

Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
May 11, 2022

The Livingston Parish Council met in a special session duly called, advertised, and convened at its regular meeting place, at the Governmental Building in the Parish Council Chambers, 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at the hour of three o'clock (3:00) p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

Garry Talbert
Maurice "Scooter" Keen
John Wascom
R.C. "Bubba" Harris

Gerald McMorris
Tracy Girlinghouse
Randy Delatte

Jeff Ard

Also present: Chris Moody, Parish Legal Counsel
Sam Digirolamo, Director of Planning and the Department of Public Works
Huey Comeaux, Assistant Director of the Department of Public Works
Morgan Sanchez, Forte and Tablada, Parish Review Engineer

Absent: Shane Mack
Parish President Layton Ricks

The chair called the meeting to order.

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

Upon calling the meeting to order, the chair wished to announce that this special meeting was called as an informational meeting. He explained that there would not be any votes at this meeting and they would not be making any harsh decisions and nothing was being changed. He continued to explain that by law, the Council can not have more than four (4) members in a room at a time unless they were having a meeting. The chair stated that the only way that the Council members could truly sit down as a Council and discuss the subdivision ordinance and work together as a whole group is to call a meeting. He further continued and stated that this would be a discussion amongst the Councilmembers and they would be going through Chapter 125 line by line. At the end of the Council members' discussion, if anyone in the audience had any questions their input would be accepted at that time.

The Deputy clerk advised that there copies of Chapter 125 as it stood at that time on a table in the front if anyone in the audience wished to have a copy.

The chair encouraged the audience members to come to the front of the Council chambers and obtain a copy of Chapter 125 if they wished to be able to follow along during the meeting.

The chair stated that the Deputy clerk had been working with each of the Councilmen on the different issues and is the secretary for the Ordinance committee and she will be going through Chapter 125 line by line and the Council members will have a discussion on each item as they come to it. He further stated that they were all trying to get the Councilmembers to work together to make this better for our Parish.

***A copy of the handout can be found in the records of the Livingston Parish Council office filed in the meeting folder labeled "Special Meeting dated May 11, 2022" and can be requested by submitting a Public Records Request. There may be a fee associated with request for documents.*

The Deputy clerk began reading Article I, In General, Section 125-1, Definitions. She read the listed definitions and paused to ask if anyone had any questions. She explained the color coding shading that was indicated in the Councilmen's handouts.

Councilmen's input: Randy Delatte
Garry Talbert
Gerald McMorris

The Deputy clerk resumed reading Chapter 125, section by section in their entirety. She indicated what was the new wording that had been added and also what was needed to be considered for future wording. She stopped periodically throughout her delivery and asked for questions and likewise solicited comments to the Councilmen.

The Deputy clerk continued reading Chapter 125 section by section advising which changes had been made and gave explanation of why the amendments were needed.

An additional handout was distributed by the Deputy clerk conveying the amendments of Section 125-9. She discussed in detail the color coded sections and what amendments had been presented. Once completed, the Deputy clerk continued reading each section of Chapter 125 and giving explanation of the amendments indicated and answering questions periodically from the Councilmen.

Councilmen's input: Randy Delatte
Garry Talbert
Tracy Girlinghouse
Maurice "Scooter" Keen

The Deputy clerk distributed another handout being Section 125-20, Traffic impact study. She requested that Ms. Morgan Sanchez of Forte and Tablada, Parish Review Engineer, address this section of Chapter 125 of the Code of Ordinances.

Public input: Morgan Sanchez, explained her recommendations for amending Section 125-20

Councilmen's input: Garry Talbert
John Wascom
Randy Delatte

Parish Legal Counselor input: Christopher Moody

There was a very lengthy discussion.

Once all questions from the Councilmen had been answered satisfactorily, the Deputy clerk continued to read through Chapter 125, section by section.

Councilmen's input: Tracy Girlinghouse
Garry Talbert
Randy Delatte

Many, many questions were brought up and the chair allowed the Councilmen to have a very, very lengthy discussion and many, many numerous opinions were made.

As each section was read, there was discussion that some of the sections may be changed depending on the outcome and what happened at their public hearings. This would also involve the decisions that would be made at the next scheduled regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

Councilmen's input: Randy Delatte
Tracy Girlinghouse
Maurice "Scooter" Keen
Gerald McMorris
Garry Talbert

The chair allowed the Councilmembers to have a lengthy open discussion and brought up many questions about amendments to Chapter 125.

The Deputy clerk continued to read Chapter 125, section by section, stopping to explain the amendments indicated and answered many, many questions.

Councilmen's input: Randy Delatte
Garry Talbert
Maurice "Scooter" Keen

Public input: Morgan Sanchez, Parish Review Engineer
Christopher Moody

The Deputy clerk continued to read each section of Chapter 125 consistently explaining the amendments, pausing when the Councilmen posed questions.

Councilmen's input: Randy Delatte
Garry Talbert
John Wascom
Gerald McMorris

The chair allowed a very, very extensive open and very lengthy discussion in regard to wetlands.

Councilmen's input: Garry Talbert
Randy Delatte

The Deputy clerk concluded the review of Article I, Definitions, of Chapter 125 and proceeded to move on to review Article II, Mobile Home Parks. She expounded on the contradictions that had been explained earlier in the meeting concerning Article I and answered questions that the Councilmen had issues with.

Councilmen's input: Randy Delatte
Garry Talbert
Maurice "Scooter" Keen
Tracy Girlinghouse

The chair allowed unlimited public input and dialogue from the audience allowing them to address the Councilmembers.

Public input: ??inaudible?? Sarah Phares??

Councilmen's input: Garry Talbert
Randy Delatte
Tracy Girlinghouse
John Wascom
Maurice "Scooter" Keen

Public input: Scott Lobell
Clint Harris

The chair allowed the Councilmen to answer the public's many questions. After everyone in the audience had made their comments and suggestions, the chair wished to acknowledge that everyone had spoken who wished to speak and he ended public input for the special meeting.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until the next regular meeting being scheduled on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 22-141a

MOTION was offered by Garry Talbert and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to adjourn the May 11, 2022 special meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

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.


Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk


Jeff Ard, Council Chairman

The audio and video for this meeting may be found in its entirety on the Livingston Parish Council's YouTube page at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSSesFr1vzk&t=138s>

It may also be obtained on the Livingston Parish Council's website at:

<https://www.livingstonparishcouncil.com/>

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