

Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
March 28, 2024

The Livingston Parish Council met in a regular session duly called, advertised, and convened at its regular meeting place, at the Governmental Building in the Parish Council Chambers, located on 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

Lonnie Watts	John Mangus
Ryan Chavers	Ricky Goff
Billy Taylor	Dean Coates
Erin Sandefur	Joseph "Joe" Erdey
John Wascom	

Also present: Randy Delatte, Parish President
Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Counsel

The chair called the meeting to order.

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 and explained the procedure to be called upon.

The chair addressed agenda item number 7a, "Adopt the Minutes for: March 14, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council".

LPR NO. 24-129

MOTION was made by John Mangus and duly seconded by Billy Taylor to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the March 14, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council and adopt as written.

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

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS,
MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

The chair wished to address and move up agenda item number 21, "Presentation from Jeff Taylor, Livingston Parish Assessor, regarding increase in homestead exemption for first responders – John Wascom", to which no one objected. He advised that he had placed this item on the agenda after receiving a call from Livingston Parish Assessor, Jeff Taylor. He wished to give a brief synopsis to provide for understanding on this matter.

The chair stated that in 2023 Louisiana Legislative session adopted a bill that allowed for homestead exemption to be raised from seventy-five thousand to one hundred thousand dollars (\$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00) if you are a first responder. He continued to explain that there is a certain criteria as a first responder that must be met and part of that is the exemption must be approved by the Parish Council. If the Parish Council does not do it, then that savings cannot be passed on to first responders.

The chair advised that the Livingston Parish Assessor's office needs to be given the authority by the Livingston Parish Council to provide homestead exemption to raise the amount from seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for first responders.

The chair called upon the Livingston Parish Tax Assessor, Mr. Jeff Taylor, in the audience and asked if he wished to add anything.

Mr. Taylor advised that they would also need to see who was going to qualify for the additional benefit. The application process would begin at the Livingston Parish Assessor's office. He explained that the application form that will be used was currently being reviewed by their legal advisors.

The Assessor further explained that the Councilmembers will have to make determinations on what will happen to that application. He discussed three (3) possible outcomes that they could choose, the first being to grant the additional millage exemption, they could vote not to give it to them, or they could take no action and then it just goes away. The Assessor explained that he needed to know something as soon as possible because he was waiting for the forms to be approved by his legal team.

The chair wished to confirm with the Assessor that the first responder application would have to make yearly applications to receive this benefit and the Assessor's office would be tasked with making sure that they are in complete compliance with all of the necessary mandates.

Councilman John Mangus wished to point out the this was actually passed by the people statewide as a Constitutional amendment in November of 2023. The Assessor agreed with that statement. Councilman Mangus wanted to make it known that this benefit is statewide and not just affecting the people of Livingston Parish. He also wished to acknowledge that this was not an act revised statute of the Legislature.

The chair agreed with Councilman Mangus's acknowledgements, but he also wished to point out that if the Council does not allow it, then that benefit would not go to their first responders.

LPR NO. 24-130

MOTION was made by John Mangus and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to approve the amendment to raise the homestead exemption for Livingston Parish first responders to be one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) and authorize the Livingston Parish Assessor to offer the maximum amount of savings possible that his office can find under the law.

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

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS,
MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

The chair addressed the agenda addendum items numbered A-2 and A-3. He called upon Mr. Jim Ryan, Parish Finance Advisor to address these items. Mr. Ryan had been delayed and had not made it yet to the Council meeting at that time. The chair suggested that the Council members hold off on the two (2) addendums and if Mr. Jim Ryan was deterred longer as the meeting progressed, the chair and the Council clerk could help and pick these items up later in the meeting.

The chair moved to the next agenda item numbered 8a, "Presentations: Recognition of Brielle Knox Denton, who represented Livingston Parish as the Princess at Mardi Gras in D.C. – Livingston Parish Presidents Office", and called upon Parish President Randy Delatte.

Parish President Randy Delatte addressed the Council and audience members. He introduced Miss Brielle Denton, being the daughter of Judge Jerry Denton and Michelle Denton and advised that she was from Denham Springs, Louisiana and currently attends Louisiana State University as a junior. She is pursuing a degree in kinesiology with a concentration in human movement science. Postgraduation, she plans to further her education by applying to graduate school to become a physician's assistant. While her professional background primarily lies in health care, she also harbors a strong interest in government and legislative affairs. He stated that presently, she serves as a student medical assistant at the Baton Rouge Orthopedic Clinic under Dr. Green, who is our

Parish's Public Service Commissioner. Parish President Delatte advised that Miss Denton actively participates in the Delta Gamma Sorority, as well as the Physician's Assistant Society at LSU. The Parish President advised that she has the honor of being sponsored by Senator Bill Cassidy as a Washington, D.C. Mardi Gras princess along side other young women representing Louisiana marking its seventy-fifth (75th) anniversary. The Parish President explained that this esteemed organization brings the spirit of Mardi Gras to the nation's capital with pomp, revelry and tradition. He stated that Senator John Kennedy presided over the seventy-fifth (75th) Washington Mardi Gras festivals with New Orleans quarterback and Super Bowl MVP Drew Brees serving as the king of the 2024 Mystic Krewe of Louisiana.

The Parish President stated that he wished to present a certificate of Award of Recognition to Ms. Denton and he requested that the Council members come down and take a picture with her, especially being she is so interested in government.

The chair allowed for the presentation and photo opportunity with no objection from anyone. The audience applauded in Miss Denton's honor as the presentation closed.

The chair stated that before they moved to the next agenda item, Mr. Jim Ryan of Government Consultants, Inc. and the Parish of Livingston's Financial Advisor, had arrived at the meeting and was in the Council chambers. The chair stated that he wished at that time to pick up agenda addendum item A-2 as follows:

A-2: NOTICE OF INTENT TO CALL AN ELECTION

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 19.1 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, that the Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 25, 2024, at its regular meeting place, Council Chambers in the Governmental Building, 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, at 6:00 p.m., will discuss and consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to renew and rededicate the levy and collection of a special ad valorem tax of 2.5 mills.

The above Notice of Intent was read aloud by the Council chairman and Mr. Jim Ryan. The chair advised that there would be no action or discussion on that agenda item and moved to the next item on the agenda addendum.

Mr. Ryan reiterated that this agenda item needed to be read into the record only, and there could be no discussion or action taken. He then proceeded to read the notice of intent as follows:

A-3: NOTICE OF INTENT TO CALL AN ELECTION

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 19.1 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, that the Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 25, 2024, at its regular meeting place, Council Chambers in the Governmental Building, 20355 Government Blvd., Livingston, Louisiana, at 6:00 p.m., will discuss and consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to rededicate one fourth (1/4th) of the existing and future revenues received from the 1% sales and use tax.

Councilman Ricky Goff wished to ask Mr. Ryan a question. Mr. Ryan advised that he would not have any public discussion at this meeting. He thanked everyone and wished them a Happy Easter.

The chair addressed agenda item number 8b, "Presentations: Joey Dominick with Florida Parish Juvenile Detention Center - John Mangus."

Councilman John Mangus called upon Mr. Joey Dominick and asked if he could explain to everyone about the service that he provided. Mr. Dominick introduced himself and advised that his name was Joseph Dominic, but he went by "Joey" and he was the Executive Director for the Florida Parishes Juvenile Justice District and they operate the largest Detention Center in the state

of Louisiana. He advised that the detention center is located in Tangipahoa Parish, but it also serves Livingston Parish. He stated that this detention center serves Livingston Parish, St. Helena Parish, Tangipahoa Parish, Washington Parish and St. Tammany. Mr. Dominic announced that next month on the 27th they were going to be having an election for the renewal of the tax millage that funds this detention center. He described the detention center's purpose and the services that they provide. He also stated that if the millage is not renewed, they would only have about a year of funding left before they would have to close their doors to shut down. He gave a brief, but very detailed explanation of the purpose that this facility had in the state of Louisiana and the importance of keeping it funded.

Councilman John Mangus wished to state that in his occupation he does not do this, but he does do homebound education for the Livingston Parish School Board and he has taught students that have been through Mr. Dominic's program. Councilman Mangus stated that the program was a blessing as was having the facility. He also wanted to make sure that everyone knew that this is not a new tax in any way shape or form, it was just a renewal of the existing millage. He stated that no one's tax rates will go up from this renewal.

Councilman Mangus stated that he wished to make a resolution that supported the renewal of tax for the Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center. The chair advised that Mr. Mangus had made the motion and Councilman Joe Erdey stated that he wished to second that motion.

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LIVINGSTON**

L.P. RESOLUTION NO. 24-131

MOTION was made by Councilman John Magnus and duly seconded by Councilman Joseph "Joe" Erdey to support the renewal of the millage in regard to the upcoming election to be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Florida Parishes Juvenile Justice District and Juvenile Detention Center have been addressing the needs of at-risk youth and those youth who have entered the juvenile justice system for the past thirty years, in the Twenty-First and Twenty-Second Judicial Districts, serving the parishes of Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center has been recognized in the State of Louisiana as a model facility for detained juveniles and juvenile offenders; and

WHEREAS, various parishes outside of the Florida Parishes Juvenile Justice District, along with other states, have sought to model their programming after the Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center is nationally recognized and awarded the Barbara Allen-Hagen Award by the Center for Improving Youth Justice for improving conditions of confinement for detained and juvenile offenders; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center ensures these processes are upheld, by maintaining atmospheres that are not physically, emotionally, or psychologically damaging to detained juveniles and juvenile offenders; and

WHEREAS, the administration and staff of the Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center strive to introduce new educational and vocational programs to help juvenile offenders become productive members of our society, while providing a high school graduate diploma and vocational training; and

WHEREAS, without the Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center, a secure placement for detained juveniles and juvenile offenders would not be available in our community or as a resource for local law enforcement and courts; and

WHEREAS, the Administration and Board of Commissioners for the Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center have been good stewards of taxpayer funds with a very fiscally conservative operational and management plan; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the operation and management is derived from a 3-mill ad valorem millage from the five parishes served by the Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center; and

WHEREAS, the ten-year renewal of the 3-mill ad valorem millage will be held by a popular vote on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston Parish Council supports the passage of the renewal of the 3-mill ad valorem millage and supports and recognizes the outstanding work performed on a daily basis at the Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center to ensure public safety and juvenile offender rehabilitation.

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

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS,
MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

\s\ Sandy C. Teal

Sandy C. Teal, Council clerk

\s\ John Wascom

John Wascom, Council chairman

The chair addressed agenda item number 8e, “Presentations: Lynda Gardiner – Ryan Chavers”.

The chair advised that Councilman Ryan Chavers had invited Ms. Gardiner to speak to the Council members and she had prepared a video. He called upon Ms. Gardiner and she instructed him to roll the video.

Upon the end of the video presentation, Ms. Gardiner spoke briefly about the importance of having a litter program and stated this video will help get the knowledge out to our younger folks educating them about being litter free and taking care of our environment.

Ms. Gardiner had a power point presentation that she wished to exhibit for everyone called “Let’s Talk Trash”. She instructed that she would be talking with them that evening about the program, about the Litter Abatement Department for Livingston Parish. She explained some of the Parish’s action plans that they would be doing going forward. These things included “Engagement”, “Environment”, “Education” and “Enforcement”. She also spoke about prevention effects.

The chair addressed agenda item number 10a, “Livingston Parish Grants Department: Adopt a Resolution proclaiming April 2024 as Fair Housing Month for Livingston Parish”.

Public input: Heather Crain, Livingston Parish Grant Manager

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LIVINGSTON**

L.P. RESOLUTION NO. 24-132

MOTION was made by Councilman Billy Taylor and duly seconded Councilwoman Erin Sandefur:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 56th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana; and implementation of that law requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all:

I, Randy Delatte, President of the Livingston Parish Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024, as:

in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, and do hereby encourage all citizens to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law and ask the citizens of Livingston Parish to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the seal of Livingston Parish, Louisiana on this the 25th day of March 2024.

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS,
MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 10b:

“Livingston Parish Grants Department:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute the contract between the Livingston Parish Council and Triumph Construction, LLC., the responsible low bidder for the HMGP 4277-0110 funded City of Walker Sewer Mitigation Project and to also authorize the Parish President to retroactively execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the City of Walker to provide any additional funds not approved by FEMA”.

MOTION was made by Ricky Goff and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to execute the contract between the Livingston Parish Council and Triumph Construction, LLC., the responsible low bidder for the HMGP 4277-0110 funded City of Walker Sewer Mitigation Project and to also authorize the Parish President to retroactively execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the City of Walker to provide any additional funds not approved by FEMA.

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

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS,
MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 11a:

Livingston Parish Planning and Zoning Commission:

S & P Investments

McLin Taylor, LLC

Servitude Revocation: Introduction of Ordinance

Glory Drive

Section 24, T7S, R4E

Council District 8

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

L.P. ORDINANCE 24-08

AN ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

REVOKING THE DEDICATION, ABANDONING, AND QUITCLAIMING IN FAVOR OF JOSHUA SETH DEVILLE AND MARIA FRYOU DEVILLE, A 40' PRIVATE ALL- PURPOSE SERVITUDE, IDENTIFIED BY THE CROSS-HATCHED PORTION AS SHOWN ON THE PRELIMINARY MAP SHOWING SURVEY & RESUBDIVISION OF TRACTS GT-3-A, GT-3-B, GT-3-C & GT-3-D INTO TRACTS GT-3-A-1, GT-3-B-2, GT-3-C-3 & GT-3-D-4 LOCATED IN SECTION 24, T7S-R4E, GREENSBURG LAND DISTRICT, LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY LESTER A. MCLIN, JR., PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DATED NOVEMBER 9, 2023.

LPR NO. 24-134

MOTION was offered by Dean Coates and duly seconded by Joe Erdey to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, April 11, 2024, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. at the Governmental Building in the Livingston Parish Council chambers located at 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. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS,
MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

(As per rules of the Council, copies of the proposed ordinance shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Livingston Parish Council)

The chair addressed agenda item number 11b:
Kieran Landry Louisiana Land Surveying
Servitude Revocation: Introduction of Ordinance
River Point Drive Section 5, T9S, R4E Council District 6

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

L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-09

AN ORDINANCE REVOKING THE DEDICATION AND ABANDONING AND QUITCLAIM IN FAVOR OF THE LANDOWNERS, AN UNIMPROVED RIGHT-OF-WAY ENTITLED RIVER POINT DRIVE LOCATED IN CYPRESS POINT ON THE AMITE RIVER, SITUATED IN SECTION 5, T-9-S, R-4-E, G.L.D., LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN.

LPR NO. 24-135

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Erin Sandefur to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, April 11, 2024, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. at the Governmental Building in the Livingston Parish Council chambers located at 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. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS,
MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

(As per rules of the Council, copies of the proposed ordinance shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Livingston Parish Council)

The chair addressed agenda item number 11c:

Eagle Nest RV & Boat Storage

Alvin Fairburn & Associates

Servitude Revocation: Introduction of Ordinance

LA Highway 16

Section 42/45, T5S, R3E

Council District 2

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

L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-10

MAP SHOWING REVOCATION OF AN EXISTING 60' ALL PURPOSE SERVITUDE LOCATED ON TRACT A-2-A-1-A-1-B LOCATED AT 36811 LA HWY 16, DENHAM SPRINGS, LA LOCATED IN SECTION 42 & 45, T5S-R3E, G.L.D., LIVINGSTON PARISH, LA FOR FOUR PACK, LLC BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN:

WHEREAS, BY THE OFFICIAL PLAT OF MAP SHOWING REVOCATION OF AN EXISTING 60' ALL PURPOSE SERVITUDE LOCATED ON TRACT A-2-A-1-A-1-B LOCATED AT 36811 LA HWY 16, DENHAM SPRINGS, LA LOCATED IN SECTION 42 & 45, T5S-R3E, G.L.D., LIVINGSTON PARISH, LA FOR FOUR PACK, LLC.

LPR NO. 24-136

MOTION was offered by Ryan Chavers and duly seconded by John Mangus to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, April 11, 2024, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. at the Governmental Building in the Livingston Parish Council chambers located at 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. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

(As per rules of the Council, copies of the proposed ordinance shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Livingston Parish Council)

The chair addressed agenda items numbered 12a, 12b and 12c:

12. Livingston Parish Department of Public Works:

a. Manor Pointe:

i. Accept roads & improvements into the Parish Maintenance system.

ii. Release \$163,268.70 maintenance bond

Walker South Road

Section 25, T7S R3E

Council District 6

b. Middlebrook Place, 1st Filing:

i. Accept roads & improvements into the Parish Maintenance system.

ii. Release \$418,428.34 maintenance bond

US Hwy 190

Section 32 & 47, T6S R3E

Council District 4

c. South Haven, 4th Filing:

i. Accept roads & improvements into the Parish Maintenance system.

ii. Release \$195,809.48 maintenance bond

Balsam Drive

Section 25 & 36, T7S R3E

Council District 6

The chair called upon Robert Dugas, Livingston Parish Director of Public Works and asked if there were any problems to report and Mr. Dugas advised that deficiencies were addressed and that he was good with all of them.

The chair asked to address all three items at once, to which no one objected.

LPR NO. 24-137

MOTION was made by Ryan Chavers and duly seconded by John Mangus to accept the roads and improvements into the Parish maintenance system and release the maintenance bonds for the following:

Manor Pointe:

Accept roads & improvements into the Parish Maintenance system

Release \$163,268.70 maintenance bond

Walker South Road Section 25, T7S R3E Council District 6

Middlebrook Place, 1st Filing:

Accept roads & improvements into the Parish Maintenance system

Release \$418,428.34 maintenance bond

US Hwy 190 Section 32 & 47, T6S R3E Council District 4

South Haven, 4th Filing:

Accept roads & improvements into the Parish Maintenance system

Release \$195,809.48 maintenance bond

Balsam Drive Section 25 & 36, T7S R3E Council District 6

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

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS,
 MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 13, “**Public Hearing and adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 24-06:** to Acquire Immovable Property pursuant to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project Number FEMA-4277-DR-LA-0131- Livingston Parish located at 26053 Shadow Brook Avenue, Denham Springs, La 70726 (Ordinance submitted for introduction by the Parish Grants Department).

The chair called on the Deputy clerk to read the ordinance by title. The chair then opened the Public Hearing and asked if there were anyone present who wished to speak for or against this particular ordinance.

Having none, the chair closed the Public Hearing.

LPR NO. 24-138

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on March 14, 2024, 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 March 28, 2024 on Motion of Erin Sandefur and seconded by Ryan Chavers:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-06

AN ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FOR THE
PARISH OF LIVINGSTON PURSUANT TO THE HAZARD MITIGATION
GRANT PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBER FEMA-4277-DR-LA-0131-

LIVINGSTON PARISH.

Homeowner: Brandy Guidry Goutreaux
Address: 26053 Shadow Brook Avenue
Denham Springs, LA 70726
Appraised Value: \$187,000.00
Amount Offered: \$187,000.00
Legal Description: Lot 44, Shadow Springs Estates

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

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS,
MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

(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 14, “**Public Hearing and adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 24-07**: Amendment of L.P. Ordinance No. 24-03, in regard to the one (1) year moratorium in Council District 5 prohibiting the creation of more than three (3) lots to allow the adoption of a Comprehensive New Zoning Program and Development of Plans for Infrastructure to accommodate anticipated growth, to include the addition of “Submittal of Preliminary Plats or Preliminary Site Plans for Residential or Multi-family developments”– Erin Sandefur”.

The chair called on the Deputy clerk to read the ordinance by title. The chair then opened the Public Hearing and asked if there were anyone present who wished to speak for or against this particular ordinance.

Having none, the chair closed the Public Hearing.

LPR NO. 24-139

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on March 14, 2024, 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 March 28, 2024 on Motion of Erin Sandefur and seconded by Billy Taylor:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-07

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ONE (1) YEAR MORATORIUM PROHIBITING THE CONSIDERATION OR SUBMITTAL OF PRELIMINARY PLATS OR PRELIMINARY SITE PLANS FOR RESIDENTIAL OR MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENTS IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 CREATING MORE THAN THREE (3) LOTS TO ALLOW THE ADOPTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE NEW ZONING PROGRAM AND DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE TO ACCOMODATE ANTICIPATED GROWTH.

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

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. TAYLOR,
MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

NAYS: MR. WATTS

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

The chair advised that the vote carried unanimously, however, Councilman Lonnie Watts voted “NAY”

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

(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 15, “Adopt resolution to add stop signs/3-way stop in Whispering Springs Subdivision at intersection of Forest Manor Avenue and Fowler Drive in District 1 – Lonnie Watts”.

Councilman Lonnie Watts advised that the intersection should state Forest Manor Avenue and Grovemont Drive. He called upon Mr. Robert Dugas, Livingston Parish Department of Public Works Director to report on this dangerous intersection.

Mr. Dugas advised that this was currently a two-way stop and their vote would be creating a three-way stop.

LPR NO. 24-140

MOTION was made by Lonnie Watts and duly seconded by Ryan Chavers to create a three-way stop (where there is currently a two-way stop) at Forest Manor Avenue and Grovemont Drive located in Whispering Springs Subdivision in Council District 1.

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

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS,
MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 16, “Adopt resolution to authorize a waiver of Section “125-176, “Definitions” to allow a third address on a (12.058) acre tract for Stacy Yawn located on Cameron Lane, Walker, La 70785 – Parcel # 0372995 in Council District 1 – Lonnie Watts”.

LPR NO. 24-141

MOTION was made by Lonnie Watts and duly seconded by Billy Taylor to authorize a waiver of Section “125-176, “Definitions” to allow a third address on a (12.058) acre tract for Stacy Yawn located on Cameron Lane, Walker, La 70785 – Parcel # 0372995 in Council District 1.

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

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS,
MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

The chair requested that the Council members address agenda item numbers 18a, 18b and 18c, “Board appointments”, before addressing agenda item number 17, “Executive Session” to which no one objected.

The chair addressed agenda item number 18a, “Livingston Parish Gas District No. 1 – Joseph “Joe” Erdey”.

The chair called upon Councilman Erdey.

Councilman Erdey advised that he did not know why that’s on there and he wished to pull it.

The chair addressed agenda item number 18b, “Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 – Erin Sandefur”.

The chair called upon Councilwoman Erin Sandefur who advised that she wished to appoint Mike Reed to that position, as the former appointment Mr. Tony Sibley rolled off. She also wished to commend Mr. Tony Sibley for his service as a member of this board and stated that he had done a fantastic job.

LPR NO. 24-142

MOTION was made by Erin Sandefur and duly seconded by Dean Coates to appoint Mike Reed to Fire Protection District No. 5 (resident of Council District 5) to replace the expired term of Tony Sibley (resident of Council District 5); this two (2) year term will expire on January 1, 2026.

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

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS,
MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 18c, “Livingston Parish Master Plan Review – Parish President”.

Parish President Randy Delatte advised that he wished to replace Mr. Donald Burgess with Mr. Jamie Sandefur.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur stated that she desired to recuse herself from this agenda item.

LPR NO. 24-143

MOTION was made by Ryan Chavers and duly seconded by Dean Coates to appoint Jamie Sandefur as the Parish President’s appointment to the Master Plan Review committee, whose term does not expire and serves at the pleasure of the Parish President.

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

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS,
MR. TAYLOR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: MS. SANDEFUR

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 17a, “Executive Session: Joseph “Joe” Erdey, Council District 9, Discussion of the character, professional competence, physical and/or mental health of a Livingston Parish Convention and Visitors’ Bureau Member as per Louisiana Revised Statute RS 42:17(1) and consideration of removal of board member from the Livingston Parish Convention and Visitors’ Bureau”.

The chair called upon Councilman Erdey and asked what was his wishes. Mr. Erdey stated that he did want to say one thing here and that the way this is worded is not what he said at all. He said that he was doing a replacement and some of these words that are put in here Joe Erdey didn't say it. He said that he wanted the public to know that, this is simply about replacing, letting somebody go and putting somebody else, but some of these things such as character competence physical and mental, he stated that he did not say that. He said that he wanted that on public record, "Right Now".

The chair advised so be it, it is recorded and it will make it to the minutes. Mr. Erdey stated okay.

The chair indicated that the Council had another item coming up on the agenda as well that may require them to go into executive session. He advised that they would pick up both of these items in executive session instead of just one.

The chair consulted with the Parish legal advisor, Mr. Brad Cascio, and asked if he saw any problem with that, if the Council announced that they were going into executive session to discuss both of these items.

Mr. Cascio warned that they did not advertise agenda item number 19 for executive session and they would have to amend the agenda, but they still did not advertise. The chair asked if the Council voted unanimously to go into executive session and lift the agenda, would that suffice? Mr. Cascio agreed that it might.

The chair requested a motion to lift the agenda to go into executive session to discuss resolution accepting settlement for LA Trace. He advised that if anyone opposes this motion then it fails because you cannot add it to the agenda. He asked if everyone understood that and then called for the vote.

Before Councilman Ricky Goff submitted his vote, he asked Mr. Cascio if he was comfortable with their action. Mr. Cascio stated that if they wanted to talk about it back there and Councilman Goff advised yes.

LPR NO. 24-144

MOTION was made by Dean Coates and duly seconded by Joe Erdey to lift the agenda for the purpose to go into executive session for agenda item number 19, *"Adopt a resolution to accept the Settlement Agreement in the case of Donald Wade Holden, Et Al. V. Parish Of Livingston, 21st Judicial District Court, Parish of Livingston, Number: 171913, Div. "E" to resolve that the gravel portion of La Trace Road and the right of way as shown on the survey by Alex J. Theriot dated July 1.1975 are not public – Dean Coates"*, whereby combining this agenda item to be included and discussed with the executive session agenda item number 17a, *"Executive Session: Joseph "Joe" Erdey, Council District 9: Discussion of the character, professional competence, physical and/or mental health of a Livingston Parish Convention and Visitors' Bureau Member as per Louisiana Revised Statute RS 42:17(1) and consideration of removal of board member from the Livingston Parish Convention and Visitors' Bureau"*.

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

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur stated that she did have a question and asked if they could discuss two things in one executive session.

Mr. Cascio stated that technically you are supposed to advertise for it and that is the cleanest way to do it. Councilwoman Sandefur questioned if they would have to come back out, take a vote and go back in?

Mr. Cascio advised that they could not take any votes back there, nothing can be acted upon. Councilwoman Sandefur asked if they would have to come back out to the chambers. Mr. Cascio advised that they could stay back there.

The chair announced that there had been a motion to lift the agenda to add executive session for item 19 as well. He stated for the Council to go ahead and get a motion to pause the meeting and go into executive session and pick up both of these items.

LPR NO. 24-145

MOTION was made by John Mangus and duly seconded by Billy Taylor to pause the meeting and go into executive session to pick up and discuss both of the agenda items being numbered agenda item number 19, *“Adopt a resolution to accept the Settlement Agreement in the case of Donald Wade Holden, Et Al. V. Parish Of Livingston, 21st Judicial District Court, Parish of Livingston, Number: 171913, Div. “E” to resolve that the gravel portion of La Trace Road and the right of way as shown on the survey by Alex J. Theriot dated July 1.1975 are not public – Dean Coates”*, whereby combining this agenda item to be included and discussed with the executive session agenda item number 17a, *“Executive Session: Joseph “Joe” Erdey, Council District 9: Discussion of the character, professional competence, physical and/or mental health of a Livingston Parish Convention and Visitors’ Bureau Member as per Louisiana Revised Statute RS 42:17(1) and consideration of removal of board member from the Livingston Parish Convention and Visitors’ Bureau”*.

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

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

The chair advised the audience that there would be a short break and the Council members would be going to the back into executive session and they would be back.

All recording devices were turned off and the meeting was paused until the end of the executive session.

The Councilmembers returned to the Council chambers and the chair called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to return back to the regular session of the meeting.

LPR NO. 24-146

MOTION was made by John Mangus and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to come out of the executive session and return back into the regular session of the March 28, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

The chair addressed the audience and wished to let everyone know that the Council members went to the back and talked and talked and that there was no action taken during that time while they were in executive session. He informed them that everything would happen during the open meeting and be transparent in front of the television broadcast.

The chair advised that the first item that was discussed in executive session was an appointment by Mr. Joe Erdey for the Tourism Board that was made at the last Council meeting, the Council removed someone and replaced them with someone else. He stated that what they would do at that time is see if there's a desire from any of the Council members to make any changes.

LPR NO. 24-147

MOTION was made by Ricky Goff and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to reinstate Mr. Parker who was removed from the Livingston Parish Tourism Board at the March 14, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS, MR. CHAVERS, MR. GOFF

NAYS: MR. MANGUS, MR. COATES, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: MR. TAYLOR

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had **FAILED** and was **NOT adopted** on March 28, 2024.

Councilman Ricky Goff requested to speak and explain to the audience the reason why that this agenda item was very questionable. He explained that the Tourism Board is governed by the State of Louisiana and that he felt in his personal opinion that the Council should reinstate that gentleman back to the board. He further advised that all of the other boards and committees that the Council dealt with (such as Gravity Drainage Districts, Parks and Recreation, things of that nature) are all directly formed and created by the Parish of Livingston. He reiterated that the Tourism board is a little bit different and has a whole lot of other pieces to it. He stated that if it was the wishes of the Council to go the other way, then that is the way that they were going to go.

The chair announced that the motion had failed and moved to the second item that was discussed in executive session.

The chair advised that the second item that was brought up as per the agenda was the lawsuit with Donald Wade Holden and Livingston Parish in regard to LA Trace. He asked if there was any discussion or action from the Council with respect to this agenda item.

Council Dean Coates stated that he wished to make a motion that they resolve to settle that. Councilman Ricky Goff wished to second that motion based on the attorney's recommendation.

The chair questioned Councilman Coates if his motion was to resolve? Councilman Coates stated to settle it. The chair asked if his motion was to settle and authorize the Parish President to settle. Councilman Coates responded in the affirmative and stated that was correct, to settle. The chair asked Councilman Goff if he would be seconding that motion? Councilman Goff stated that was correct.

Parish Legal Counsel, Mr. Brad Cascio stated that there needed to be Public Discussion before the Council members voted on the motion that was made.

The chair asked the audience members if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against settling this lawsuit with Livingston Parish and Donald Wade Holden.

Public input: Angie Bourgeois, LA Trace property owner

The chair allowed the Council members to ask questions and have discussion.

Public input: Lionel Guerin, LA Trace property and home owner
???? Albin (inaudible)
Luke Schnyder
Garry Talbert, former Councilman

The chair allowed the discussion to continue. Having no other discussion, the chair made a statement and then called for the vote as follows.

LPR NO. 24-148

MOTION was made by Dean Coates and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to settle and authorize the Parish President to settle in the case of Donald Wade Holden, Et Al. V. Parish Of Livingston, 21st Judicial District Court, Parish of Livingston, Number: 171913, Div. "E" to resolve that the gravel portion of La Trace Road and the right of way as shown on the survey by Alex J. Theriot dated July 1, 1975 are not public.

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

YEAS: MR. MANGUS, MR. COATES, MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

NAYS: MR. WASCOM, MR. WATTS

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: MR. CHAVERS

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 28, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 20a, "Committee Report(s): Finance Committee: Consideration and Adoption of resolution(s) from positive committee recommendations", and called upon Councilman John Mangus, Finance committee chairman. Councilman Mangus advised that the committee had not met.

The chair addressed agenda item number 20b, "Committee Report(s): Ordinance Committee: Recommendation(s) of ordinance introduction(s)", and called upon Councilman Dean Coates, Ordinance committee chairman. The chair asked if he had anything that he could report on. Councilman Coates stated that yes they did meet, but they just deferred those items up to the next meeting because they need some work.

The chair stated that the last thing on the agenda was to address if the district attorney wished to report on anything. Mr. Brad Cascio advised that he did not have anything to report that evening.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until the next regular meeting being scheduled on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 24-149

MOTION was offered by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Erin Sandefur to adjourn the March 28, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS, MR. TAYLOR, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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



Sandy C. Teal, Council clerk



John Wascom, Council chairman

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