFTER PUBLIC DISCUSSION, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE

NAYS: MR. WASCOM, MR. HARRIS

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this 29th day of January 2020.

The chair addressed agenda item 15, “Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 19-01, Servitude Revocation: Kevin Keller/Hammack Road”

The chair opened the Public Hearing and requested the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title. Having no Public input from the audience or input from any of the Council, the chair closed the Public Hearing.

Councilman R.C. “Bubba” Harris wished to address the Council and inform them that he had met with Alvin Fairburn’s office to determine what was being with the drainage. Mr. Fairburn advised that the drainage was not being blocked but was actually being improved. Councilman Harris stated that he was in favor of this servitude revocation and wished to offer the motion.

Councilman Garry Talbert questioned if they were proposing to “kill” servitude along a road? Councilman Harris replied in the negative. Some of the Councilmembers had questions and requested that Parish Review Engineer, Chad Bacas, be allowed to come forward and answer their inquiries regarding this servitude revocation that had already been presented to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Talbert wished to validate and question what it was being proposed that they are revoking: a dedication of a fifteen (15’) foot drainage servitude across the lots indicated on Hammack Road and then reclaimed the property through the center of the lot?

Public input: Chad Bacas, Parish Review Engineer

The chair allowed an open discussion and questions were raised. It was determined that this ordinance should be deferred for two (2) weeks until the next regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on February 6, 2020.

L.P. ORDINANCE 20-01

MAP SHOWING REVOCATION AND DEDICATION OF A 15’ DRAINAGE SERVITUDE LOCATED ACROSS LOTS 9, 10-A-1-A, 11-A-1 AND TRACT SC-1 OF SERENITY CROSSING SUBDIVISION ON HAMMACK ROAD, DENHAM SPRINGS, LA LOCATED IN SECTIONS 35 AND 36, T7S-R6E, G.L.D., LIVINGSTON PARISH, LA FOR KEVIN KELLER:
BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN:

WHEREAS, by the official plat of MAP SHOWING REVOCATION AND DEDICATION OF A 15’ DRAINAGE SERVITUDE LOCATED ACROSS LOTS 9, 10-A-1-A, 11-A-1 AND TRACT SC-1 OF SERENITY CROSSING SUBDIVISION ON HAMMACK ROAD, DENHAM SPRINGS, LA LOCATED IN SECTIONS 35 AND 36, T7S-R6E, G.L.D., LIVINGSTON PARISH, LA FOR KEVIN KELLER:

MOTION was made by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by R.C. “Bubba” Harris to defer L.P. Ordinance 20-01, Quitclaim/Servitude Revocation: Hammack Road for Kevin Keller located in Council District 5 for two (2) weeks until the next regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at six-thirty (6:30) p.m.

There was no objection to the deferment of this ordinance and a vote was not taken.

The chair addressed agenda item 16, “ Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 19-02, Amend Section 50-3, Speed of Boats: Black Bayou at Chene Blanc - Waterway Commission Recommendation:”.

The chair opened the Public Hearing and requested the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title.

The chair questioned if anyone in the audience wished to speak at that time to be addressed in Public Input.

Public input: Perry Picou: Waterway Commission chairman, in favor of ordinance

Having no other Public input from the audience, the chair closed the Public Hearing.

Councilman Gerald McMorris shared his research from the local fire department and also from local citizens in the area.

Councilman Delatte explained the importance of the Waterway Commission and was in favor of the motion.

LPR NO. 20-032

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on January 9, 2020, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on January 23, 2020 on Motion of Gerald McMorris and seconded by Randy Delatte:

L.P. ORDINANCE 20-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, CHAPTER 50, "OFFENSES – MISCELLANEOUS", SECTION 50-3 "SPEED OF BOATS", PART (C), AS SET OUT MORE SPECIFICALLY HEREIN.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM,
MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 23rd day of January 2020.

(The above and foregoing ordinance, upon final approval by the President, or the Council in case of veto by the President, shall be published in full in the Official Journal by the Clerk of the Council within fifteen (15) days of its adoption and shall be recorded in full in the Livingston Parish Council Ordinance Book No. 5)

The chair addressed agenda item number 17, "Removal of Waterway Commission member" and called upon Councilman Randy Delatte.

Councilman Delatte explained that he had talked to Mr. Eric Edwards a couple of days earlier, and he had said that he had been trying to get off of the board for about two (2) years, and Councilman Delatte advised that he was in luck because he was about to be taken off. He advised that he'd like to make a motion to take Mr. Edwards off and appoint Mr. Dale Severio.

LPR NO. 20-033

MOTION was made by Randy Delatte and duly seconded by John Wascom to remove Eric Edwards (Council District 8) from the Waterway Commission, who had been reappointed on January 9, 2020 (LPR NO. 20-014), and appoint Dale Severio (resident of Council District 8) in his place as a board member of the Waterway Commission, whose two (2) year term will expire on January 1, 2022.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT,
MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 20-034

MOTION was made by Randy Delatte and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to accept the resignation letter of Mr. Larry O'Neill, received in the office of the Livingston Parish Council on December 3, 2019, resigning from the following committee and board appointments:

- The Livingston Parish Master Plan Review Committee (Council District 8 appointment – no expiration of board appointment)
- Livingston Parish Library Board – term of five (5) year board will expire on June 30, 2024 (Council District 8)
- Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 7 – term of four (4) year board appointment will expire on August 13, 2020 (Council District 8)

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 20-035

MOTION was made by Randy Delatte and duly seconded by Gerald McMorris to reappoint Bernie Ross (District 8) to Fire Protection District No. 2 to serve a two (2) year board appointment, term to expire on January 1, 2022.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 20-036

MOTION was made by R.C. “Bubba” Harris and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to reappoint Tony Sibley (District 5) and Susan Harris (District 3) to Fire Protection District No. 5; both to serve a two (2) year board appointment, terms to expire on January 1, 2022.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 20-037

MOTION was made by Gerald McMorris and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to reappoint Gerald Crochet (District 6) and Donald Sibley (District 6) to Fire Protection District No. 7; both to serve a two (2) year board appointment, terms to expire on January 1, 2022.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 20-038

MOTION was made by Randy Delatte and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to reappoint McArthur Simoneaux (District 8) and Dwayne Brown (District 8) to Fire Protection District No. 9; both to serve a two (2) year board appointment, terms to expire on January 1, 2022.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT,
MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 20-039

MOTION was made by John Wascom and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to reappoint Delia Taylor to the Livingston Parish Airport District as the Livingston Parish President’s designee board appointment and Fire Chief James Wascom (Fire Chief of Fire Protection District No. 4 board appointment); both to serve a five (5) year board appointment, terms to expire on January 1, 2025.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT,
MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 20-040

MOTION was made by Randy Delatte and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to appoint Nathan Simoneaux (District 8) to the Livingston Parish Master Plan Review Committee to serve as a committee member to replace the vacancy left by the resignation of Larry O’Neill (resignation letter received on December 3, 2019); this committee appointment has no term or expiration date and shall serve at the pleasure of the Livingston Parish Council.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT,
MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 20-041

MOTION was made by Randy Delatte and duly seconded by John Wascom to appoint Roy Miller (District 8) to the Livingston Parish Library Board to fill the vacancy left by the

resignation of board member Larry O’Neill (District 8); resignation letter received on December 3, 2019; five (5) year term remaining of this board appointment will expire on June 30, 2024.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS
- NAYS: NONE
- ABSENT: MR. MACK
- ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 20-042

MOTION was offered by Garry “Frog” Talbert and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to appoint and/or reappoint the following members to the Livingston Parish Council Planning Commission to represent each of the Livingston Parish Council Districts in accordance with Section 13-48 of the Code of Ordinances of Livingston Parish, terms of board appointments will coincide with the members of the Livingston Parish Council terms of office:

- **New Appointment** to replace James Verbois:
Bobbette Larkey – Council District 8
- **Reappointed:** Norman Engler – Council District 1
- **Reappointed:** Darla Steagall – Council District 2
- **Reappointed:** Kathy Long – Council District 3
- **Reappointed:** Warren Guedry – Council District 4
- **Reappointed:** Joseph Koczrowski – Council District 5
- **Reappointed:** Kenny Morrison – Council District 6
- **Reappointed:** Gerald Burns – Council District 7

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS
- NAYS: NONE
- ABSENT: MR. MACK
- ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 20-043

MOTION was offered by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to reappoint Jeffrey Wale (resident of Council District 3) as a board member of the Livingston Parish Recreation District No. 3, this five (5) year term will expire on February 23, 2025.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT, MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS
- NAYS: NONE
- ABSENT: MR. MACK
- ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

LPR NO. 20-044

MOTION was offered by Randy Delatte and duly seconded by Gerald McMorris to appoint Ernie Balfantz (Council District 8) to replace the expired term of Jon McQuery as a board member of the Livingston Parish Waterway Commission; this two (2) year term will expire on January 1, 2022.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT,
MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair addressed agenda item 20, "Update on Master Plan Review Committee" and called upon Mr. Gerald Burns, chairman of the Master Plan Review Committee.

Mr. Burns reported the progress of the committee meetings and as well as meetings held with the LOHSEP Director, Mark Harrell. He also had a handout that he discussed in detail that listed a Preliminary Road Priority List for the Economic Corridor and a seven-stage project delivery system approach to represent project schedules.

The chair addressed agenda item 21, "Adopt resolution to send correspondence to the Livingston Parish Legislative Delegation to advise of complaints from citizens of the need to install a caution light at Louisiana Highway 63 and 42 and to notify the Louisiana Department of Transportation of same" and called upon Councilman Randy Delatte.

Councilman Delatte explained that there are citizens that complain about Highways 63 and 42, particularly at nighttime, of different safety violations at this crossing. He is requesting that the state legislative group look at what they can do there, being lights on the stop signs, or some sort of assistance there. He did not want to tell them what to do, he just wanted to forward the complaint from the citizens and let them look at it and see. He advised that he also wanted it to go to DOTD.

Public input: Dwain Meche, Acadian Ambulance

LPR NO. 20-045

MOTION was offered by Randy Delatte and duly seconded by Gerald McMorris to send correspondence to the Livingston Parish Legislative Delegation to advise of complaints from citizens of the need to install a caution light or additional safety assistance at Louisiana Highway 63 and 42 and to notify the Louisiana Department of Transportation of same.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT,
MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair addressed agenda item 23, "Discussion of providing internet coverage to rural areas in the Parish of Livingston" and called upon Councilman Randy Delatte.

Councilman Delatte discussed a USDA grant that a government entity may apply for through the federal government. He is trying to work with Charter Communications to go with a different route than what they estimated a couple of years ago without boring. He would like to request

another estimate and not say “the shortest route” but say “the cheapest route” and see what that is and is that something that we can apply for.

Councilman Talbert discussed information that he had read about two (2) companies merging and possibilities of the match being deferred by the internet provider instead of the Parish.

LPR NO. 20-046

MOTION was offered by Randy Delatte and duly seconded by Garry Talbert to send correspondence to Charter Communications to inquire and request a true break down cost estimate of the most inexpensive route to provide cable and internet services on Red Oak Road to make determination of application for a USDA grant.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT,
MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

The chair addressed agenda item 24, “Discussion of Introduction of Noise Ordinance” and called upon R.C. “Bubba” Harris.

Councilman Harris called upon the Deputy clerk to ask if she had heard back from the deputy that was working on this at one time? She advised that the last thing heard was from the constituent, Mr. Singleton who had talked to a judge and couldn’t find any resolve. She deferred to Councilman Talbert.

Councilman Talbert advised that the last time that Mr. Singleton came before the ordinance committee, he was working with the judge, and that’s where it was left. He had dealt with the Sheriff’s office, who said we need cooperation from the court system, so he had reached out to the court system and at that point and time he had hit a roadblock. He advised that he thought Mr. Singleton could understand the Council’s frustration in trying to write an ordinance. The chair requested that the Deputy clerk send an email to Mr. Singleton and invite him to the next Ordinance committee.

Mr. Chris Moody advised that he would reach out to Mr. Singleton to discuss this again. He discussed the frustration of not having zoning in the Parish and the problem of enforcement.

Councilman Harris discussed the noise complaints that he had been receiving.

The chair allowed an open discussion.

Public input: Buford Elliot; questioned the current noise ordinance

The chair addressed agenda item 25, “Discussion of Introduction of Solicitation Ordinance” and called upon R.C. “Bubba” Harris.

Councilman Harris discussed the complaints he had been receiving from constituency in his district.

Councilman Talbert discussed the problems that occurred when this ordinance was previously brought up for introduction.

Public input: Sharon Elliot; resident of Council District 5: wants to put up “NO SOLICITATION SIGNS” in her subdivision

The chair declared that this would need to go on the next Ordinance committee agenda.

The chair allowed a very lengthy open discussion.

The chair advised that there were no items to discuss for standing agenda item 26, “Discussion and adoption of a resolution to authorize waiver(s) and variance(s) for L.P. 19-03, adopted on January 24, 2019, Amending Section 13-57 “Drainage/Drainage impact study” of the Code of Ordinances that prohibits subsurface drainage” and moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item 28, “Committee Report(s):” and called upon Councilman Garry Talbert who reported that the Ordinance Committee had not met, but it looked like they were going to have to call a meeting.

Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse advised the Finance committee had met prior to the Council meeting with the Finance Director, Jennifer Meyers where she had reported a significant savings the Parish had made in outgoing expenses that they were very excited about.

The chair addressed agenda item 29, “Councilmen’s comments:” and asked if anyone had any comments.

Councilman Maurice “Scooter” Keen wished to welcome the two (2) new Councilmembers and their input that they had contributed in the meeting that evening.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until the next regular meeting that was scheduled on Thursday, February 6, 2020, at the hour of six-thirty (6:30) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 20-047

MOTION was offered by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by Garry “Frog” Talbert to adjourn the January 23, 2020 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. ARD, MR. KEEN, MR. WASCOM, MR. TALBERT,
MR. MCMORRIS, MR. DELATTE, MR. HARRIS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. MACK

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted and that the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Sandy C. Teal
Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

/s/ Jeff Ard
Jeff Ard, Council Chairman