

MINUTES

Livingston Parish
May 20, 2024

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee met on May 20, 2024, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. in the Parish Council Chambers, located in the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, 20355 Governmental Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana with the following members present:

Dean Coates – Chairman
Erin Sandefur
Ryan Chavers
Joe Erdey

The Chairman, Dean Coates, called the meeting to order.

The Deputy Clerk called roll. With everyone being present, the Chair began by thanking Mr. Erdey for volunteering to be on the committee, and then addressing item:

- 3. Old Business:**
 - a. Discussion of waivers for subdivisions previously approved to subdivide in a named subdivision – Ricky Goff**

Mr. Goff was not present at the meeting, so the Chair skipped this item for now.

The Chair moved on to Agenda Item:

- 4. New Business:**
 - a. Discussion of Ordinance on Setbacks on all State Highways and Roads – Erin Sandefur**

Ms. Sandefur explained she has this ordinance she brought back into discussion from 2022 due to it being vetoed by the previous parish president. In this ordinance, she is proposing the same thing that the Master Plan suggest. She is asking for 142 feet setbacks on all state roads. She said she was open to input, and she also had a letter from DOTD from 2022 recommending 240 feet of setbacks.

Mr. Gerald Burns (Chairman of Master Plan Review Committee) came to the podium and said he overall thought it was a good ordinance. He explained there was one part he didn't think should be in there and Ms. Sandefur said she would forward his concern to the people that are writing the ordinance. Mr. Burns then explained how the Master Plan review committee came up with the 140-foot setback. Ms. Sandefur asked Mr. Burns the reasoning behind why the original ordinance was put into the motor vehicle section in the code, and that she would like to see it have its own chapter, so it is easier for developers to find. Mr. Buns replied that he wasn't sure why it was put there, but he doesn't see a reason why it couldn't become its own section. She also wants the ordinance to state, "state highways" and questioned why it said, "future growth corridors." Mr. Burns explained that the past Parish President, Layton Ricks, and past Councilman, Tracy Girlinghouse, and himself came up with "future growth corridors."

Councilman Dean Coates stated that Mr. Burns had said he had spoken to former Parish President Layton Ricks about this topic, he asked if Mr. Burns had spoken to Randy Delatte about this yet. Mr. Burns said he has spoke to him when he was councilman, but he has not spoke to him yet, but he can.

John Mangus (Council District #6) came to the podium and asked if there could be a minimum of 142 feet on state roads so if need be in the future, they could make it wider. Ms. Sandefur explained it could be done and they have had discussions about making it wider. Mr. Mangus also wanted to make it clear to the public that this is not a "land grab," and that people can put anything other than a permanent structure on it.

Brian Clemmons (Master Plan Review Committee) came to the podium and stated that if the 142 feet is not used, it needs to be sent back to the Master Plan review committee to adjust the Master Plan.

Julie Dyson Norris (Maser Plan Review Committee) came to the podium and wanted to clarify that the 142 feet is from the center line of the road, not on each side of the road.

Ms. Sandefur explained that she has engaged the parish planner and will engage land use attorneys on this ordinance.

After a short discussion, there was ultimately a motion made by Erin Sandefur and seconded by Joe Erdey to send this ordinance to the full Council with a positive recommendation contingent on Ms. Sandefur having all the information back that she needs from the planner and attorneys.

The Chair moved on to Agenda Item:

4. New Business:

b. Discussion of Amendments to the Home Rule Charter – Dean Coates

Mr. Coates explained he wants to amend the Charter to give the Council more authority to hire their own attorney to represent them in legal matters. He noted that there would be no deletion of what is already there, but only adding a part “c” under the legal department section. He asked if there was any discussion on this item. There was no discussion from the public. Ms. Sandefur said she had looked over it and was familiar with it and she thought it was great and made a motion to send it to the full Council with a positive recommendation, which was seconded by Ryan Chavers.

The Chair asked if there was any more discussion on anything. Ms. Sandefur said she would like to talk about item 3a, subdividing in a named subdivision. She explained that she wishes the year in the ordinance be 1980 instead of 1990. She also stated that she would like to talk to Mr. Goff about it, so it will be placed on the next ordinance committee agenda.

With no other business to discuss, a **MOTION** was offered by Ryan Chavers and duly seconded by Erin Sandefur to adjourn the May 20, 2023, meeting of the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee, with no further discussion and where none opposed.

1/s/ Caroline Lockhart
Caroline Lockhart, Deputy Clerk

1/s/ Dean Coates
Dean Coates, Chairman