

**Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council  
Livingston, Louisiana  
August 22, 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 22, 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: Parish President Randy Delatte  
Mickey McMorris, Livingston Parish Finance Director

Absent: Parish Legal Advisor

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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.  
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The chair wished to remind everyone that when addressing any agenda item, please speak into the microphone.  
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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 advised that he wished to move up agenda item number 12a, "Special Legal Counsel: Public Hearing and adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 24-20: An Ordinance to adopt the Proposed Development Agreement". No one objected to this action.

The chair opened the Public Hearing and requested that the council clerk read the proposed ordinance by title.

**L.P. Ordinance No. 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.*

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

Public input: Steve Irving, Parish Planning and Development Legal Counsel

Mr. Irving wished to explain the proposed ordinance as it followed under a law that was totally new to the Parish of Livingston. He advised that they were hoping that it would establish a template for future developments that are considered "mega-subdivisions". He discussed the advertising specifics of mandated publications, conducting the public hearing and ultimately adopting the development agreement as the ordinance.

He stated that this particular development agreement had several things that he wished to highlight being:

- a. This development agreement was written to incorporate things that the Parish of Livingston wanted:

- i. Reduction of density of ten percent (10%)
- ii. Small lots are eliminated
- iii. Provision of no outside fill
- iv. Provision specifically for no outside fill in the area that is below the base flood elevation
- v. At the present time, the Parish of Livingston does not have impact fees, but if in the future, the Parish votes to adopt impact fees, the impact fees would not apply to the first four hundred (400) lots in the development that have been previously approved
- vi. Still, the Parish would be able to implement impact fees on the rest of the development
- b. The development agreement will allow the Parish to zone the land that is under the base flood elevation to ensure that it can never be developed.
- c. The development agreement eliminates all apartments.

Mr. Irving stated that the final product of this is an ordinance that aligns itself with the settlement agreement that the Livingston Parish Council previously approved, which has now been entered as a judgment of the federal court.

He discussed that going forward, their recommendation as the Planning and Zoning Legal Counsel and the Planning professional, would be to use this type of agreement with other mega-developments to be submitted to the Parish and then negotiated before they would be allowed to file their first plat. He also discussed that upon these negotiations in the development agreement, the developer will be mandated to address the infrastructure requirements that the Parish needs to have in order for that development to proceed from the very beginning of the process. The development agreement would also be a requirement to be filed with the first plat. It was their opinion, that this new procedure would go a long way towards helping the Parish with the problems that the Parish has seen. Additionally, impact fees will be addressed in the development agreement.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Irving’s discussion, the chair stated that the Public Hearing was still open and asked if there were anyone else that was present that wished to speak for or against this proposed ordinance.

None being, the chair closed the Public Hearing. He then asked if the Council members had anything that they wished to comment on or to question.

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur stated that she had a question. She asked what was the vote from the Planning Commission? The chair advised that they did not take any action. He then called for a motion, second and the vote.

**LPR NO. 24-312**

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on July 11, 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 22, 2024 on Motion of Lonnie Watts and seconded by Ricky Goff:

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

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

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and the ordinance was adopted on August 22, 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).

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The chair called upon Mr. Irving and asked if the Council members needed to address agenda item number 12b, “Special Legal Counsel:

- b. In addition to consideration of the hearing on the Development Agreement ordinance and action on the Development Agreement ordinance, the Council will consider any additional action necessary to implement the Development Agreement including any resolutions necessary to grant any further authority to the Parish President to implement and execute the Development Agreement. If necessary, there may be an executive session to discuss the Development Agreement and the compliance with the related federal court orders – Maley Law Firm”?

Mr. Irving advised that there was no additional action that was required, other than the adoption of the ordinance. He stated that in the case for the Planning Commission, the requirement was for the Planning Commission to hold a hearing, which was achieved.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 8a, “Presentations:

Industrial Tax Exemption Program Notice of Non-Compliance for Gator Millworks, Inc.: Adopt resolution to defer any decision or action to the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry; or make a recommendation on the consequence for non-compliance; or agree on a default payment and send such notification to the Louisiana Board of Commerce – David Bennett/LEDC Director”.

The chair advised that he had met with representatives from Gator Millworks, Mr. Jody Purvis of the Livingston Parish School Board, Ms. Jamie Felder from the Livingston Parish Sheriff’s Office and Mr. David Bennett, former Livingston Parish Economic Development Council Director. Councilman Billy Taylor had the same experience as well.

The chair gave a brief history of Gator Millworks’ participation in the State of Louisiana’s Industrial Tax Exemption Program. He stated that upon their review, it was the recommendation of the above listed participants, the chair, Mr. Purvis, Ms. Felder and Mr. Bennett, that Gator Millworks should not be allowed the tax exemption for the two (2) years that they were not compliant with the program’s mandates. He asked if that was Councilman Billy Taylor’s understanding as well?

Councilman Taylor concurred and stated that he wished to add a caveat to their recommendation. He advised that he would like to add that if Gator Millworks does not meet the requirements for one (1) more year, that the Council members would make a recommendation that they would lose their tax exemption with the Industrial Tax Exemption Program through the State of Louisiana.

The chair asked Councilman Taylor if he would like to make that in the form of a motion, to which Councilman Ricky Goff advised that he wished to make the second to that motion.

The chair asked if there was anyone present who wished to comment on this agenda item?

Public input: Robert Wege, Sumit Credits; represents Gator Millworks  
Chad Foster, President of Gator Millworks  
James Holland, carpentry teacher at Walker High School  
Jordy Gonzales

The chair allowed Mr. Wege and Mr. Foster to answer many questions from the Council members in regard to their number of employees and the challenges thereof to stay in compliance with the ITEP Agreement.

**LIVINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL  
L.P. RESOLUTION NO. 24-313**

MOTION was made by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Ricky Goff:

**BE IT FOREVER KNOWN**, that by official action taken at its meeting of August 22, 2024, the Livingston Parish Council (sometimes referred to as the “Council”) adopted the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Gator Millworks, Inc. (hereafter referred to as “Company”) entered into a Contract for Exemption of Ad Valorem Taxes (hereafter referred to as the “Agreement”, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A), with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development (hereafter referred to as “LED”) for the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (“ITEP”) allowing Company to obtain an exemption from ad valorem taxes in Livingston Parish;

**WHEREAS**, the Company, in exchange for the noted exemption from ad valorem taxes, agreed to, in addition to other Company Objectives as prescribed in the Agreement, the creation of five (5) new Jobs with an Annual Payroll of at least \$250,000;

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement required timely Annual Certification of Compliance to be submitted to LED each Project Year outlining Company Objectives, which would include certification of the job creation and payroll requirements outlined above and in the Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement among and between the parties noted herein and above was consummated in April of 2019, and the Annual Certification of Compliance requirements began with the 2020 Project Year;

**WHEREAS**, the Company failed to satisfy the requirements of the agreement in the 2022 and 2023 Project Years, as no Annual Certification of Compliance was received by the LED from the Company, and the LED found no evidence of the five (5) newly created jobs or any payroll associated therewith;

**WHEREAS**, the Council is entitled to and relies upon ad valorem taxes and other sources of revenue for its day-to-day operations, and the Board has a continuing interest in ITEP compliance;

**WHEREAS**, the Council, as a Local Governmental Entity, in accordance with Section 6.01(B)(4) of the Agreement, is empowered to make a recommendation to the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry on the consequence for the Company’s non-compliance;

**WHEREAS**, the Council recommends that Company forfeits and/or loses one year of exemption benefits for each year of non-compliance, as documented by LED; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council recommends that Company shall continue to forfeit and/or lose a corresponding exemption benefit for any future years of non-compliance, until such time as this Board resolves to act in a different manner.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that by the vote reflected hereinbelow, the Livingston Parish Council does hereby resolve that Gator Millworks, Inc. failed to satisfy the requirements of its ITEP Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and as such, shall forfeit exemption benefits for each year it is and remains non-compliant. The Livingston Parish Council does hereby recommend the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry reduce by one (1) year for 2022 and by one (1) year for 2023 the terms of the tax exemptions previously granted to Gator Millworks, Inc. from the current five (5) year term to three (3) year term.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if Gator Millworks, Inc. fails to satisfy the requirements of its ITEP Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development for the year 2024, it shall be the recommendation of the Livingston Parish Council to assign the forfeiture of all exemption benefits for Gator Millworks.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 2024.

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The chair moved to agenda addendum item number A-2(a), “Parish President’s Report: Childhood Hunger Awareness Month Proclamation – Randy Delatte”.

The chair requested the Council clerk to read the Proclamation as follows:

**PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, statistics are 1 in 4 children in Louisiana live in a food insecure home.

Whereas, statistics like these moved a prayer group of dedicated moms praying for their children, school

administration and staff and mentors to turn their thoughts and prayers to ways they could help children and families in their community; and

Whereas, these dedicated moms founded Mighty Moms in 2010 to end childhood hunger in Livingston Parish; and

Whereas, Mighty Moms adopted the vision statement, "To see all children graduate with a full mind and a full tummy" and the Mission to "Nurture hungry children to success"; and

Whereas, today Mighty Moms is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which organizes programs for children in our community to provide weekend hunger bags through The Full Tummy program, family meal kits through the Feeding Young Minds program and Fresh produce on extended school breaks and summer through the Go Fresh program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randy Delatte, President of Livingston Parish, in recognition of commitment, faith and love of Mighty Moms, do hereby proclaim

**September 2024**

### **CHILDHOOD HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH**

In Livingston Parish, I urge our great community to educate themselves on the impact that childhood hunger has in our Community in our schools and neighborhoods and to support the efforts of Mighty Moms through prayer and donations.

Public input: Dawn Birdsong, Co-founder of Mighty Moms  
Beth McCormick, Co-founder of Mighty Moms

Ms. Birdsong and Ms. McCormick thanked the Parish President and the Livingston Parish Council members for their support throughout the years and advised that this was their seventh (7th) Proclamation to receive from the Parish. Each gave a brief, heartwarming statement about the program and asked if the Parish President and the Council members would allow a moment to have a photo opportunity with them.

The chair obliged and no one objected.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 8b, "Planning Update and Introduction of WSP Planning Staff for Master Plan, Zoning and Unified Land Development Code - Jerome Fournier and Nathan Lipson".

Mr. Jerome Fournier approached and greeted the Council members. He gave a brief report of the progress that had been made and the selection of the Planning Consultant who would be helping them with the real details of writing ordinances, preparing maps and scheduling public meetings. He acknowledged that through the help of the Parish Administration and Councilman John Wascom, a Task Force was being assembled. This Task Force would be an asset to bounce ideas off of and they will also hold and embark upon public meetings.

Mr. Fournier finished his report and called upon Mr. Max Nassar, Senior Vice President of WSP USA, to convey to them about some of the work effort that they would be doing.

Mr. Nassar greeted the Council members and thanked them for the work and opportunity to do this for Livingston Parish. He and his company knew how valuable that this work was and the crunch that the Parish was under for this work to be implemented. He introduced himself and advised that he was the Senior Vice President of WSP, USA. He explained that WSP, USA was an international consulting firm. They are traded on the stock exchange, and worldwide they have a total seventy thousand (70,000) people and locally within the United States they have twenty thousand (20,000) people. They have had permanent offices in Louisiana that are located in Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Belle Rose that have been established for over forty (40) years. He further explained that his role as a Senior Vice President is to manage their businesses in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Their businesses include transportation, water resources and drainage, advisory services (which is what the work they are doing for the Parish will fall under), environmental services,

buildings and energy.

At that time, Mr. Nassar indicated that he wished to introduce their project manager who had a power point presentation that would give everyone an idea of where they are, and what the future looks like.

Mr. Nathan Lipson, Senior Transportation and Environmental Planner and Project Manager/Public Outreach Lead, stated that he had been working in Louisiana for eight (8) years and was excited to be working in Livingston Parish.

He introduced his team that were present:

- Lee Walton, who is also a planner and Mr. Lipson's Deputy project manager
- Rebecca Howell, Water engineer and state water lead
- Jessica Butterfield, Water engineer and on Rebecca's team
- Mikki Taylor Hendrix, leads public outreach for this project
- Ibrahim Abdeljaber, Transportation planner and is on Mr. Lipson's team

Rebecca Howell and Jessica Butterfield will be assisting with the coordination between this Master Plan and the ongoing Parish Master Drainage Plan.

Mr. Lipson advised that these individuals were residents of Louisiana, with the exception of Mr. Lee Walton. He stated that there were several University of New Orleans graduates, LSU graduates, and they have a lot of expertise in this area and were also local.

He went through the power point presentation noting their initial progress and preparation that had been completed:

- They have reviewed the 2013 Master Plan and have begun to take what they already know about the future zoning categorizations and working on taking the parcels applying the recommended zoning that has already been presented.
- They have begun the zoning code analysis that will have the recommended changes from WSP, USA.
- They are taking a look at what zoning categorizations already exist in the Parish, comparing them to other parishes.

Mr. Lipson continued with the power point presentation and explained the proposed project timeline. He asked the Council members to turn their attention to the line item that stated, "*Zoning and Land Use Code Update\*\**".

He wished to assert that they have adjusted the schedule on that line item, and that they were very aware of the existing moratorium as well as, the Parish's time crunch to have something on the books before the moratorium expires.

He announced that that they will be kicking off their first stage, which is the Public Outreach of the project, as soon possible so that interim zoning may be put into place before December. This will allow the Council members to have the opportunity to have the interim zoning before the moratorium expires. He explained what that does to their schedule is that it now ends up pushing a lot of some of the Master Plan activities to early 2025. He advised that this will give them the opportunity to do the in-depth analysis that will require more time, then recommend a "second version" of the zoning code that will be delivered with the full Master Plan in the spring of 2025.

Councilman Ryan Chavers asked Mr. Lipson if the Council could have a copy of the schedule to the power point presentation to distribute to the public. He stated that he knew it would be tentative. Mr. Lipson advised yes.

Councilman Chavers requested that WSP, USA come to every Council meeting and give a three to five (3-5) minute update so that the public can see what it going on throughout the process and know that there are no lags.

Mr. Lipson advised that their schedule will be attached to their contract, which as mentioned before, still needs to be finalized. He stated that they will be providing the Council with written monthly updates for assessment and invited them to ask any questions they might have upon that

review. He acknowledged that they would be at the Council meetings as well, and would be happy to give an update based on the activities at that time.

Mr. Jerome Fournier addressed the Council members and advised that he will continue to be project manager on this overall, and as he has done before, he will continue to give the Council members updates. He advised that he and WSP, USA will also be attending the Planning Commission meetings and giving updates because this will be coordinated with the Planning and Zoning Commission and they want to make sure that they are on top of that. He will be giving updates monthly to the Council members, and if WSP, USA is needed, they will attend the meetings as well.

Mr. Nassar addressed the Council members and advised that they are committed to making this a very open and transparent process with multiple public meetings and multiple public hearings around the Parish. They will also be coordinating with the Parish's Task Force.

Councilman Ryan Chavers stated that when they set those meetings he would like them to be consistent so that the public knows to expect an update and make arrangements to be present and ask the questions that they have.

Mr. Nassar advised that all of those meetings would be prescheduled with public notice.

Councilman Ricky Goff wished to clarify that a lot of these meetings would be held in the afternoons for the public to be able to attend. The Council eagerly want and seek the public's engagement, as does WSP, USA. He stated that he was extremely excited about all of the youth sitting in the audience that will be working on the team for this project. He added that he knew that they would have the energy to fulfill their goal and their acknowledgement of how quickly the Parish Council needs this to move. He advised that he was very thankful that they were already on the ground running. He declared that he was very positive at this point.

He also wished to clarify that these public meetings would be held in communities throughout the Parish of Livingston. Mr. Lipson concurred that they would, and they were being very strategic with the realization that they needed to be physically in every community that they were trying to seek information from.

Mr. Lipson returned back to the power point presentation and discussed the "Process of Planning", noting policies and plans, construction and implementation and communities. He noted that the most important thing was to have the public's input to voice the needs of the community. He acknowledged that they could have aspirations for what they would like to be in the community, but it is the implementation side and the realization side that really rests on the public's input.

Mr. Lipson stated that he thought that it was very important that everyone is aware that the public's input and the outreach side of things is going to be the very first step in this process and it will be guiding the entire plan.

Mr. Lee Walton continued with the power point presentation and discussed the summary of analysis that they have been working on. He explained the comparative analysis of some existing Livingston Parish zoning standards and Ascension Parish zoning standards. They will be doing a great amount of analysis and looking at a lot of different comparables all with the goal of hitting some keywords that Councilman Chavers mentioned earlier, consistency, clarity, sustainability and resilience. The objective to all of this is improvements to zoning codes, master plan policy updates, with the end goal of production to have policies and ordinances that add clarity and achieve objectives that we learn through public involvement through the stakeholder involvement process and will set the stage for future quality development, sustainable development, and resilience in the community.

Councilman Chavers asked if WSP, USA had an attorney on staff? Mr. Walton advised that they did not have an attorney on their team, but had lots of relationships with attorneys. He deferred to Mr. Jerome Fournier. Mr. Fournier advised that they have had communications with Mr. Steve Irving seeking his help and would be coordinating with him, as well as Ms. Julie Quinn, in addition to working with the Parish as well. He explained that they will be working with them on ordinance preparation and looking at it from a legal perspective.

Mr. Lipson wished to go over the last slide of the power point presentation. He stated that it was the most important slide, and called upon those in the room who were interested in working with them and giving them their input, this is the very first step for obtaining contact information from the public who might be filling out surveys, attending the scheduled meetings and getting the word out to others as well.

Mr. Lipson asked for anyone interested, to take a picture of the QR Code displayed on the monitor to provide contact information to stay informed on upcoming events. The chair advised that this would also be put on the Livingston Parish Council's website.

Councilman Ricky Goff requested to ask a question before releasing Mr. Lipson and moving to the next agenda item. He stated that once the Parish could get to a point that they have some zoning, he paused wishing to caution everyone that it is a moving target until it gets a final plan, he questioned if there would be an option for people to input their address to see how that property is zoned. He continued that they would then be able to show up at the meetings and have a discussion about that particular area of zoning and voice their concerns and be allowed to obtain answers to all of their questions. He asked if that could be available?

Mr. Lipson stated that they were still working through trying to get the final parcel maps uploaded with the new zoning categories. He advised that once they had those up and running he did not see any reason that they could not make a public online map where an address could be inputted and it would bring up that property address's zoning classification. Mr. Lipson thought that would be a very powerful tool and stated that they would definitely look into that.

Councilman Goff advised that he would love for that to happen and thanked Mr. Lipson.

Mr. Jerome Fournier wished to state that in conclusion, they were really working through the process. He further indicated that upon legal advisement, they would be utilizing the Planning Commission acting as a Zoning Commission. He explained that when changes to the zoning map comes up, and the approval of the initial zoning maps, they wish to take those to the Zoning Commission and the Zoning Commission will make a recommendation of yes or no. The Zoning Commission will not be allowed ultimately to decide and approve the zoning status. Their recommendation will be sent to the Council members and the Council will be acting on the zoning maps, but only after upon a recommendation by the Zoning Commission. The Council members will have the authority to make amendments to the Zoning Commission's recommendation, they could accept it in whole or in part, or whatever is the pleasure of the Council. He stressed that it was incumbent upon them to make sure that they are doing this properly, and the first place to begin started with the Zoning Commission. Mr. Fournier instructed that he will be working with the Zoning Commission directly.

Mr. Fournier advised that as they work through this process, they wished to make sure that there would not be any legal challenges to what they were trying to do.

This concluded the presentation. Having no further questions or comments, the chair moved to the next agenda item.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 9, "Authorization to execute and file an application for Council on Aging DOTD grant under 49 CFR 5311, Non-Urbanized Area Formula and 49 CFR 5339, Discretionary Capitol Program – Stephanie Landry, Livingston Parish Council on Aging Assistant Director".

**PARISH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
LPR NO. 24-314**

**L.P. Resolution No. 24-314**

MOTION was made by John Mangus and duly seconded by Billy Taylor:

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under any of the following FTA programs managed through Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

- 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas



- 49 CFR 5339, Grants for Bus and Bus Facility Program
- 49 CFR 5310, Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects;

**WHEREAS**, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs;

**WHEREAS**, it is required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Livingston Parish Council:

1. That the Livingston Parish President is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Livingston Parish Council with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to FTA transit programs.
2. That the Livingston Parish President is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
3. That the Livingston Parish President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or financial reimbursement of the project.
4. That the Livingston Parish President is authorized to set and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
5. That the Livingston Parish President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of Livingston Parish Council with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.
6. That the Livingston Parish President is authorized to sign and submit financial activity reports on behalf of the Livingston Parish Council with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.

This resolution is applicable for a period of one (1) year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the DOTD.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number(s) 10a and b, "Adopt the Minutes:

- a. July 17, 2024 Special Meeting of the Livingston Parish Council
- b. August 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting”

**LPR NO. 24-315**

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Dean Coates to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the July 17, 2024 Special meeting and the August 8, 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. WATTS, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF, MR. COATES, MR. TAYLOR

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 13a, “Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness: Adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish President to enter a contract agreement with All South Consulting Engineers to perform Pre & Post Disaster Consulting Services for FY 2024/2025”.

Public input: Chris Anderson, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director

**LPR NO. 24-316**

MOTION was offered by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to authorize the Parish President to enter into a yearly contract agreement with an option to extend with All South Consulting Engineers to perform Pre & Post Disaster Consulting Services for FY 2024/2025 as recommended by the Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 14a, “Grants Livingston Parish Grants Department: Adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish President to enter into a contract with Double A Construction Services, LLC., regarding the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) – Disaster Recovery and Mitigation/Resiliency Programs for the Waterway and Culvert Debris Removal and Site Management for Debris Reduction Project”.

Public input: Mr. Mickey McMorris, Livingston Parish Finance Director

Mr. McMorris advised that this was a fifteen million dollar (\$15,000,000.00) contract and Request for Proposals were advertised. There were five (5) candidates that applied and it was graded in accordance with the rules. The Administrative selection committee chose and recommended Double A Construction Services, LLC as the top candidate to provide waterway and culvert debris removal reduction services in conformance with LCDBG Disaster Recovery Program requirements.

Public input: Abby Crosby  
Parish President Randy Delatte

There was an open discussion that the chairman allowed in regard to contracts located in the Parish President's office.

**LPR NO. 24-317**

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to authorize the Parish President to enter into a contract with Double A Construction Services, LLC; upon the favorable recommendation of the Parish Administrative selection committee, as being the top candidate to provide waterway and culvert debris removal and site management for debris reduction services in conformance with the requirements of the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) – Disaster Recovery and Mitigation/Resiliency Programs for the Waterway and Culvert Debris Removal and Site Management for Debris Reduction Project.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 15, "Introduction of Ordinance: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 125 "Subdivision Regulations", Section 125-51 "Subdivisions without Improvements", and Section 125-52 "Procedures with Subdivisions without Improvements" by deleting the sections in their entirety – Ryan Chavers".

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

**L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-26**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 125, "SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS", ARTICLE IV– "SUBDIVISIONS WITHOUT IMPROVEMENTS", SECTION 125-51 "SUBMITTALS" AND SECTIONS 125-52 "PROCEDURES WITH SUBDIVISIONS WITHOUT IMPROVEMENTS" BY DELETING THE SECTIONS IN THEIR ENTIRETY, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF LIVINGSTON PARISH.

The chair called upon Councilman Ryan Chavers who advised that this was just an introduction and he did not have anything to add to it. He further stated that the proposed ordinance is just removing "Subdivisions without Improvements" out of the Code of Ordinances.

Councilman Ricky Goff questioned if this had gone before the Ordinance committee. Councilman Chavers advised that it did.

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

**L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-26**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 125, "SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS", ARTICLE IV– "SUBDIVISIONS WITHOUT IMPROVEMENTS", SECTION 125-51 "SUBMITTALS" AND SECTIONS 125-52 "PROCEDURES WITH SUBDIVISIONS WITHOUT IMPROVEMENTS" BY DELETING THE SECTIONS IN THEIR ENTIRETY, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF LIVINGSTON PARISH.

**LPR NO. 24-318**

MOTION was offered by Ryan Chavers and duly seconded by Dean Coates to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, September 12, 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. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MR. MANGUS,  
MR. GOFF, MR. COATES, MR. TAYLOR  
NAYS: MR. WATTS, MR. WASCOM  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 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)

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The chair addressed agenda item number 16, "Introduction of Ordinance: An Ordinance to update Code Enforcement by amending Chapter 1, "General Provisions", Section 1-8 "General Penalty for Violation of Code; Separate Offenses." – Billy Taylor".

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

**L.P. ORDINANCE 24-27**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, "GENERAL PROVISIONS", SECTION 1-8 "GENERAL PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF CODE; SEPARATE OFFENSES." OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON.

The chair called upon Councilman Billy Taylor to explain what this proposed ordinance would accomplish.

Councilman Taylor advised that it will give the Compliance office some more room to be able to enforce our ordinances better. He further explained that it allows them to instead of having just certified mail they can go to the property and it gives the law enforcement agencies the ability to write a summons there at the property or write the summons and give the property owner an allotted time.

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

**L.P. ORDINANCE 24-27**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, "GENERAL PROVISIONS", SECTION 1-8 "GENERAL PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF CODE; SEPARATE OFFENSES." OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON.

**LPR NO. 24-319**

MOTION was offered by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by John Mangus to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, September 12, 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. WATTS, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MR. WASCOM  
MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF, MR. COATES, MR. TAYLOR  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 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)

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The chair addressed agenda item number 17, "Introduction of Ordinance: An Ordinance to amend Chapter 74, Section 74-89: "Notice to abate nuisance; penalty for noncompliance", Section 74-91 "Right of Parish to abate nuisance, recover costs from owner", Section 74-92 "Extensions of time in which to abate nuisance or health hazard", Section 74-93 "Refusal of certified mail", and Section 74-95 "Administration and enforcement", to update the enforcements and the penalties for noncompliance – Billy Taylor".

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

**L.P. ORDINANCE 24-28**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 74, "VEGETATION," ARTICLE IV, "GRASS, WEEDS, BRUSH, DEBRIS, AND TRASH", BY AMENDING SECTION 74-89, "NOTICE TO ABATE NUISANCE; PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE", SECTION 74-91, "RIGHT OF PARISH TO ABATE NUISANCE, RECOVER COSTS FROM OWNER", SECTION 74-92, "EXTENSIONS OF TIME IN WHICH TO ABATE NUISANCE OR HEALTH HAZARD", SECTION 74-93, "REFUSAL OF CERTIFIED MAIL", AND SECTION 74-95, "ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON.

The chair called upon Councilman Billy Taylor who explained that this ordinance introduction falls in line with the first ordinance that was previously introduced and it updates the sections that were listed.

The chair added that it will define who is going and serving the summons. Councilman Taylor concurred.

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

**L.P. ORDINANCE 24-28**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 74, "VEGETATION," ARTICLE IV, "GRASS, WEEDS, BRUSH, DEBRIS, AND TRASH", BY AMENDING SECTION 74-89, "NOTICE TO ABATE NUISANCE; PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE", SECTION 74-91, "RIGHT OF PARISH TO ABATE NUISANCE, RECOVER COSTS FROM OWNER", SECTION 74-92, "EXTENSIONS OF TIME IN WHICH TO ABATE NUISANCE OR HEALTH HAZARD", SECTION 74-93, "REFUSAL OF CERTIFIED MAIL", AND SECTION 74-95, "ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON.

**LPR NO. 24-320**

MOTION was offered by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Joe Erdey to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, September 12, 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. WATTS, MS. SANDEFUR, MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MR. WASCOM  
MR. MANGUS, MR. GOFF, MR. COATES, MR. TAYLOR

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 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)

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The chair addressed agenda item number 18, "Introduction of Ordinance: An Ordinance to amend Council staff employee wages – John Wascom", and requested for the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title as follows:

**L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-29**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARISH ORDINANCE 12-50 AND PARISH ORDINANCE 16-17 ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF PAYMENT AND PROVIDING FOR THE FULL-TIME STATUS OF COUNCIL CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERKS AND MAKING SALARY PROVISIONS AS SET FORTH MORE FULLY HEREIN.

The chair advised that he had placed this ordinance introduction on the agenda. He described the thing that is unique about the Livingston Parish Council and their Council clerk and Deputy clerks as opposed to the Parish President's Administration, every salary is ultimately set by the Parish President and then is placed in the budget. Whereas, as per the rules of the Home Rule Charter, employees working directly under the supervision of the members of the Livingston Parish Council, must have an ordinance introduction and adoption to increase the pay of the Council clerk and the Deputy clerks.

The chair asked for a motion to introduce the proposed ordinance. Councilman John Mangus made the motion and Councilman Billy Taylor made the second.

There was a lengthy discussion about whether the proposed ordinance should be introduced, sent to the Ordinance committee or sent to the Finance committee.

Councilman Ryan Chavers made a substitute motion that the proposed ordinance go to the Finance committee, once the Finance committee digests it with the input of the Administration, then it goes to the Ordinance committee be processed and then back to the Council.

The chair wished to clarify Councilman Chavers's motion. He advised that his motion was to not introduce the proposed ordinance, send it to Finance and then the Ordinance committee. The chair asked if there was a second to Councilman Chavers's substitute motion. There was not a second to his motion, therefore his substitute motion died.

There was another open discussion.

Councilman Ricky Goff stated that he wished to make a substitute motion to send the proposed ordinance to the Finance committee and not introduce the ordinance at this time.

**LPR NO. 24-321**

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Ricky Goff and duly seconded by Ryan Chavers to send the proposed ordinance to the Finance committee regarding the amendment of salaries for employees working directly under the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS, MR. TAYLOR

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 19, “Public Hearing and adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 24-24: Quitclaim/Servitude Revocation for Joshua Daniels – Ruby Moore Road, Section 45, T5S, R3E, Council District 2 (*Recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission*)”.

The chair called upon Councilman Ryan Chavers who asked if there was anyone present in the audience who was there to speak on this agenda item? Having none, the chair requested for the Council clerk to read the ordinance by title as follows:

**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

The chair declared the Public hearing open and asked if there was anyone who wished to speak for or against this proposed ordinance. Having none, the chair closed the public hearing.

**LPR NO. 24-322**

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on August 8, 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 22, 2024 on Motion of Ryan Chavers and seconded by Ricky Goff:

**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

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 22, 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).

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The chair addressed agenda item number 20, “Public Hearing and adoption of 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 – Dean Coates”.

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

**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, AND TO PROVIDE FURTHER WITH RESPECT THERETO:

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

Public input: Sarah Phares, in favor  
Brian Clemmons, in favor  
Parish President Randy Delatte  
Trey Cowell, in favor  
Mindy Starkey, in favor  
Jamey Sandefur, in favor

Having no other public comment, the chair closed the Public Hearing. The chair allowed the Council members to ask questions and submit their input on this proposed ordinance and election.

**LPR NO. 24-323**

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on August 8, 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 22, 2024 on Motion of Dean Coates and seconded by Ricky Goff:

**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, AND TO PROVIDE FURTHER WITH RESPECT THERETO:

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

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

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and the ordinance was adopted on August 22, 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).

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The chair addressed agenda item number 21, “Adopt a resolution for the allocation of ARPA funds for the purpose the Livingston Parish Animal Control”, and called upon Councilman Ryan Chavers.



Councilman Chavers stated that because they did not have Legal Counsel at that evening’s meeting, and the Council members had requested that Brad Cascio provide them with the regulations of what ARPA money can be used for, there was no sense in even talking about it. He wished to pull this item from the agenda.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 22, “Adopt a resolution to approve the authorization of a waiver for Section 125-126 (b), “Wetland Regulations; Prohibited and Permitted Uses” for Jerry Kelly, located on Kelly Road in Council District 9 – Joseph “Joe” Erdey”.

Public input: Cody Bergeron, representative of Alvin Fairburn and Associates and appearing on behalf of the client, Mr. Jerry Kelly

**LPR NO. 24-324**

MOTION was offered by Joe Erdey and duly seconded by John Mangus to approve the authorization of a waiver for Section 125-126 (b), “Wetland Regulations; Prohibited and Permitted Uses” for Jerry Kelly, located on Kelly Road in Council District 9.

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

YEAS: MR. WATTS, MR. ERDEY, MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS,  
MR. GOFF, MR. TAYLOR

NAYS: MS. SANDEFUR, MR. CHAVERS, MR. COATES

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 23a, “Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s): Accept Resignation of Jamie Felder of Gravity Drainage District No. 2 – Billy Taylor”.

The chair called upon Councilman Billy Taylor who advised that Ms. Jamie Felder had purchased a new home that was located outside of the district and consequently submitted her resignation letter resigning from Gravity Drainage District No. 2, submitted to Councilman Taylor and the Council office by email, effective date August 19, 2024.

**LPR NO. 24-325**

MOTION was offered by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Ryan Chavers to accept the resignation letter of Jamie Felder, board member of Gravity Drainage District No. 2; resignation was submitted and received by the Office of the Livingston Parish Council via email; effective date being August 19, 2024; this four (4) year term was due to expire on November 8, 2024.

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

YEAS: MR. WATTS, MR. ERDEY, MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS,  
MR. GOFF, MR. TAYLOR

NAYS: MS. SANDEFUR, MR. CHAVERS, MR. COATES

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 23b, “Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s): Appoint a member to Gravity Drainage District No. 2 – Billy Taylor”, and called upon Councilman Taylor asking if he had a replacement board member.

Councilman Taylor advised that he wished to appoint Ms. Allie Castle to fill the vacancy left by Ms. Jamie Felder’s resignation.

**LPR NO. 24-326**

MOTION was offered by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Dean Coates to appoint Ms. Allie Castle (resident of Council District 3) to Gravity Drainage District No. 2 to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Jamie Felder; this four (4) year term will expire on November 8, 2028.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 23c, “Board (re)appointment(s) / Recreation District No. 3 Board Appointment – John Wascom”.

**LPR NO. 24-327**

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to remove Jay Mallett (Council District 4) as a board member from Recreation District No. 3; whose five (5) year term expired on February 23, 2024 and has been serving on a month to month basis.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 2024.

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**LPR NO. 24-328**

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to appoint Andrea Bell (Council District 4) as a board member of Recreation District No. 3 to fill the position left vacant by Jay Mallett (Council District 4); whose five (5) year term will expire on February 23, 2029.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 2024.

The chair invited Ms. Andrea Bell to the podium to speak. She advised that they had made history that evening. She was the very first African-American female to be appointed in fifty-one (51) years to PARDS and Recreation of Denham Springs. She thanked the Council members and was met with applause when she returned to her seat.

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The chair addressed agenda addendum item number A-1: “Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s):  
a. Livingston Parish Library Board Appointment Removal – Joseph “Joe” Erdey  
• Remove Wendi Neal”.

Public input: Marla Elsea, against the removal of Ms. Wendi Neal  
Jordan Gonzales  
Larry Davis  
Logan Vecellio  
Jennifer Holden  
Deanna Charette  
Jim Norred  
Benny Hayes

**LPR NO. 24-329**

MOTION was offered by Joe Erdey and duly seconded by Ryan Chavers to remove Wendi Neal (Council District 9) as a board member from the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control; whose five (5) year term will expire on February 23, 2025.

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

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

NAYS: MR. WATTS, MR. GOFF

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 2024.

Public input: Trey Cowell, in favor of new board appointment

**LPR NO. 24-330**

MOTION was offered by Joe Erdey and duly seconded by Dean Coates to appoint Summer Smith (Council District 9) as a board member to the Livingston Parish Library Board of Control to fill the vacancy left by the removal of Wendi Neal (Council District 9) to serve out the remainder of the five (5) year term that will expire on February 23, 2025.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 24,  
“Executive Session: (requested by Councilman Dean Coates)  
Parker, Harold Marcell Jr. Vs. Livingston Parish Government – et al  
Case: 000000182770, Division E, 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court

Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana”

The chair called upon Councilman Dean Coates who advised that this concerns some litigation and it will require that the Council members go into executive session to discuss that and if there is anything that needs to be done after that, they will come out and it will be done in an open meeting.

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The chairman put a pause on executive session and advised that he wished to bring up the Finance and Ordinance committee reports before going into executive session. No one objected.

The chair called on Councilman John Mangus and asked if he had anything to report on the Finance committee? Councilman Mangus advised that he did not have anything to report at that time.

The chair called on Councilman Dean Coates and asked if he had anything that he would like to report about the Ordinance committee?

Councilman Coates advised that they did have an Ordinance committee meeting that met earlier that week and it was very quick meeting. Councilman Ryan Chavers stated that he could not attend the last committee meeting because of a family emergency, but he would make sure that his proposed ordinances would be listed on the next Ordinance committee meeting agenda.

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The chair asked Councilman Coates if they would have an attorney going back with the Council members for executive session? Councilman Coates advised that it was not necessary. He thought that the Council members needed to go into executive session to discuss their options for furtherance.

Parish President Randy Delatte wished to clarify about a letter that he had sent to the Council members that would probably be read in executive session. He stated that it was very emotional for him because he had been through what Councilman Joe Erdey was experiencing. He stated that the Parish must file the appeal, not Councilman Joe Erdey. He asked if they can afford that based on what the Parish’s liability is and that was what they will need to decide. He asked that no liability be dictated on the Parish.

Public input: Mindy Starkey

The chair asked if they were ready to go into executive session? Councilwoman Erin Sandefur stated that she wished to make a motion to go into executive session and Councilman Dean Coates wished to make the second.

**LPR NO. 24-331**

MOTION was offered by Erin Sandefur and duly seconded by Dean Coates to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation.

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

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

NAYS: MR. MANGUS

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 2024.

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All recording devices were turned off for the duration of executive session.

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The chair called the meeting back to order and asked for a motion to go back to regular session.

**LPR NO. 24-332**

MOTION was offered by Dean Coates and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to return back into regular session.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on August 22, 2024.

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The chair declared that they were now back to regular order of business of the meeting. He stated that the Council members did go back and discussed the Marcelle Parker case, but no action was taken. He asked if the Council members wished to make a decision?

Councilman Dean Coates stated that he wished to make a motion to engage Dan Garrett to represent the Council and appeal that case. Councilman Joe Erdey stated that he wished to make the second.

The chair asked if there was any discussion from the audience members, having none, he asked if the Council members had any comments. Having none, the chair called for the vote.

**LPR NO. 24-333**

MOTION was offered by Dean Coates and duly seconded by Joe Erdey to engage Dan Garrett to represent the Council and appeal:

Parker, Harold Marcell Jr. Vs. Livingston Parish Government – et al  
Case: 000000182770, Division E, 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court  
Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana

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

YEAS: MS. SANDEFUR, MR. CHAVERS, MR. ERDEY, MR. COATES

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

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had FAILED and was NOT adopted on August 22, 2024.

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Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until the next regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council scheduled on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

**LPR NO. 24-334**

MOTION was offered by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by John Mangus to adjourn the August 22, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

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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Sandy C. Teal, Council clerk



John Wascom, Council chairman

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