

MINUTES

Livingston Parish
May 2, 2023

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee met on May 2, 2023, 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:

Shane Mack- Chair
Randy Delatte
John Wascom
Erin Sandefur

The Chairman, Councilman Shan Mack, called the meeting to order.

The Council Clerk called roll. With everyone being present, **the Chair began by addressing item 4, New Business.**

- a Discussion and recommendation of Introduction of ordinance: Rescind L.P. No. 22-54: Zoning Map for Council District 1, L.P. No. 23-05: Zoning Map for Council District 5, L.P. No. 22-47: Zoning Map for Council District 7, L.P. No. 22-48: Zoning Map for Council District 8**

Public Input:
Chad Digirolamo
Clint Harris
Sharon Elliot
Dean Coates
Carla DeYoung
Tom Easterly
Councilman Gerald McMorris
Eddie Aydell
Holly Clark
Julie Norris (Masterplan Review Committee Member)

After multiple constituents spoke at the podium for public comment against this ordinance, attorney Tom Easterly spoke about a letter that he had sent to the Council regarding zoning as a whole, but more so the district 5 map that was adopted(see attachment). He had a very lengthy discussion back and forth with the committee members on this topic. Councilman John Wascom brought up the point that if there will be a lawsuit against the Council, the committee probably should not be discussing this with Mr. Easterly while legal counsel is not present.

Ms. Norris brought up the Palermo court case, that is similar to the situation that the Council is facing now regarding zoning.

A **motion** was offered by Randy Delatte and **seconded** by Erin Sandefur to ask the Parish Council to look into contacting a planning professional to help the Council plan and zone Livingston Parish

A **motion** was made by Randy Delatte and **seconded** by Erin Sandefur to ask the district attorney to give permission to the Council to hire outside legal counsel to advise them on zoning.

- b. Discussion and recommendation of Introduction of ordinance: Adopt zoning map of the entirety of the nine (9) Livingston Parish Council Districts**

Mr. Mack explained they have no intention of dissolving any of the current zoning, therefore the committee will be moving on to the next item.

c. Discussion of possible Moratorium

Public Comment:

Carla DeYoung

Sarah Phares

Scott Lobell

Clint Harris

Councilman Gerald McMorris

Chad Digirolamo

Morgan Sanchez

Sharon Elliot

could not understand gentleman's name

Julie Norris

Mr. Mack explains the purpose of the moratorium would be to have time to seek advice on the zoning concerns that have been raised.

Mr. Delatte expresses his concern that before implementing a moratorium, he thinks the Council should get legal counsel.

Ms. Sandefur explained she put this item on the agenda and would like to start the conversation about implementing a moratorium.

The Parish engineer, Morgan, expressed how crucial it is that if they do decide to implement a moratorium, it needs to be very detailed so that the planning department does not have any problems enforcing it.

Mr. Delatte explained that putting in a moratorium is more than just stopping building. It affects all workings on the government including permitting, planning, etc.

Mr. Mack explained he wished to go through item **3a. Zoning Classifications**, but with the meeting already running a little long, he would just go over a short point. He explained he wants to introduce a new zoning classification called "unrestricted rule." This will list out the uses of the old "unclassified" definitions.

A **MOTION** was offered by John Wascom and duly **seconded** by Erin Sandefur to adjourn the May 2, 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