## Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council Livingston, Louisiana December 19, 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, December 19, 2024, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

Lonnie Watts Ryan Chavers Billy Taylor Erin Sandefur

John Wascom

John Mangus Ricky Goff Dean Coates Joseph "Joe" Erdey

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

The chair called the meeting to order.

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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.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 7, "Reminder – When addressing any agenda item, please speak into the microphone". He urged the Council members, as well as the audience members when coming to the podium to speak, to please make sure that their microphones were turned on and to speak into their microphones as such.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 8, "Proces verbal of the canvass of the votes cast at the election held in the Parish of Livingston, state of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 7, 2024 – Jim Ryan, Government Consultants, Inc.".

The chair explained that a vote to take action was not needed for this agenda item. He conveyed that the Council was required by state law to read out loud the results of the election that had been previously held. He called upon the Council clerk to read the following into the record:

### PROCES VERBAL

## PROCES VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024.

**BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED** that on the 19th day of December, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Governmental Building, 20355 Government Blvd., Livingston, Louisiana, 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 (the "*Parish*"), and being the authority ordering the election held therein on Saturday, December 7, 2024, did examine and canvass the returns of the election, there having been submitted at the election the following proposition, to-wit:

### **PROPOSITION**

# Shall the Livingston Parish Home Rule Charter be amended to authorize the Parish Council to engage legal counsel for itself?

There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said special election IN FAVOR OF and AGAINST, respectively, the proposition as hereinabove set forth at the following polling places, to-wit:

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the election, it was therefore shown that there was a total of **2,641** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total

of **5,955** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that **there was a majority of 5,955 votes cast AGAINST** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

<u>WARD/</u> <u>PRECINCT</u>	PRECINCT LOCATION	<u>FOR</u>	AGAINST
00/01	N Live Oak Elementary School, 36605 Outback Road, Denham Springs	40	127
00/01A	N Live Oak Elementary School, 36605 Outback Road, Denham Springs	13	36
00/01B	Live Oak Elementary School Cafeteria, 35194 Old La Hwy 16, Denham Springs	31	108
00/01C	Live Oak Elementary School Cafeteria, 35194 Old La Hwy 16, Denham Springs	11	42
00/01D	N Live Oak Elementary School, 36605 Outback Road, Denham Springs	31	95
00/02	South Live Oak Elementary School, 8400 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs	36	53
00/02A	South Live Oak Elementary School, 8400 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs	16	66
00/03	Faith Crossing UMC, 34260 Walker North Road, Walker	43	86
00/03A	Levi Milton Elementary School, 31450 Walker North Road, Walker	25	92
00/03B	Faith Crossing UMC, 34260 Walker North Road, Walker	11	28
00/04	Live Oak Middle School, 8444 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs	35	101
00/04A	Live Oak Middle School, 8444 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs	15	56 27
00/04B	Live Oak Middle School, 8444 Cecil Drive, Denham Springs	5	37
00/05 00/05A	Levi Milton Elementary School, 31450 Walker North Road, Walker N Corbin Elementary School, 32645 N Corbin Road, Walker	25 6	99 12
00/03A 00/05B	Levi Milton Elementary School, 31450 Walker North Road, Walker	0 18	38
00/05D	Levi Milton Elementary School, 31450 Walker North Road, Walker	10	28
00/06	N Corbin Elementary School, 32645 N Corbin Road, Walker	18	76
00/06A	N Livingston Voting Precinct, 32511 La Hwy 63, Livingston	17	47
00/06B	N Livingston Voting Precinct, 32511 La Hwy 63, Livingston	9	38
00/07	South Walker Elementary School, 13745 Milton Lane, Walker	8	68
00/07A	Walker High School, 12646 Burgess Avenue, Walker	13	23
00/07B	South Walker Elementary School, 13745 Milton Lane, Walker	9	73
00/07C	South Walker Elementary School, 13745 Milton Lane, Walker	9	24
00/07D	South Walker Elementary School, 13745 Milton Lane, Walker	7	18
00/08A	Doyle Elementary School, 29285 S Range Road, Livingston	20	61
00/08B	Doyle Elementary School, 29285 S Range Road, Livingston	6	22
00/09	Fire District No. 11 Station, 33815 La Hwy 43, Independence	17	76
00/10	Holden High School, 30120 La Hwy 441, Holden	27	70
00/11	Albany Elementary School, 29777 S Montpelier Avenue, Albany	27	48
00/11A	Albany Elementary School, 29777 S Montpelier Avenue, Albany	12	66 5 (
00/12 00/13A	Albany Elementary School, 29777 S Montpelier Avenue, Albany Albany/Springfield Branch Public Library, 26941 La Hwy 43, Hammond	26 5	56 30
00/13A 00/13B	Albany/Springfield Branch Public Library, 26941 La Hwy 43, Hammond Albany/Springfield Branch Public Library, 26941 La Hwy 43, Hammond	3 48	52
00/13B	Springfield Elementary School (Cafeteria), 25190 Blood River Road, Springfield	32	52 77
00/15	Killian Voting Precinct, 28284 La Hwy 22, Springfield	19	36
00/16	Maurepas School New Gym, 25125 La Hwy 22, Maurepas	29	146
00/17	Fire District No. 9 Station No 2, 20368 La Hwy 22, Maurepas	46	46
00/18	French Settlement Elementary School, 15810 La Hwy 16, French Settlement	47	69
00/18A	French Settlement Elementary School, 15810 La Hwy 16, French Settlement	0	3
00/19	Frost Elementary School, 19672 La Hwy 42, Livingston	17	56
00/19A	Frost Elementary School, 19672 La Hwy 42, Livingston	8	21
00/20	Frost Elementary School, 19672 La Hwy 42, Livingston	5	21
00/21	South Fork Elementary School (CAF), 23300 Walker South Road, Denham Springs	22	78
00/21A	Gray's Creek Elementary School, 11400 La Hwy 1033, Denham Springs	9 8	27
00/21B 00/22	South Fork Elementary School (CAF), 23300 Walker South Road, Denham Springs Livingston Parish South Branch Library, 23477 La Hwy 444, Livingston	8 19	44 27
00/22 00/23	Gray's Creek Elementary School, 11400 La Hwy 1033, Denham Springs	89	106
00/23A	Juban Parc Junior High School, 12470 Brown Road, Denham Springs	30	39
00/23B	Juban Parc Junior High School, 12470 Brown Road, Denham Springs	11	30
00/23C	Gray's Creek Elementary School, 11400 La Hwy 1033, Denham Springs	38	66
00/24	Southside Junior High School, 26535 LA Highway16, Suite B, Denham Springs	63	94
00/24B	Southside Junior High School, 26535 LA Highway16, Suite B, Denham Springs	21	41
00/24C	Southside Junior High School, 26535 LA Highway16, Suite B, Denham Springs	30	74
00/24D	Southside Junior High School, 26535 LA Highway16, Suite B, Denham Springs	24	41
00/25	Denham Springs Jr High School, 401 Hatchell Lane, Denham Springs	19	53
00/26	Denham Springs Elementary School Gym, 306 N Range Avenue, Denham Springs	22	89
00/26A	Denham Springs Elementary School Gym, 306 N Range Avenue, Denham Springs	24	62
00/26B	Denham Springs Elementary School Gym, 306 N Range Avenue, Denham Springs	26	65
00/26C	Denham Springs Elementary School Gym, 306 N Range Avenue, Denham Springs	17	43
00/27 00/28	Denham Springs Jr High School, 401 Hatchell Lane, Denham Springs	23	52 42
00/28 00/29	Southside Elementary School, 26535 LA Highway 16, Suite A, Denham Springs Livingston Town Hall, 20550 Circle Drive, Livingston	6 21	42 91
00/29 00/30	Albany Middle School (Cafeteria), 29675 Reeves Street, Albany	21	29
00/31	Springfield Elementary School (Gym), 25190 Blood River Road, Springfield	10	9
00/32	Killian Voting Precinct, 28284 La Hwy 22, Springfield	20	78

00/33 Port Vincent Village Hall, 18235 La Hwy 16, Port Vincent 5	23
00/34 French Settlement Village Hall, 16015 La Hwy 16, French Settlement 24	41
00/35 Walker Junior High School, 13443 Burgess Avenue, Walker 10	47
00/35A Walker Junior High School, 13443 Burgess Avenue, Walker 18	52
00/36 Westside Junior High School, 12615 Burgess Avenue, Walker 17	117
00/36A Westside Junior High School, 12615 Burgess Avenue, Walker 10	49
00/38 Springfield Elementary School (Cafeteria), 25190 Blood River Road, Springfield 25	65
00/39 Eastside Elementary School, 9735 Lockhart Road, Denham Springs 11	73
00/39A Eastside Elementary School, 9735 Lockhart Road, Denham Springs 24	62
00/39B Eastside Elementary School, 9735 Lockhart Road, Denham Springs 8	32
00/40 Freshwater Elementary School, 1025 Cockerham Road, Denham Springs 28	101
00/40A Freshwater Elementary School, 1025 Cockerham Road, Denham Springs 47	97
00/41 Freshwater Elementary School, 1025 Cockerham Road, Denham Springs 13	48
00/43 French Settlement Elementary School, 15810 La Hwy 16, French Settlement 9	9
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The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the election, it was therefore shown that there was a total of **2,641** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **5,955 votes cast AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that **there was a majority of 5,955 votes cast AGAINST** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

The foregoing election was authorized by an Ordinance adopted on August 22, 2024 by the Governing Authority and notice therefore was duly given by the Notice of Special Election attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>. Said Notice of Special Election was published on September 12, 2024, September 19, 2024, September 26, 2024 and October 3, 2024 in the *Livingston Parish News*, as set forth in the proofs of publications attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>.

THEREFORE, 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 (the "*Parish*"), does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, was duly **FAILED** in the Parish on Saturday, December 7, 2024, and that the results of said election be promulgated by the Secretary of State and by the Clerk of Court in the manner required by law.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Livingston, Louisiana, on this, the 19th day of December, 2024.

s John Wascom

John Wascom, Council Chairman

ATTEST: \s\ Sandy C. Teal

Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

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Having no action or further comments, the chair moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 9, "Adopt a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to amend the Home Rule Charter - Jim Ryan, Government Consultants, Inc.".

#### PARISH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA

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

### L.P. RESOLUTION NO. 24-438

A Resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to amend the Home Rule Charter as proposed; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Parish Council of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority (the "*Governing Authority*"), of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "*Parish*"), as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That the Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish on Saturday, December 7, 2024 (the "*Election*"), said tabulations having been prepared and certified by the election officials serving at the designated polling places, and the Governing Authority does now further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the Election.

**SECTION 2.** That a Proces Verbal of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and that a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in her office; that another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and ex-officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of the Parish; and that another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of the Parish.

**SECTION 3.** That the result of the Election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual cost of holding the Election, as required by La. R.S. 18:1292(B)(2).

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

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

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 19th day of December, 2024.

1/2 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 December 19, 2024, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to amend the Home Rule Charter as proposed; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

**IN WITNESS 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 19th day of December, 2024.

\s\ Sandy C. Teal

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The chair addressed agenda item number 10, "Parish Presidents Report:". Having no report the chair moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 11, "Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 24-33: Amending Chapter 115 "Floods" to update freeboard requirements within the special flood hazard area, incorporate ordinance requirements as recommended by FEMA, incorporation of and inclusion of items in line with the community rating system".

The chair directed the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title as follows:

## L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-33

AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND AND REENACT CHAPTER 115 – "FLOODS" IN ITS ENTIRETY OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON.

The chair declared the Public Hearing open and asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this agenda item.

Public input: Candy Forbes, resident of Denham Springs located in Council District 2: wished to discuss manufactured homes and how this proposed ordinance will affect them. Gary O'Neal, resident of Walker: answered questions presented by Councilman John Mangus Parish President Randy Delatte Jim Gilbert, Chief of Staff to the Parish President Wally Avara

Having no other comments or discussion, the chair closed the Public Hearing.

#### LPR NO. 24-439

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on December 5, 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 December 19, 2024 on Motion of Ryan Chavers and duly seconded by Billy Taylor:

### LIVINGSTON PARISH ORDINANCE NO. 24-33

AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND AND REENACT CHAPTER 115 – "FLOODS" IN ITS ENTIRETY OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON.

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

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

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and the ordinance was adopted on December 19, 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 12, "Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 24-37: An ordinance to acquire immovable property for the Parish of Livingston pursuant to the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program Project Number EMT-2022-FM-003-0003 - Livingston Parish: Jerry M. Pace, 7597 Denham Drive, Denham Springs, La 70726".

The chair called upon the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title as follows:

#### L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-37

AN ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON PURSUANT TO THE FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBER EMT-2022-FM-003-0003-LIVINGSTON PARISH.

Homeowner:	Jerry M. Pace
Address:	7597 Denham Drive, Denham Springs, LA 70726
Appraised Value:	\$250,000.00
Amount Offered:	\$187,500.00 (75% of Appraised Value)
Legal Description:	Lot L, Denham North Subdivision

The chair declared the Public Hearing open and asked if there were anyone that was present who wished to speak for or against this proposed ordinance.

#### LPR NO. 24-440

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on December 5, 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 December 19, 2024 on Motion of John Mangus and duly seconded by Billy Taylor:

#### L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-37

AN ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON PURSUANT TO THE FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBER EMT-2022-FM-003-0003-LIVINGSTON PARISH.

Homeowner:	Jerry M. Pace
Address:	7597 Denham Drive, Denham Springs, LA 70726
Appraised Value:	\$250,000.00
Amount Offered:	\$187,500.00 (75% of Appraised Value)
Legal Description:	Lot L, Denham North Subdivision

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

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ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and the ordinance was adopted on December 19, 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 13, "Introduction of Ordinance: Extension of a 12-month moratorium, L.P. No. 24-02, prohibition of submittals for subdivisions with improvements". He

advised that this proposed ordinance had been reviewed by the Ordinance committee and had been discussed quite a bit to determine what would be the length of time for the moratorium's extension. He asked what were the wishes of the Council?

Councilman Ryan Chavers made a motion to extend the moratorium for five (5) additional months and to include the additional statement of "or until final zoning is adopted". Councilman Dean Coates stated that he wished to second that motion.

Councilman Ricky Goff spoke of a previous conversation they had to add the wording, "or when final zoning is approved". He stated his concerns about it before, and explained that there was a whole lot more to it than just zoning that needed to be discussed and included, such as the building codes.

It was his desire that the ordinance introduction would just extend the moratorium by three (3) of five (5) months, and to not put the zoning part until that is done, then approve whatever they completed at this Council as soon as they possibly could. It would then include the Unified Development Code, all the ordinances that the Council needs to change, and whatever else may need to be included, and once that is in place, the Council could ultimately at the end, approve zoning.

Councilman Chavers stated that he would be withdrawing his motion if Councilman Goff wanted to do that.

Public input: Jim Gilbert, Chief of Staff to the Parish President: asked the Council members to be reminiscent of their discussion upon the beginning of Administration to have three (3) phases of introducing zoning.

Mr. Gilbert called upon Mr. Jerome Fournier, of JPF Planning Consultants, LLC and Mr. Steve Irving to answer any questions that the Council members might have.

Mr. Fournier answered questions from the Council members. He reminded them of their discussions to have an interim ordinance, and advised them that they were currently working on the schedule to have that approved by the end of January. If the Council were to extend that, he advised that would obviously change the schedule. He indicated that Mr. Irving could discuss how and what would be affected by that.

Mr. Fournier wished to stop and make note at that moment, while they were in that public forum, that they have added two (2) public meetings that have been scheduled due to the concern of some of the Council members. The meetings will be held on January 14, 2025 at Springfield High School and the second meeting would be held the next day on January 15, 2025 at Levi Milton Elementary located in Walker. Mr. Fournier stated that this would not delay the timetable that had been established.

Councilman Ricky Goff inquired what was the time frame on the Unified Development Code?

Mr. Fournier reminded the Council members that at their last Council meeting they had introduced two (2) ordinances. One (1) was the zoning ordinance which also included the map and the other was the portion of the Unified Land Development Code that implemented the zoning parameters as well as some other features of that. He advised that the public hearing would be held on that in late January per the current schedule.

Mr. Irving answered questions from the Council members and discussed the timeline of their schedule for the implementation of zoning.

Mr. Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Counsel, posed the question to Mr. Irving, would it cause any problems for Mr. Irving and their schedule if the Council changed the number of months extending the moratorium.

Mr. Irving advised that if the Council extended the moratorium for twelve (12) months, it would open the door for developer lawsuits against the Parish. His suggestion would be to extend the

moratorium until March the 1<sup>st</sup>, and then if there is a need at some point to address something else about the development code, there would be plenty of time to do that.

Mr. Irving instructed the Council members that they needed to let zoning go through with the advertising requirements and the procedures that they have so that they have a bulletproof zoning ordinance. Councilman Ryan Chavers challenged the timeline and proposed that instead of ending the moratorium on March 1<sup>st</sup>, extend it to April.

Councilman John Mangus called point of order on Councilman Chavers and wished to make a motion to extend the moratorium for a maximum of three (3) months, but if Unified Development Code Zoning ordinances are ready to go, then it could be lifted sooner before its expiration.

There was a brief open discussion between the Council members as to what the date of the expiration of moratorium should be. The consensus being that it should be the end of April, specifically being the last day of April, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Public input: Sarah Phares, resident of Livingston: advised the Council members that they needed to be very careful with the wording of the ordinance. She warned them that if this proposed ordinance was not properly introduced that evening, they would be in a world of trouble. She encouraged them to take as much time as they needed before they made a vote.

Scott Killpatrick, representing the Home Builders Association of Greater Baton Rouge: opposed an extension of the moratorium

The Parish President acknowledged that there had been some great discussion from both sides, the Council and the public. He wished to caution the Council members that if you do not follow a schedule it could be problematic. He wished to recommend that once they decided what the extension of the time frame would be, that they add to the proposed ordinance "or until zoning is implemented". He also wished to caution them to suggest that they have a good reason to have a moratorium.

Upon the end of their discussion, and no one wishing to have further comment, the chair stated that Councilman John Mangus had made the motion and there had been a second by Councilman Lonnie Watts.

Councilman Mangus wished to clarify what was the motion that he had made earlier?

Mr. Cascio stated that the motion was to extend the moratorium to the end of the month of April (April 30<sup>th</sup>) or if zoning and the Unified Land Development Code is complete.

Councilman Ricky Goff wished to add that they include that the Unified Development Code was added onto that piece of it. He asked if he could call upon Mr. Jerome Fournier once again to ask the question, if the Council members extend that moratorium for three (3) months, how did Mr. Fournier feel? Councilman Goff admitted that he was worried about the Unified Landing Code. He stated that the Zoning was rolling and it was doing well and doing what it needed to do, but he agreed with Ms. Phares's statement earlier, and that was that the Council members needed to get it right. He asked Mr. Fournier if he felt that the Unified Land Development Code could be done within the three (3) month time frame?

Mr. Fournier answered, "Yes".

Councilman Goff questioned him further and wished to know, with that being said, did Mr. Fournier think that he could get with Mr. Irving and have the zoning part done?

Mr. Fournier answered, "Yes". He stated that the zoning part was almost finished and it had been introduced at the last Council meeting. He further acknowledged that modifications to the Unified Land Development Code that Councilman Goff was referencing, many of those, as Mr. Irving had stated earlier, just goes to the Planning Commission who send a recommendation to the full Council. He advised that they do not have the robust advertising necessary that zoning requires.

Councilman Goff then questioned Mr. Fournier once again, if they could have everything done within that same time frame. Mr. Fournier concurred and wished to clarify Councilman Goff's questioning. He asked Councilman Goff, "By the end of April"? Councilman Goff answered in the affirmative and stated, "Yes".

Councilman John Mangus asked Mr. Fornier when could this be introduced, so that it could meet the timetable?

Mr. Fornier advised that it could be introduced in late February, or it could be introduced in March, and then the Council could act upon it in April.

Councilman Goff stated that he thought that Councilman Mangus's motion was correct, and verified that it had a three (3) month extension, and then if the zoning is approved and the Unified Land Development Code are approved, then they will pull the moratorium.

The chair called upon the Parish President who wished to comment. He conveyed to the Council members that there was also a sixty (60) day period before they have to act on anything. The Parish President stated that in addition to the three (3) months, you have an additional sixty (60) days before you have to act on anything. He identified that it would really be five (5) months and it was the Council members' call on this.

The question was presented to Mr. Cascio, did the Council need to amend this ordinance introduction to reflect those statements? He advised that he did not think so because this was just an introduction.

The chair stated that there had been a motion by Councilman John Mangus and a second received from Councilman Lonnie Watts.

The chair called upon the Council clerk and asked for the proposed ordinance to be read by title as follows:

## L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-38

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXTENSION OF A TWELVE (12) MONTH PARISH-WIDE MORATORIUM THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ON JANUARY 25, 2024, BEING L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-02, BY EXTENDING SAID MORATORIUM FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE (3) MONTHS, EXPIRING ON APRIL 30, 2025 THAT WILL PROHIBIT THE STAGE I PRE-LIMINARY MEETING OF ANY APPLICATIONS FOR A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR A SUBDIVISION WITH IMPROVEMENTS, A SUBDIVISION WITHOUT IMPROVEMENTS AND MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENTS OR UNTIL THE ADOPTION OF AN UPDATED ZONING ORDINANCE AND UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (OR WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST).

## LPR NO. 24-441

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, January 9, 2025, 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. MANGUS, MR. WASCOM, MR. GOFF, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY, MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS, MR. COATES, MR. CHAVERS
- NAYS: NONE
- ABSENT: NONE
- ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 19, 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 14, "Adopt a resolution to send a request to DOTD for a traffic study on the curve in front of Brown Road and Juban Road, in Council District 5 - Erin Sandefur".

The chair called upon Councilwoman Erin Sandefur and she explained that she wanted to make a motion to adopt a resolution to send that request to DOTD.

#### LPR NO. 24-442

MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Erin Sandefur and duly seconded by Councilman Ricky Goff to send a request to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to conduct a traffic study located on a dangerous curve in front of Brown Road and Juban Road situated in Denham Springs, Louisiana, Council District 5.

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

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

- NAYS: NONE
- ABSENT: NONE
- ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 19, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 15, "Adopt a resolution from the Livingston Parish Council in support of the Louisiana CO2 Alliance, also called "The Alliance" – Dean Coates".

#### STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF LIVINGSTON

### L.P. RESOLUTION NO. 24-443

#### Motion by Councilman Dean Coates and duly seconded by Councilman Ricky Goff:

**WHEREAS**, local governments of Louisiana named as "Parishes" recognize the need to establish the Louisiana CO2 Alliance, or "The Alliance", described as a collaborative effort between the Parish governing body bodies and other governing agencies of participating parishes in the state of Louisiana.

**WHEREAS**, this alliance intends to address the challenges posed by CO2 injection projects, ensure the safety of local communities, and advocate for the passage of protective legislation, and further:

- 1. Inform and educate citizens about the CO2 injection projects within the state
- 2. Establish minimum requirements for corporations setting up CO2 injection sites within the parishes
- 3. To play a key role in drafting and supporting bills in the Louisiana legislative session that address CO2 injection concerns
- 4. To ensure the protection of local water resources, ecosystems, and community health

*WHEREAS*, the Louisiana CO2 Alliance accord will serve an extremely valuable public purpose and yield significant benefits for the general public; and

*WHEREAS*, the Livingston Parish Council wishes to pledge their support with other participating parishes and the other parishes within the State of Louisiana.

*NOW, THEREFORE, the* Livingston Parish Council, governing body of Parish of Livingston, does hereby support the Louisiana CO2 Alliance and its collaboration with other parishes to address the challenges posed by CO2 injection projects and advocate the passage of protective legislation.

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

YEAS:	MR. MANGUS, MR. CHAVERS, MR. WASCOM, MR. TAYLOR, MR. COATES, MR. GOFF, MR. WATTS, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. ERDEY	
NAYS:	NONE	
ABSENT:	NONE	
ABSTAIN:	NONE	
Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 19, 2024		

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 19, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 16a, "Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s): Appointment to the Library Board of Control – Billy Taylor".

The chair advised that he had received a call from his Library Board Appointment, Ms. Kathy DeGeneres.

He praised Ms. DeGeneres for her thirty-eight (38) years of service and commitment as a member of the Library Board of Control.

He stated that he had received her letter of resignation and had submitted it to the Council clerk. He asked if someone could make the motion to accept her resignation and he wished to appoint Jennifer Dorhauer to fill the vacancy.

## LPR NO. 24-444

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to accept the written resignation of Ms. Kathy DeGeneres (Council District 4) from the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control submitted to the Office of the Livingston Parish Council, effective immediately; and appoint Jennifer Dorhauer (Council District 4) to fill the vacancy of Ms. Kathy DeGeneres's five (5) year board appointment which will expire on June 30, 2027.

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

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

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 19, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 17, "Discussion of February meeting dates – John Wascom".

The chair explained that the meeting dates scheduled for the month of February 2025 for the Livingston Parish Council were set to be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. However, the Council members have made arrangements to attend the Police Jury Association of Louisiana's annual convention and the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting would need to be rescheduled.

There was a short discussion and it was determined that the February 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council would be moved to February 6, 2025 so that the Council members would be able to attend the meetings that were to be held at night for the convention.

# **NOTICE OF MEETING CHANGE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT**, the regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council that was scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2025, has been changed by a majority vote of the Council due to a scheduling conflict whereby the members of the Livingston Parish Council have committed to attend the Police Jury Association of Louisiana Convention that will be located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on the same date:

The regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council scheduled on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. <u>has been changed</u> to Thursday, February 6, 2025 at six o'clock (6:00) p.m.

All meetings of the Livingston Parish Council are open to the public and are held in the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, located in the Council Chambers, 20355 Governmental Boulevard, Livingston, LA.

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Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk Livingston Parish Council

## LPR NO. 24-445

MOTION was made by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by John Mangus to reschedule the February 13, 2025 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council to be held on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. due to a scheduling conflict whereby the members of the Livingston Parish Council have committed to attend the Police Jury Association of Louisiana Convention.

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

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

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on December 19, 2024.

The chair advised that agenda items 18 and 19 were being pulled from the agenda:

18. Discussion of professional beaver trapper – Joseph "Joe" Erdey

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There was no discussion or action taken. The chair moved to the next agenda item.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 20a, "Committee Report(s): Finance Committee", and called upon Councilman John Mangus, Finance committee chairman.

Councilman Mangus advised that they did not meet.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 20b, "Committee Report(s): Ordinance Committee: Recommendation(s) of Ordinance introduction(s)".

The chair wished to give acknowledgement to Councilman Dean Coates for all of the hard work that he has applied into the Ordinance committee as the chairman.

Councilman Coates stated that they will be having a lot of ordinances coming through soon and they would let everyone know when the next meeting will be held.

The chair addressed agenda item number 21, "District Attorney's Report".

He recognized Jessica Ledet who was sitting in the audience. The chair invited her to the podium to allow her the opportunity to announce her candidacy for Juvenile Court Judge. Ms. Ledet introduced herself and advised the election date for the seat that she was running for would be March 29, 2025. She thanked them for the opportunity to speak to them about her candidacy and her plans if elected.

The chair called upon Mr. Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Advisor. Mr. Cascio stated that he did not have any comment to report, but he wanted to thank everyone for reaching out to him that day giving their thoughts and prayers about his loss of a family member. \_\_\_\_\_

The chair acknowledged that it was their last meeting of the year. He asked if anyone had any comments that they wished to share. An audience member, Ms. Sarah Phares, wished the chairman a happy birthday from her seat.

There was an unidentified audience member who walked up to the podium and advised that he wanted to speak to them about zoning.

Councilman Ryan Chavers wanted to say that he was very glad to see Mr. Delatte back.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until they would meet again at the next regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council scheduled on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

## LPR NO. 24-446

MOTION was offered by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by John Mangus to adjourn the December 19, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

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.

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NhHbKbX65kl

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