

MINUTES

**Livingston Parish
July 23, 2024**

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee met on July 23, 2024, at the hour of five o'clock (7:00) 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

Also Present: Attorney Julie Quinn

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

The Deputy Clerk called roll. With everyone being present, the Chair began by addressing item:

4. New Business:

- a. Discussion of Proposed Ordinance 24-20: An Ordinance to adopt a proposed Development Agreement in accordance with La. R.S. 33:4780.21, et seq., for the Deer Run Development, which is located in District 5 of Livingston Parish, State of Louisiana, properly advertised and noticed herein pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 33:4780.28, for all purposes and in compliance with all requirements under Louisiana law for same, including but not limited to those articulated in La. R.S. 33:4780.21, et seq., between (i) Livingston Parish Planning and Zoning Commission and the Livingston Parish Council, and (ii) Ascension Properties, Inc. And authorize the Parish President to execute the Development Agreement on behalf of the Parish.**

Ms. Quinn stated this was the first time she had looked at the blue lined agreement. She went on to explain multiple key points in the proposed agreement. Some mentioned is the development could not start construction without merchantable title, no apartments, the green space is preserved indefinitely, and any future filings would still need to go through Planning and Development.

There was a bit of confusion on what the committee should be discussing. Mr. Steve Irving contacted Ms. Quinn during the meeting and clarified that the settlement agreement would be done by resolution and the development agreement would be by ordinance. The settlement agreement would authorize the Parish President to enter into the development agreement

Ms. Quinn explained that if this settlement agreement was executed, it would take the place of the previous settlement agreement from the previous year, and also the other pending litigation that involve the same property.

The committee then went through the agreement and asked Ms. Quinn a few questions and expressed the concerns they had.

Mr. Taylor stated this document has changed so many times and even though it was emailed to them, he does not have time to read the twenty-two-page document every time it is updated. He also stated the changes that came out of their prior meetings were not changed in the document like it was supposed to be. He felt that not much negotiation was being done on their part.

Ms. Quinn stated the Parish is not in a very good position and unfortunately neither outcome is good.

Public Input: Jeremy Glascock

Mr. Glascock gave his input on some of the stipulations in the agreement and on zoning.

Public Input: Jamie Sandefur

Mr. Sandefur gave his input on some of the things in the agreement. He believes this agreement is very similar to the old agreement from the previous year.

Mr. Coates wanted to state that Ms. Sandefur, Mr. Taylor, and himself had been serving on the negotiation panel and it had been an overwhelming process, and he believes they are between a rock and a hard place, but he wants the citizens to realize that even though the outcome will not be good, they are doing everything they can to do the best for the constituents.

Mr. Chavers then recognized Councilwoman Erin Sandefur for the hard work she has put in not only for District 5, but for the whole Parish.

The Chair then moved to the next item.

Mr. Chavers distributed an ordinance that would set a one-year moratorium on subdividing and re-subdividing in Council District 2 until zoning is in place. Mr. Chavers explained what is happening in his district is people are buying property and subdividing it as a minor subdivision, then two years later doing it again and it creating “large” subdivisions. He also noted mobile homes are being moved onto property that he believes would not allow mobile homes if zoning were in effect.

Ms. Sandefur asked if it should be Parish wide. Mr. Taylor noted he thought each councilmember should be able to decide if they wanted the moratorium for their district.

A **MOTION** was made by Ryan Chavers and **SECONDED** by Billy Taylor to send this ordinance to the full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Public Input: Jeremy Glascock

Mr. Glascock asked if he had fifty acres, he could not subdivide that into two, twenty-five-acre tracts? Mr. Chavers responded yes. Mr. Chavers and Mr. Glascock then had a discussion on why Mr. Chavers wanted to put this ordinance in place.

With no other business to discuss, a **MOTION** was offered by Billy Taylor and duly **SECONDED** by Erin Sandefur to adjourn the July 23, 2024, 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