

**Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
May 9, 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, May 9, 2024, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

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

Also present: Chris Moody, Parish Legal Counsel
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 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 advised that agenda item number 7a, "Presentations: Solar Panel presentation from Entergy – Joseph "Joe" Erdey", had been pulled from the agenda. Councilman Joe Erdey advised that it would be presented at a future date. The chair asked if anyone present wished to speak on that item. Being none, he moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item numbers 8a, b and c, "Adopt the Minutes:

- a. April 25, 2024, Livingston Parish Council regular meeting
- b. April 25, 2024, Juban Crossing Economic Development District meeting
- c. May 1, 2024, Special Meeting of the Livingston Parish Council".

The chair advised that the minutes of the May 1, 2024 Special Meeting of the Livingston Parish Council were not ready at that time.

LPR NO. 24-185

MOTION was made by John Mangus and duly seconded by Ryan Chavers to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the April 25, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council and the minutes of the April 25, 2024 Juban Crossing Community Development District adopt as written.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on May 9, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 9, "Parish President's Report:". Having no report at that time, the chair moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 10, "Discussion of RS 42:14 – acknowledging public input – John Mangus".

Councilman John Mangus wished to state that in accordance to the Revised Statutes, the people do have a right to speak and we want to let you know as a Council, and he could not speak for

everyone, but he could speak for himself, that we do understand, we are a democracy and it is very important to have public input. He continued and stated that when items get pulled, they are not pulled for nefarious reasons. He declared that since he had been on this body, there had not been anyone pull something because they did not have the votes, so if something is pulled, one reason was because it's new information that's out there that they haven't gotten yet. That is why he asked to make the resolution that they go through the Ordinance committee. He wanted to let the public know that they do feel their pain and they do understand what it is like to get ready for a meeting, and they will do their best, speaking for himself, to not pull things and not pull items from the agenda for any other reason than they're not good pieces of legislation.

The chair addressed agenda item number 11, "Adopt a resolution to name an unnamed road located off George White Road in Council District 9 for 911 addressing purposes – Joseph "Joe" Erdey".

The chair advised that the road is not in the parish maintenance system and is being named for emergency cases.

Councilman John Mangus wished to confirm that the road would not be taken into the Parish maintenance system and would be have a red street sign posted once named. The chair advised that was correct, but it did back up to a Parish road, and it was being named for 911 purposes.

LPR NO. 24-186

MOTION was made by Joe Erdey and duly seconded by Erin Sandefur to name an unnamed road, "Pond Rich Lane", located off of George White Road in Council District 9 for 911 purposes, as approved in writing by the Building and Permit office on May 6, 2024.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on May 9, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 12a and b, "Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s):
a. Personnel Board – John Wascom and b. Livingston Parish Airport District – John Wascom".

LPR NO. 24-187

MOTION was made by John Mangus and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to appoint Robert Bergeron (Council District 4) to the Personnel Board as set out in the Livingston Parish Home Rule Charter, Section 4-05(D), "Personnel Policies and Procedures", to fill the vacancy left by the untimely passing of Mr. Jimmy Durbin and serve the remainder of this four (4) year term that will expire on September 11, 2025.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on May 9, 2024.

LPR NO. 24-188

MOTION was made by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Dean Coates to reappoint Denver Cassels (Council District 4) to the Livingston Parish Airport District whose five (5) year term will expire on January 1, 2029.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on May 9, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 13a, "Committee Report(s): Finance Committee", and called upon Councilman John Mangus, Finance committee chairman.

Councilman Mangus advised that the committee had met earlier and received a really good report from Mr. Mickey McMorris, Parish Finance Director. They discussed the Killian water crisis and received information from the Parish President advising that there are approximately seven hundred (700) homes and over fourteen hundred (1400) people who are served that have been affected. The Parish President went into depth providing information regarding the involvement of state and federal agencies.

Councilman Mangus wished to introduce Mr. Waguespack from Faulk & Winkler and asked if he would come to the podium to address the Council members.

Mr. Jacob Waguespack introduced himself and advised that his business partner, Mr. Tommy LeJeune had previously presented the report on the Agreed Upon Procedures engagement that had been prepared for the Council over the last few months. He stated that the action on that item had been deferred because the Council wished to review that report. Mr. Waguespack advised that he was there that evening to answer any questions that they may have.

Mr. Mickey McMorris, Parish Finance Director, advised that this was the special audit that was referred to as the "forensic audit". He instructed that the auditor looked at some specific items in that particular audit report.

Councilman Ricky Goff wished to make a motion to accept the findings reported at the previous Council meeting. Councilman John Mangus seconded that motion.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur interjected before the vote and asked to say something. She stated that she knows that she had said this in the previous meeting and she also said it in the Finance committee meeting but she just wanted to state it again for public record something that she had been trying to obtain for quite a while is the retainer to their legal district attorney, to their assistant district attorney. She wanted an itemized invoice of the Council's retainer and so to explain it, first she was told in an email that it was unable to be produced, and then she advised that she was told that it would be tedious to be produced. She indicated that she may have that in backwards order, but it was really, really important to her to get that for 2023 and she just wanted to state that on public record again.

The chair stated that he believed that the findings would be in June of this year and Councilman Mangus concurred that issue had also been discussed at the Finance committee meeting.

Mr. Waguespack confirmed that for the Agreed Upon Procedures, they presented those findings which they just accepted, and Faulk & Winkler will be starting the financial audit which includes a compliance piece over the next few weeks that is due by June 30th by the Legislative Auditor. They will be presenting that report at that point and time upon completion.

The chair stated that there had been a motion and a second and asked if there were any other discussion. None being, he called for the vote.

LPR NO. 24-189

MOTION was made by Ricky Goff and duly seconded by John Mangus to accept the Agreed Upon Procedures audit findings reported at the previous Council meeting at the April 25, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on May 9, 2024.

Having nothing else to report at that time from the Finance committee, the chair moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 13b, “Committee Report(s): Ordinance Committee: Recommendation(s) of ordinance introduction(s)” and called upon Councilman Dean Coates, chairman.

Councilman Coates advised that they had their Ordinance committee meeting the night before and they did have one (1) ordinance that was forwarded to the Council and that was an ordinance for a solar panel moratorium and was sponsored by Councilwoman Sandefur and called upon her for comment.

Councilwoman Sandefur asked if the Council clerk could read the ordinance proposed by title as follows:

L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-11

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A ONE YEAR (12 MONTHS) MORATORIUM PROHIBITING THE CONSIDERATION, SUBMITTAL, OR APPROVAL OF ALL SOLAR PANEL FARMS OR COMMERCIAL SOLAR POWER PLANTS WITHIN LIVINGSTON PARISH UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE PENDING STUDIES AND ORDINANCES ARE COMPLETE.

After reading the proposed ordinance by title and assigning the ordinance number, “L.P. Ordinance No. 24-11”, the Council clerk declared that the Public Hearing would be held on May 23, 2024 at six o’clock (6:00) p.m.

Councilwoman Sandefur stated that this is a solar panel moratorium until they conduct some studies and find out how they want to go about this in Livingston Parish. She asked if anyone had any questions about it.

Councilman Ryan Chavers advised that he had some questions from constituents for solar panel farms.

The chair asked if there was designation difference between what constitutes a solar panel farm?

Councilwoman Sandefur countered that some people have solar panels on their home and this was not what that was about.

Councilman Joe Erdey asserted that he lives in District 9 where there’s a pretty good sized, decent sized solar panel farm and he wished to acknowledge that he was with Councilwoman Sandefur on this. He stated the need to dig into this and get more information.

The chair questioned if Councilwoman Sandefur wished for this to be the introduction of the ordinance. She responded in the affirmative.

The chair questioned what are some of the problems with people putting solar panels in their field or their yard? He asked to be educated on this.

Councilwoman Sandefur advised that a plant or a farm, there being an instance in Mr. Erdey’s district, there are other parishes that have moved to ban or regulate it. It has become problematic with upkeep and maintenance. She further advised that the chemicals inside of the solar panels are said to be toxic and if you have a solar panel plant or farm that goes into disrepair and it is unmaintained, those are toxic chemicals that have fallen on the ground and she has been told that you will never be able to live on that or farm on that in our lifetime. It takes too long for those chemicals to break down and those toxic chemicals to break down. Councilwoman Sandefur said that she had talked with some state legislators about it that represent Livingston Parish. She advised that they were the ones that said you know, you might want to look into this. She has also spoken with Mr. Cascio about it, acknowledging that he had helped Tangipahoa Parish write their moratorium and their ordinance and regulations on it. She wished to recognize that she was working with him and there were other Council that are wanting to get involved and dig into this.

The chair acknowledged that he had given it some thought and had watched the Ordinance committee meeting on YouTube and had plans to research it himself. He asked if Councilwoman Sandefur wished to make a motion to introduce this proposed ordinance.

Councilwoman Sandefur instructed that this was just to put a moratorium in place while they research it and come up with their own regulations and what they want to do with it as a Parish. She indicated that she was not completely killing something here, there was a lot of research to be done. She advised that Mr. Cascio did the research with a councilwoman who is now a state legislator, so he has a lot of information and a lot to bring to the table. She continued to state that

while they do it, it would be smart and wise to hit the pause button on this and let's do it the right way.

The chair asked if there were any solar panels that the Permit office may know of at that time? No one responded.

Councilman John Mangus shared about his attendance at the Louisiana Livingston Parish Forestry meeting last month. He conveyed that the speaker was from Abbeville West, Louisiana where they have lots of these farms and he was advising all of the foresters to get an attorney because the local communities and municipalities do not have many regulations and every one of the contracts that they make are completely proprietary. He explained the problems that could transpire.

Councilman Joe Erdey stated that he had been doing quite a bit of research on this himself because it is right by where he lives almost. He advised that was why he pulled his agenda item earlier because he wanted to get all his ducks in a row before he presented it to anybody here. He stated that he supported the moratorium 100% and he said that they talked last night about maybe getting a committee to research this to get it right.

The chair asked if there was a second to Councilwoman Sandefur's motion to introduce.

Councilman Ryan Chavers stated that he wanted to say one more thing. He stated that he supported her moratorium because as she said, other parishes are doing it, and if the surrounding parishes are doing it, they're going to come here if we don't have a moratorium.

Councilman Ricky Goff stated that he wished to make the second to the motion.

Mr. Chris Moody, Parish Legal Counsel, asked the chairman if this was on the agenda. He recommended that they lift the agenda so the moratorium could not be challenged on some kind of technicality. He advocated that the Council members lift or amend the agenda, then take a vote to introduce.

LPR NO. 24-190

MOTION was made by Erin Sandefur and duly seconded by Ryan Chavers to lift the agenda for the purpose of introducing an ordinance to adopt a one year (12 months) moratorium prohibiting the consideration, submittal, or approval of all solar panel farms or commercial solar power plants within Livingston Parish until such time as the pending studies and ordinances are complete.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on May 9, 2024.

The ordinance had previously been read by title into the record and the Public Hearing was announced at that time by the Council clerk.

LPR NO. 24-191

MOTION was offered by Erin Sandefur and duly seconded by Ryan Chavers to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal in accordance with the legal mandates and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, May 23, 2024 at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. at the Parish Council Chambers in the Governmental Building located at 20355 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. ERDEY, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. CHAVERS, MR. COATES, MR. TAYLOR, MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF, MR. WATTS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on May 9, 2024.

LPR NO. 24-193

MOTION was made by John Mangus and duly seconded by Erin Sandefur to go back to the regular order of business for the May 9, 2024 the regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on May 9, 2024.

The chair wished to declare for everyone in the audience and anyone watching on television, this ordinance will come up at the next Council meeting for adoption, so if there is any input or if anyone has any information regarding solar panel farms to please get the word out.

The chair asked if Councilman Coates had any more comments in regard to the Ordinance committee report.

Councilman Coates answered in the affirmative and stated that there was one more thing that the Ordinance committee had voted on last night and that was to consider adding another member to the Ordinance committee. He discussed that they had an issue with traffic on the way to the meeting and the meeting was delayed for a while. He asked the chair if he would consider adding another member to the Ordinance committee. The chair asked if there was anyone on the Council who wished to serve on the Ordinance committee? If not, he knew some great people that have great minds that would love to serve on that committee if Councilman Coates would support that. He stated that they do not sit on the Council, but they would be glad to do it.

Councilman Joe Erdey stated that he would do it. The chair asked Councilman Erdey if he wanted to serve on the Ordinance committee? Councilman Erdey replied, yes, he will. The chair declared that he hereby appoints Mr. Joe Erdey with Erin Sandefur, Dean Coates and Ryan Chavers will now serve as the members of the Livingston Parish Ordinance committee. The chair asked Councilman Erdey, "you got this?" to which he replied back, "I got this".

Councilwoman Sandefur asked to make a comment and say something about it. She wished to bring up Tracy Girlinghouse. She stated that he told her in the middle of a term when they were going into the next year, he said to Councilwoman Sandefur that she should serve on the Ordinance committee. She responded back in the negative and told him no, she did not know how to do that yet, to which Councilman Girlinghouse replied, "That's how you learn". She stated that was what he did and it was one of the best things that he did to learn. She wished to echo that and thank him for telling her that and she extended that to Councilman Erdey.

Councilman Dean Coates thanked Councilman Erdey for stepping up to serve on the committee.

The chair asked if that concluded the Ordinance committee report. Councilman Coates replied and stated yes.

The chair addressed agenda item number 20, "District Attorney's Report:
Executive Session:

Discussion of the character, professional competence, physical and/or mental health of a Livingston Parish Convention and Visitors' Bureau Member as per Louisiana Revised Statute RS 42:17(1) and consideration of removal of board member from the Livingston Parish Convention and Visitors' Bureau

Harold Marcell Parker, Jr. v. Livingston Parish Government
21st JDC, Livingston Parish, Suit No. 182770 Division E".

Mr. Chris Moody, Parish Legal Advisor, asked the chairman if he could speak to this agenda item.

The chair called upon Mr. Moody and advised that he had placed this on the agenda.

He stated that there's a slight bit of confusion here. He did want to talk with the Council members about the second part of the agenda item, which was in regard to the lawsuits that have been filed.

He conveyed that he would like to talk to them about this in executive session so that he could find out what were the Council's wishes and they could discuss strategy.

Mr. Moody advised that the first part of the agenda item was just in case any member wanted to reconsider, and that was the language that he suggested be put on the agenda. He did not think that any member had asked for that to be reconsidered. He recommended that they have a discussion in executive session and then make a decision about what you would like to do with the strategy that may or may not resolve the need for any other action.

The chair concurred and reiterated that Mr. Chris Moody wished to recommend going into executive session to discuss strategy for a lawsuit. Mr. Moody answered yes.

Mr. Moody advised that there was no motion to remove anybody.

Public input: Mr. Tom Easterly, attorney for Mr. Harold "Marcell" Parker

Mr. Easterly thanked the chairman and the other Council members and introduced himself. He declared that Taylor Porter and himself were engaged to represent Mr. Marcell Parker. Mr. Easterly stated that he was there that evening to speak on his client's behalf to the extent that it is the custom of this Council or to the extent that there is an opportunity extended to someone in Mr. Parker's position. He advised that Mr. Parker politely declined the opportunity to participate in any executive session and would prefer that any discussion on the item as a Council involving his interests occur in the open session.

Mr. Moody declared that it was Mr. Parker's right if for instance they would be discussing anyone's character or competence because this often happens when you take any action to discipline an employee or remove someone from a board. The law requires that if you can discuss anybody's character or competence they must be notified in advance, and they have the right to have that discussion in open session, but there was another rule that allowed them to discuss litigation in executive session. That is what he wished to talk about, not anyone's character or competence.

Councilwoman Sandefur questioned who put this on the agenda "discussion of character, professional competence, physical and/or mental health of..." ?

Mr. Moody responded that he suggested that wording to the Council clerk and he had written a letter to the Council members to be distributed. So if anyone wanted to reconsider this action in light of the lawsuit, this is how it ought to be placed on the agenda.

Councilwoman Sandefur stated that this had been on the last agenda as well written that way. Mr. Moody started to reply but was interrupted as Councilwoman Sandefur stated that Mr. Erdey did not put this on the agenda. She then turned to him and asked Councilman Erdey if he had put that on the agenda. Councilman Erdey stated no, but it was put on the agenda under as of his name and he stringently denied that he had ever said anything like that and he wanted to resay it again that night.

Mr. Moody stated that he understood, however, anytime that you talk about the removal of someone and you might be speaking about their competence or their character, the law stipulates that you must give them notice at least twenty-four (24) four hours in advance.

Councilwoman Sandefur asked where did it say that in the law?

Mr. Moody replied that it was in the Open Meetings law.

Councilwoman Sandefur questioned if they had violated the Open Meeting Laws? Mr. Moody stated that was the allegation in the lawsuit. She asked why he did not tell her that when they were in the meeting? Mr. Moody advised that Mr. Brad Cascio did tell them. She and a couple of other unidentified Council members argued that he had not. Mr. Moody suggested that they speak about this in executive session. Councilwoman Sandefur stated that she did not know why they have to go into executive session and discuss it, it's public knowledge, it's a lawsuit, it's on public record.

The chair offered that strategy for a lawsuit might be something that you want to discuss in the executive session. Councilwoman Sandefur stated that she did not know that they had a strategy. Mr. Moody encouraged her to find out what your strategy is.

The chair called for a motion and a second. Councilman Ricky Goff wished to make the motion and Councilman John Mangus stated that he wished to second that motion.

The chair asked were there any other discussion?

Councilwoman Sandefur stated that she did have further discussion. She advised that they received a thirty-two (32) page email from Mr. Moody at 4:30 p.m. that day on this. She questioned how they could read all of this before the meeting.

Mr. Moody advised that all but one (1) page of that was sent to the Council members two (2) weeks ago. He further advised that all of the Attorney General's opinions that were included were also previously sent by the Council clerk.

Councilwoman Sandefur disagreed.

Mr. Moody responded that one of the Council members had asked for the law and the Attorney General's opinions and he learned this from an email chain. He explained that he was just making sure and reminding the Council members that those were the same Attorney Generals' opinions.

Councilwoman Sandefur asked if anyone else get those thirty-two (32) pages? Councilman Joe Erdey stated that he did not. Councilman Dean Coates asked Mr. Moody if he knew who made the request. Mr. Moody reiterated and asked for clarification from Councilman Coates. Councilman Coates asked who made the request for the Attorney General opinions. Mr. Moody advised that he thought that it was Councilman Joe Erdey who asked to send him the law about this.

Councilman Joe Erdey replied that was not him at all. Councilwoman Sandefur disputed that was not the law, those are opinions. Mr. Moody explained that the Attorney General cites what the law is in those opinions.

Councilman John Mangus advised that the Council members did get those opinions.

Mr. Moody stated that the statute was also sent how you go about appointing a member of the Tourism Commission and that was all sent in response to that.

Councilman Erdey stated that he did not ask for that.

The chair advised that the Council has a pending lawsuit and our attorney wants to discuss it in executive session to see what the options are. He further stated that he felt that it would not hurt anything for the Council members to hear what his thoughts are on dealing with pending litigation.

The chair then asked if there were any more comments?

Public input: Mindy Starkey, resident of Springfield: advised she could not understand why somebody is fighting so hard for an unpaid position and suggested that the Council or somebody else needed to look at what's going on in the Tourism Board, because she would not fight to maintain a position to go to six (6) meetings a year and hire an attorney to keep a position when it's not even paid

Public input: Tom Easterly, attorney for Marcell Parker, Taylor Porter

Mr. Easterly asked to be heard. He advised that on March 14th of that year there was a Council meeting and he watched the video, he had seen the agenda item that came up for discussion and he believed that there was an executive session in connection with that. He further advised that at that point in time, the Council voted to remove his client from the Tourism Commission in Councilman Erdey's district.

Mr. Easterly stated that the documents that he received with the public records request that pertained to that meeting and the meeting two (2) weeks later reflect that there was no suggestion whatsoever by any member of the Council, except what may have been reflected in an agenda item, that there was any impropriety associated with his client, there has been no suggestion that he has any character issues or health issues. He advised that no one seems to know where the language in the agenda came from and the person that replaced his client or that was appointed by this Council, which he did not agree that the Council had the authority to do so, is someone that Mr. Erdey knows, it is not a situation where Mr. Erdey is contending that his client any character flaws and there has been nothing associated with his credibility that has been challenged and there has been nothing to support the notion that there is any basis to remove him for cause. He explained that he was not present to call anyone out on anything, but it was their position that this Council does not have authority to remove his client from the commission. His client had been elected as the chairman of the commission in February of that year and would like to remain as the chairman and serve out his term. He advised that was what the lawsuit was about.

Councilman Erdey asked if he could answer that and advised that he was asked by Mr. Cascio to give just cause why he was removing this board member and appointing Ms. Levi. Councilman Erdey stated that they get the record straight because he could see where Mr. Easterly was going with this. He stated that her and I were married forty-four (44) years ago and that was his ex-wife and he had picked her and she was qualified way over Mr. Parker and he could go into details and

could list character, but nothing about any mental or physical or sickness, it was what your job is and what's required of you to be on the Tourist Bureau and she out weighs him one hundred to one (100 to 1). He advised that he gave all of the reasons why and the flaws and the pluses to Mr. Cascio and Councilman Coates had stated there is your answer. Councilman Erdey stated that he did not leave out anything and the appointment was done correctly. He advised that everything was done by the law, Mr. Cascio had asked him, Mr. Coates said there you go and it was accepted. He stated that he missed nothing on how he did it.

The chairman advised that he heard what was being said, however, they were not there to discuss what the Council had done was right or wrong, or why they did it, now that the Council had a lawsuit against them, and their attorney had information that the Council needed to know. He stated that Councilman Ricky Goff had made the motion and Councilman John Mangus had seconded the motion to go into executive session to be advised of legal strategies from their attorney and asked the Council clerk to call for the vote.

LPR NO. 24-194

MOTION was made by Ricky Goff and duly seconded by John Mangus to enter into executive session to discuss strategy of the lawsuit, Harold Marcell Parker, Jr. v. Livingston Parish Government, 21st JDC, Livingston Parish, Suit No. 182770 Division E.

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

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

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on May 9, 2024.

LPR NO. 24-195

MOTION was made by John Mangus and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to go back to the regular order of business of the May 9, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on May 9, 2024.

The chair declared that the Council was now back in regular session and advised that they had met in executive session and listened to their legal advisor and there was no action taken during that executive session. He asked if there was anyone who wished to make any recommendations or motions, and if not then they would entertain a motion to adjourn that evening's meeting.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until the next regular meeting being scheduled on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 24-196

MOTION was offered by Dean Coates and duly seconded by Ryan Chavers to adjourn the May 9, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

\s\ Sandy C. Teal

Sandy C. Teal, Council clerk

\s\ John Wascom

John Wascom, Council chairman

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