

Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
August 8, 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, August 8, 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: Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Advisor
Parish President Randy Delatte
Mickey McMorris, Livingston Parish Finance Director

The chair called the meeting to order.

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

The chair wished to remind the Council members, clerks and anyone who comes up to speak, to please place your microphones facing toward your mouth when speaking so that there may be a good clear audio on the television. He discussed the new process to use the microphones for the audio.

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 8, "Presentations: Update on Parish Audit – Mickey McMorris".

Mr. Mickey McMorris, Livingston Parish Finance Director, came to the podium to address the Council members. He directed them to a presentation handout that had been placed at their seating that would be addressed by the independent auditor, Mr. Tommy LeJeune of Faulk and Winkler.

Mr. LeJeune addressed the Council members and advised that each of them had received two (2) documents in their packet presentations, one (1) is a large bound document and is listed as "Draft", and he identified it as their 2023 Audit. He stated that in addition to that, there was a colored packet that he would pull some of the high points from a financial and a reporting point of view relative to the items that they notated in the audit as was identified as the "Presentation of 2023 Operating Results".

Mr. LeJeune discussed the components of their handout and the many things that they as the auditor, review. He explained the three (3) reports that he is required to issue, a statement report on the Parish's financial statements where they provide an opinion, the second report is internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the third report being internal control over compliance and major federal grants.

He referred them to the reportable items that were found as they conducted the audit and reviewed the exceptions and recommendations.

After a very lengthy examination and explanation of the audit presentation, Mr. LeJeune answered questions from the Council members.

The chair advised that the Council need not take any action on this report.

Mr. LeJeune wished to make a quick point before leaving the podium. He advised that this was a “Draft Report” and the auditor would be finalizing everything the following week and submitting it to the Legislative Auditor.

The chair called upon Mr. McMorris who wished to thank Mr. Tommy LeJeune and his audit team and advised that he thought that they did a wonderful job. He stated that the former auditors, LaPorte, were also available to help with establishing and catching up the books.

The chair addressed agenda item number 9, “A Resolution granting approval to Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to call and hold an election on Saturday, December 7, 2024 to renew of the levy and collection of a 1/2% sales and use tax for a period of twenty (20) years – Jim Ryan”.

Public input: Brian Clemmons

PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA

The following Resolution was offered by Billy Taylor and seconded by John Mangus:

L.P. RESOLUTION NO. 24-292

A Resolution granting approval to Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana to call and hold an election on Saturday, December 7, 2024 to renew of the levy and collection of a 1/2% sales and use tax for a period of twenty (20) years, beginning June 1, 2025, for the purpose of acquiring drainage works, rights-of-way for canals and ditches, flood prevention works, equipment and facilities necessary to construct, maintain and operate outlets for the waters of the District, and preventing flooding; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the “***District***”) adopted a Resolution on July 23, 2024 (the “***District Resolution***”) ordering and calling a special election to be held in the District on Saturday, December 7, 2024, for the purpose of renewing the levy and collection of a 1/2% sales and use tax for a period of twenty (20) years, beginning June 1, 2025, for the purpose of acquiring drainage works, rights-of-way for canals and ditches, flood prevention works, equipment and facilities necessary to construct, maintain and operate outlets for the waters of the District, and preventing flooding (the “***Tax***”), all in the manner conferred by Section 1805 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended and the applicable provisions of Chapters 5, 6-A and 6-B 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, December 7, 2024, 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 tax.

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, December 7, 2024, for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of the levy and collection of a 1/2% sales and use tax for a period of twenty (20) years, beginning June 1, 2025, for the purpose of acquiring drainage works, rights-of-way for canals and ditches, flood prevention works, equipment and facilities necessary to construct, maintain and operate outlets for the waters of the District, and preventing flooding (the “***Tax***”), in the manner conferred by Section 1805 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended and the applicable provisions of Chapters 5, 6-A and 6-B 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 proposition passes, approval, consent and authority are hereby granted to the District to levy and collect the Tax 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. WASCOM, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF, MR. WATTS,
MR. TAYLOR, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. COATES

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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 8th day of August, 2024.

\s\ Sandy C. Teal

Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

\s\ John Wascom

John Wascom, Council Chairman

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LIVINGSTON**

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Parish Council of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the “***Governing Authority***”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Authority on August 8, 2024, granting approval to Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana to call and hold an election on Saturday, December 7, 2024 to renew of the levy and collection of a 1/2% sales and use tax for a period of twenty (20) years, beginning June 1, 2025, for the purpose of acquiring drainage works, rights-of-way for canals and ditches, flood prevention works, equipment and facilities necessary to construct, maintain and operate outlets for the waters of the District, and preventing flooding; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith.

I further certify that this Resolution has not been amended or rescinded.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said Parish Council of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana on this 8th day of August, 2024.

\s\ Sandy C. Teal

Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

(SEAL)

The chair addressed agenda item number 10, “A Resolution granting approval to Recreation District No. 3 to call and hold an election on Saturday, December 7, 2024 to authorize the renewal of a fifteen (15) mill tax on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the District, for a period of ten (10) years – Jim Ryan”.

PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA

The following Resolution was offered by Billy Taylor and seconded by Erin Sandefur:

L.P. RESOLUTION NO. 24-293

A Resolution granting approval to Recreation District No. 3 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana to call and hold an election on Saturday, December 7, 2024 to authorize the renewal of a fifteen (15) mill tax on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the District, for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, Recreation District No. 3 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana (the “***District***”) adopted a Resolution on July 16, 2024 (the “***District Resolution***”) ordering and calling a special election to be held in the District on Saturday, December 7, 2024, for the purpose of renewing the levy and collection of a fifteen (15) mill tax on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District (the “***Tax***”), all in the manner conferred by Article VI, Section 30 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, La. R.S. 33:4566 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, 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, December 7, 2024, 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 tax.

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, December 7, 2024, for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of the levy and collection of a fifteen (15) mill tax on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District (the “***Tax***”), in the manner conferred by Article VI, Section 30 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, La. R.S. 33:4566 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 proposition passes, approval, consent and authority are hereby granted to the District to levy and collect the Tax 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. WASCOM, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF, MR. WATTS,
MR. TAYLOR, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. COATES

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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 8th day of August, 2024.

\s\ Sandy C. Teal

Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

\s\ John Wascom

John Wascom, Council Chairman

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LIVINGSTON**

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Parish Council of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the “***Governing Authority***”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Authority on August 8, 2024, granting approval to Recreation District No. 3 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana to call and hold an election on Saturday, December 7, 2024 to authorize the renewal of a fifteen (15) mill tax on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the District, for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith.

I further certify that this Resolution has not been amended or rescinded.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said Parish Council of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana on this 8th day of August, 2024.

\s\ Sandy C. Teal

Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

The chair addressed agenda item numbers 11a, c and d, “Adopt the Minutes:

- a. July 11, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Livingston Parish Council
- b. July 17, 2024 Special Meeting of the Livingston Parish Council
- c. July 25, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Livingston Parish Council”

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur advised that she had just received the minutes from the July 17, 2024 Special Meeting of the Livingston Parish Council and asked could they pull that out and postpone that one and adopt the other two. These minutes would then be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Council dated August 8, 2024.

LPR NO. 24-294

MOTION was offered by Erin Sandefur and duly seconded by Billy Taylor to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the July 11, 2024 regular meeting and the July 25, 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, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF, MR. WATTS,
MR. TAYLOR, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. COATES

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 8, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 12, "Parish President's Report:" and agenda item number 13, "Parish President's Office: Adopt a resolution to authorize the Parish President to explore privatization of the Livingston Parish Detention Center", called upon Parish President Randy Delatte.

The Parish President addressed the Council members and stated that he wished to give them a little background on this agenda item. He understood that many were interested in this agenda item and he had received numerous calls. The first thing that he desired to do was clear the air. He stated that there was nothing personally going on between the Sheriff and the Parish President. He discussed the budget shortfalls expected and he had looked out at numerous places where they could save money as they have cut, till they cannot cut anymore. He indicated that services were costing more and more money and their taxes had been flatlined. He advised that was their discretionary funds that could be used to hire compliance officers to inspect the 823 complaints that are behind at that time. He explained that they need their funding to provide the correct services that the constituency are requesting.

He stated, that having said that, Councilman Ricky Goff had communicated with the Sheriff and the Sheriff thought that perhaps this agenda item should be pulled, to which the Parish President agreed.

The Parish President discussed possible other ways that they could combat expenses and directed the Council members to refer to a package that he had distributed to them. He asked them to explore the package, make adjustments to it, and they would continue to the negotiations. He explained that they did not have to privatize the entirety of the detention center and if the Sheriff did not wish to do it, he did not wish to do it either and wanted to make that perfectly clear. He denoted that possibly certain parts of the detention center could be privatized and there were many things that they could do.

The Parish President thanked the Council members and the chair moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 13b, "Parish President's Office: Adopt a resolution to authorize the Livingston Parish President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between

the Livingston Parish Government and Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage Districts 1, 2 and 5 for the purpose of obtaining a discharge permit from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality” and called upon Mr. Steve Kistler.

Mr. Steve Kistler, Compliance Officer for the Parish of Livingston, greeted the Council members and explained the process and mandates of obtaining a discharge permit from the Department of Environmental Quality. This state agency allows the Parish to work with other entities and in order for the Parish to work with the three (3) Gravity Drainage Districts located in the Parish, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is necessary. This agreement will allow them to work together under one (1) permit in their efforts to reduce pollution and erosion. It will also formalize what each of their responsibilities will be in these efforts.

Mr. Kistler answered questions from the Council members.

LPR NO. 24-295

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to authorize the Livingston Parish President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Livingston Parish Government and Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage Districts 1, 2 and 5 for the purpose of obtaining a discharge permit from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in connection with the public purpose and public benefit of reducing erosion and improving the water quality of the creeks, streams and rivers of Livingston Parish.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 8, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 13c, “Parish President’s Office: Adopt a resolution to authorize the Livingston Parish President to execute the Storm Water Management Plan to be submitted to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) for the purpose of obtaining a discharge permit from LDEQ for the Livingston Parish Government”, and called again upon Mr. Steve Kistler.

Mr. Kistler explained that the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement will be the mechanism in place that defines what each entity’s work will be so that they may work together. The Storm Water Management Plan is presented to the Department of Environmental Quality by the Parish advising what the Parish will be doing to meet the mandates and requirements of reducing erosion and reducing or eliminating the pollution going into the state’s waterways.

LPR NO. 24-296

MOTION was offered by Ricky Goff and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to authorize the Livingston Parish President to execute the Storm Water Management Plan to be submitted to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) for the purpose of obtaining a discharge permit from LDEQ for the Livingston Parish Government.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 8, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda addendum item number A-1(d), “Board (re)appointment(s)/ Resignation(s): Livingston Parish Library Board Appointment – Randy Delatte”. He explained that the Parish President can be a member of the Library Board or can make an appointment. He called upon Parish President Randy Delatte to further advise what his wishes were.

The Parish President explained that he would like to make an appointment that was considered to be ad-hoc. The chair stated that this was to allow his appointment to be there for him when he could not. He advised that there was no one in that position at that time, and he wished to appoint Bridgette Rushing.

**Bridgette Rushing is known by her married name, “Bridgette Rushing Gilbert” and the resolution will reflect her known name as such.*

LPR NO. 24-297

MOTION was made by Ryan Chavers and duly seconded by Dean Coates to appoint Bridgette Rushing Gilbert to the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control as the Parish President’s designee and ex officio, as per Revised Statute 25:214(B), this five (5) year term of appointment will expire on June 30, 2029.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 8, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 14, “Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness: Adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish President to enter a contract agreement with Tetra Tech as Secondary Contractor to perform Standby Debris Monitoring & Management Services for FY 2024/2025”, and called upon Mr. Mickey McMorris, Parish Finance Director.

Mr. McMorris explained that earlier that year the Parish sent Request for Proposals for standby debris removal. When there is a disaster there is a requirement for a primary and a secondary for debris removal, and there is also a requirement for a debris removal monitor to make sure that they are doing everything in accordance with the rules.

Mr. McMorris answered questions from the Council members.

Public input: Abby Crosby

Mr. McMorris continued to answer questions, as well as Ms. DeeDee Delatte, Livingston Parish Permit and Planning Director.

LPR NO. 24-298

MOTION was made by Ricky Goff and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to authorize the Parish President to enter a contract agreement with Tetra Tech as Secondary Contractor to perform Standby Debris Monitoring & Management Services for FY 2024/2025.

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

- YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF, MR. WATTS, MR. TAYLOR, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. COATES
- NAYS: NONE
- ABSENT: NONE
- ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 8, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 15, “Grants Department: Adopt a resolution authorizing the parish president to execute a contract between the Livingston Parish Council and Procivil, LLC, the responsible low bidder for the ARPA funded Livingston Executive Airport Sewer Improvements Project” and called upon Mr. Mickey McMorris.

Mr. McMorris gave a brief history of previous actions on this matter by the Council and called upon Mr. Eddie Aydell of Alvin Fairburn and Associates to further explain the Request for Proposals for this sewer improvement project.

LPR NO. 24-299

MOTION was made by Ricky Goff and duly seconded by John Mangus to authorize the Parish President to execute a contract between the Livingston Parish Council and Procivil, LLC, the responsible low bidder for the ARPA funded Livingston Executive Airport Sewer Improvements Project in the amount of four hundred fifty-one thousand three hundred dollars (\$451,300.00).

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

- YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF, MR. WATTS, MR. TAYLOR, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. COATES
- NAYS: NONE
- ABSENT: NONE
- ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 8, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 16a, :Planning and Zoning Commission:
Joshua Daniels Alvin Fairburn
Servitude Revocation: Introduction of Ordinance
Ruby Moore Road Section 45, T5S, R3E Council District 2”

The chair called upon Mr. Eddie Aydell of Alvin Fairburn and Associates who explained why the servitude revocation was needed and answered questions from the Council members as well.

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

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-24

MAP SHOWING REVOCATION OF A 60’ ALL PURPOSE SERVITUDE LOCATED ON LOT 5-C-2-A-1 LOCATED AT 36305 RUBY MOORE ROAD, DENHAM SPRINGS, LA LOCATED IN SECTION 45, T5S-R3E, G.L.D., LIVINGSTON PARISH, LA FOR JOSHUA DANIELS BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN:

WHEREAS, by the official plat of MAP SHOWING REVOCATION OF A 60’ ALL PURPOSE SERVITUDE LOCATED ON LOT 5-C-2-A-1 LOCATED AT 36305 RUBY MOORE ROAD, DENHAM SPRINGS, LA LOCATED IN SECTION 45, T5S-R3E, G.L.D., LIVINGSTON PARISH, LA FOR JOSHUA DANIELS

LPR NO. 24-300

MOTION was offered by Ryan Chavers and duly seconded by Billy Taylor to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, August 22, 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, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF, MR. WATTS, MR. TAYLOR, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. COATES

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 8, 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 17, “Public Hearing and Adoption of LPO No. 24-23: DPW Surplus Equipment – Department of Public Works”, and declared the Public Hearing open. Having no comments, the chair closed the Public Hearing and directed the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title.

LPR NO. 24-301

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on July 25, 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 August 8, 2024 on Motion of Ricky Goff and seconded by Lonnie Watts:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-23

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE CERTAIN MOVABLE PROPERTY (EQUIPMENT) NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES; PROVIDE FOR ITS SALE BY INTERNET SALES AND/OR PUBLIC AUCTION; AND PROVIDE FOR TERMS OF SALE.

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

YEAS: MR. WASCOM, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. GOFF, MR. WATTS,
MR. TAYLOR, MR. CHAVERS, MR. MANGUS, MR. COATES
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and the ordinance was adopted on August 8, 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 18, "Introduction of Ordinance: An Ordinance to propose an election to amend the Home Rule Charter of Livingston Parish to authorize the Parish Council to engage Legal Counsel", and called upon Councilman Dean Coates.

Councilman Coates requested the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title for introduction.

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-25

AN ORDINANCE TO PROPOSE AN ELECTION TO AMEND THE HOME
RULE CHARTER OF LIVINGSTON PARISH TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH
COUNCIL TO ENGAGE LEGAL COUNSEL

Councilman Coates explained the proposition.

There was a question of adding other amendments to the election ballot and the costs thereof.

Public input: Wesley Sorenson

Councilman Coates asked Parish Legal Counsel Mr. Brad Cascio if he could find anything in Section 7-03 where it speaks of a committee when you were talking about amending or appealing the Charter. Mr. Cascio did not recall anything stating that it was a legal requirement of the Home Rule Charter to go the Home Rule Charter committee before any amendments are done, however, he advised that he thought that it was prudent practice to do that. He compared it to bringing ordinances to the Ordinance committee, and he would think that the Home Rule Charter committee ought to hear this as well. He also wished to point out that he was there to serve the Council members and carry out their wishes. He was also concerned about the Parish being over budget and receiving an audit finding and cautioned them about the finances of an election.

There was a very lengthy discussion regarding the wishes of the Council members.

Public input: Trey Cowell

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

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-25

AN ORDINANCE TO PROPOSE AN ELECTION TO AMEND THE HOME
RULE CHARTER OF LIVINGSTON PARISH TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH
COUNCIL TO ENGAGE LEGAL COUNSEL

LPR NO. 24-302

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, August 22, 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: MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. TAYLOR, MR. CHAVERS,
MR. MANGUS, MR. COATES

NAYS: MR. WASCOM, MR. GOFF, MR. WATTS

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 8, 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 19, "Introduction of Ordinance: To adopt a one (1) year Moratorium prohibiting the division or re-subdivision of any lot, tract, or parcel of land in Council District 2", and called upon Councilman Ryan Chavers and advised that this agenda item was being pulled.

Councilman Chavers stated that the Ordinance committee meeting would be held on August 20th, the Council meeting for this ordinance introduction will be on the 22nd, and the Council meeting for the Public Hearing will be on the 5th of September.

The chair addressed agenda item number 20, "Adopt a resolution authorizing the Livingston Parish Council to donate to the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) – Erin Sandefur", and advised that Councilwoman Sandefur had pulled this item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 21, "Adopt a resolution adopting Park and Recreation District No. 3's rules, regulations, and policies per L.P. Ordinance 24-18 – John Wascom".

LPR NO. 24-303

MOTION was made by Erin Sandefur and duly seconded by Billy Taylor to adopt Park and Recreation District No. 3's rules, regulations, and policies per L.P. Ordinance 24-18 adopted on July 11, 2024.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 8, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 22, "Amending of budget to allocate remaining ARPA money to be used for Roads and Drainage within the Parish," and called upon Councilman Ryan Chavers.

Councilman Chavers stated that remaining money in ARPA is two million (2,000,000) and he would like to make a motion to allocate the remainder two million (2,000,000) of the ARPA money to Animal Control. He further stated that he knew the agenda said “roads and drainage” but he spoke with the Administration and we are going to allocate it to Animal Control contingent upon getting updated federal guidelines from Moody Law Firm.

There was a lengthy discussion in regard to the limited uses that ARPA can be used for.

Councilman Chavers wished to amend his original motion to engage Brad Cascio to look into the federal guidelines for the ARPA money and what it can be used for. He asked if Mr. Cascio could have that ready for the next scheduled Council meeting.

LPR NO. 24-304

MOTION was made by Ryan Chavers and duly seconded by John Mangus to engage Parish Legal Counsel Brad Cascio to look into the federal guidelines for the ARPA money and what it can be used for.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 8, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 23, “Adopt a resolution to name an unnamed road located off La Highway 442, Independence, LA in Council District 9 – Joseph “Joe” Erdey”.

LPR NO. 24-305

MOTION was made by Joe Erdey and duly seconded by Dean Coates to name an unnamed road, “Billy Joe Road”, located off La Highway 442, Independence, LA in Council District 9, as approved in writing on August 5, 2024 by the Livingston Parish Building and Permit office.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 8, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 25a, “Board appointments: Ward 2 Water District Appointment”, and called upon Councilman Billy Taylor.

Councilman Taylor explained that Councilman Ryan Chavers had two (2) board appointments representing Council District 2 and he was gracious enough to give Councilman Taylor an appointment as he had none. He requested that the Council members remove Ward 2 Water District board member Jimmie McCoy and he would like to appoint Melissa Bennett in that position.

LPR NO. 24-306

MOTION was made by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Dean Coates to remove Ward 2 Water District Board member Jimmie McCoy whose term does not expire and serves at the pleasure of the governing authority.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 8, 2024.

LPR NO. 24-307

MOTION was made by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Erin Sandefur to appoint Melissa Bennett as a board member of Ward 2 Water District to fill the vacancy left by the removal of board member Jimmie McCoy; this term does not expire and board members serve at the pleasure of the governing authority.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 8, 2024.

The chair welcomed the Ms. Melissa Bennett to the Ward 2 Water District board. Councilman Billy Taylor requested for Ms. Bennett to address the Council members to introduce herself.

Ms. Bennett came to the podium and greeted the Council members. She explained her background in chemistry and an MBA from LSU. She advised that she has worked in water treatment chemicals for a Fortune 500 company. She was excited and appreciated that Councilman Taylor had wished to have her appointed to this position. She stated that she looked forward to serving.

The chair addressed agenda item number 25b, “Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s): Livingston Parish Library Board appointment – Billy Taylor”.

The chair called upon Councilman Billy Taylor who explained that District 3 does not have an appointment for the Library Board. He advised that Councilwoman Erin Sandefur went to the state and asked for more appointments. He stated that she had two (2) appointments and she was gracious enough to give an appointment to him so he could make an appointment and he would like to remove Ms. Ivy Graham from the Library Board.

Councilwoman Sandefur wished to explain that they went on the Council last year, the Council voted to go to the Legislature to give them nine (9) that would give each council person the ability to appoint a library board member. She advised that she had two (2) and she was giving one (1) to Councilman Billy Taylor, just for clarification sake.

LPR NO. 24-308

MOTION was made by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Dean Coates to remove Ms. Ivy Graham (resident of Council District 5) from the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control whose five (5) year term of appointment will expire on June 30, 2027.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 8, 2024.

Councilman Billy Taylor advised that he wished to appoint Ms. Shalisha Labat to the Library Board of Control to replace Ivy Graham.

LPR NO. 24-309

MOTION was made by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Erin Sandefur to appoint Shalisha Labat (resident of Council District 3) to fill the vacancy left by the removal of Ms. Ivy Graham (resident of Council District 5) to the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control to serve the remainder of the five (5) year term of that appointment that will expire on June 30, 2027.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 8, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 25c, “Personnel Board Appointment – John Wascom”, who explained that it had been determined that the appointment that was previously made for Jeff Wesley could not serve on the Personnel Board because he was an elected official, as per Home Rule Charter Section 4-05, “Personnel Policies and Procedures”, Part (D).

LPR NO. 24-310

MOTION was made by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Dean Coates to appoint Jay Mallett to the Personnel Board as per Section 4-05(D), “Personnel Policies and Procedures” to fill the vacancy of Jeff Wesley whose term will expire on September 11, 2027.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 8, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 24a, “Committee Report(s): Finance committee”, and called upon Councilman John Mangus, Finance committee chairman.

Councilman Mangus reported that the committee had met earlier. He advised that Mr. Mickey McMorris, Parish Finance Director, had explained to the committee about Parish government will have to pay \$47,000.00 for the jail.

Mr. McMorris explained that Mr. Moody has opined that the Parish can utilize jail funds when an inmate sues the Parish for damages. There are two particular cases that Mr. Moody represents the Parish that equals \$47,000.00. Mr. McMorris will be able to move the funds from the jail fund instead of paying it from the general fund which is quite limited.

The chair addressed agenda item number 24b, "Ordinance Committee: Recommendation(s) of Ordinance introduction(s)", and called upon Councilman Dean Coates, Ordinance committee chairman.

Councilman Coates advised that the next committee meeting will be on August 20, 2024 and to please submit your ordinances that they have so that the committee could go over them and invited the public to come out so that they can hash out any issues and get different perspectives. He stated that Councilman Chavers had one and he called upon him to discuss it.

Councilman Chavers advised that the committee had made a recommendation for his proposed ordinance that would remove subdivisions without improvements and it will be introduced at the August 22, 2024 Council meeting and the public hearing will be on September 12th.

The chair addressed agenda item number 25, "District Attorney's Report:", and called upon Mr. Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Advisor. Mr. Cascio advised that he had nothing to report that evening.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until the next regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council scheduled on Thursday, August 22, 2024 at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 24-311

MOTION was offered by Joe Erdey and duly seconded by Billy Taylor to adjourn the August 8, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

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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