

**Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council  
Livingston, Louisiana  
September 26, 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, September 26, 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
John Wascom	Joseph "Joe" Erdey

Also present: Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Advisor

Absent: Erin Sandefur  
Parish President Randy Delatte

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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 addressed agenda item number 8, "Presentations:" and called upon Mr. Scott Sterling from the Denham Springs Police Department.

Sergeant Scott Sterling came to the podium introduced himself and his associate, Mr. Dwayne Bankston of the Denham Springs Fire Department. He explained that they were present that evening to bring awareness of a tax that will be on the upcoming November ballot.

Sergeant Sterling stated that upon researching how to achieve funding for increases to salaries for the Denham Springs Police and Fire Departments, it was determined that a hotel occupancy tax was the way to go. He explained that they were proposing a 6.75% tax on every hotel room in the city limits of Denham Springs. He indicated that this would not affect local residents' shopping within the city, it would only affect those staying in hotels.

Officer Sterling established in the year 2021, the Police Department and the Fire Department of Denham Springs combined, responded to over a thousand (1,000) calls for services within the seven to eight (7-8) hotels located in the City of Denham Springs. This equals to be half a million dollars (\$500,000.00) spent for first responders services within their hotels. Sergeant Sterling conveyed that these statistics influenced how they came up with the idea which would only effect hotels and those occupants, not a regular resident when going shopping. He asked that when coming to vote on November 5<sup>th</sup> for this proposition, that voters take the time and research to understand what and where this tax is coming from.

The chair asked Sergeant Sterling what will happen if a disaster hits in Livingston Parish and those hotels must be used for local residents or first responders?

Sergeant Sterling advised that it is written into the law that if another disaster event occurs, such as a hurricane or flood or anything that requires our residents to stay in the hotels, the mayor has the freedom and the ability to freeze that tax.

Councilman John Mangus questioned about extended stay hotels that may come to Livingston Parish in the future.

Councilman Ryan Chavers asked how long were they asking this to be implemented for? Sergeant Sterling advised that once it is approved by the voters it will be perpetual. He then asked what they estimated the costs as per year that would be collected? Sergeant Sterling advised that at an

estimated occupancy of fifty percent (50%), they estimated five hundred thousand (\$500,000.00) that would be collected and it would be split evenly between police and fire. He further advised that these funds can only be used for salary and benefits. Councilman Chavers asked if they intended on increasing their staff with this money or using it for the current personnel? Sergeant Sterling stated that these funds will allow them the ability to retain and recruit by increasing the quality of the police officer and allow them to keep the employees that they already have.

Sergeant Sterling advised that what is currently happening is that they are sending new employees through thirty-two (32) weeks of training, gaining their qualifications, then the new employee will go to a neighboring agency to receive four dollars (\$4.00) more and never have to move his family. He acknowledged that they are trying to compete with other agencies that are acquiring these employees.

Councilman Dean Coates wished to reiterate that these funds will only be used for salaries for fire and police. Sergeant Sterling concurred that this funding will only be used for salaries and benefits. Councilman Coates asked if they were planning on adding to their number of employees in their force as well? Or is it just on salaries of existing officers?

Sergeant Sterling advised that currently, it is just for salary and benefits for existing officers, but they do expect growth.

Sergeant Sterling stated that this proposition will be on the presential ballot in November, which was a stipulation that it would be voted upon a presential ballot.

The chair thanked Sergeant Sterling for coming to speak with them.

Sergeant Sterling indicated that he had flyers available that he would be leaving with Mr. Brandon Browning and advised that they also had a website, [www.sos.denhamsprings.com](http://www.sos.denhamsprings.com). He advised that there was a contact link on the website for any specific questions that goes to straight to them and they answer them directly.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 8a, ““Let Livingston Parish Shine” Presentation – Lynda Gardiner, Litter Abatement Director”.

Ms. Gardiner came to the podium and presented a short video on “Let Livingston Shine”. After the video presentation, she stated that Livingston Parish would be having a free tire dump day, allowing no more than four (4) tires, that will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> from eight o’clock (8:00) a.m. until twelve noon (12:00).

She advised that they had lots of great things planned for this Parish, and they have done a lot of great things already. She stated that she could not wait to meet with each of the Council members and discuss some things that they could do in each of their districts.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 8b, “Update and Report on Master Plan, Zoning, and Unified Land Development Code – Jerome Fournier, Planning Professional and Project Manager”, and called upon Mr. Fournier.

Mr. Fournier reported that they had their first Task Force meeting and stated that he thought that it was quite successful. He advised that there were a couple of the Council members, members of the Planning Commission, members of the Master Plan Committee, members of the business community and citizens of the Parish that were present at the meeting. These were members of the Task Force that had been assembled to bounce ideas off of the project. He stated that a time line was presented at this meeting which the Council members had been provided with and also had in their meeting packets. He acknowledged that they were being pretty aggressive on this timeline now that WSP, Inc. had become involved, and they would be rapidly moving with the idea to get the Parish a zoning ordinance prior to the end of the moratorium, which will end at the end of January and that ordinance will come into effect next year, possibly in February. Mr. Fournier stated that there will also be amendments to the Land Use Code.

Mr. Fournier advised that he wished to participate in ride-alongs with the Council members in each one of their districts. He indicated that will be coordinated to take place in October.

Council Ryan Chavers asked for a point of clarity on who was the Parish’s land use attorneys. He stated that it was his understanding that Steve Irving and Marty Maley were contracted for this. Mr. Fournier concurred with this.

Having no other questions or comments, the chair thanked Mr. Fournier for his attendance.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 9a, “Adopt the Minutes: September 19, 2024 Regular Council Meeting”.

**LPR NO. 24-351**

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Billy Taylor to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September 19, 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. ERDEY, MR. CHAVERS, MR. WATTS, MR. TAYLOR, MR. GOFF,  
MR. COATES, MR. WASCOM, MR. MANGUS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MS. SANDEFUR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on September 26, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 9b, “Adopt the Minutes: September 19, 2024 Board of Review”.

**LPR NO. 24-352**

MOTION was offered by Lonnie Watts and duly seconded by John Mangus to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September 19, 2024 Board of Review meeting of the Livingston Parish Council and adopt as written.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MS. SANDEFUR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on September 26, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 9c, “Adopt the Minutes: September 19, 2024 Juban Crossing Economic Development District”.

**LPR NO. 24-353**

MOTION was offered by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Dean Coates to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September 19, 2024 meeting of the Juban Crossing Economic Development District and adopt as written.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MS. SANDEFUR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on September 26, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 10a, "Parish President's Report: Adopt a resolution to proclaim October as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month", and called upon Ms. Bobbette Larkey, Executive Assistant to the Parish President.

Ms. Larkey greeted the Council members. She wished to acknowledge that they, just as her family, have had someone in their life who has been touched by some type of incident of breast cancer. She ascertained that this is a horrible disease, and they are fighting it every day to find cures, but there are still some people who are suffering from it and passing away from it. She stated that they were hoping to pass a proclamation to increase awareness and read the proclamation as follows:



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we stand with our mothers, daughters, sons, friends and all who have been affected by a diagnosis of breast cancer, and we recognize all who have tirelessly supported and joined their loved ones in fighting their battle, as well as the researchers and health care providers whose diligence and hard work gives hope to those living with breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, each year it is estimated that more than 220,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,000 will pass away as a result of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, breast cancer affects all genders, so it is important for everyone to get information and seek preventative care; and

**WHEREAS**, while considerable progress has been made in the fight against breast cancer, it remains the most diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of death among women in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, during October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we reaffirm our commitment to support breast cancer research and to educate all citizens about its risk factors, detection, and treatment which have lowered the mortality rates for breast cancer in the last decade; and

**WHEREAS**, wearing pink ribbons or pink clothing is a helpful reminder to everyone that there is no substitute for reaching out and engaging in dialogue with loved ones, family, and friends about getting a screening mammogram, which leads to early detection and earlier treatment options; and

**WHEREAS**, we, as a community, educate ourselves and support innovative research to improve the quality of life for all Americans affected by breast cancer and, one day vow to defeat this terrible disease.

**NOW THEREFORE, I**, Randy Delatte, duly elected Parish President of Livingston Parish, State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Livingston Parish and Louisiana do hereby proclaim October 2024 as

## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF LIVINGSTON  
LPR NO. 24-354**

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Joe Erdey:

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we stand with our mothers, daughters, sons, friends and all who have been affected by a diagnosis of breast cancer, and we recognize all who have tirelessly supported and joined their loved ones in fighting their battle, as well as the researchers and health care providers whose diligence and hard work gives hope to those living with breast cancer; and

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**WHEREAS**, breast cancer affects all genders, so it is important for everyone to get information and seek preventative care; and

**WHEREAS**, while considerable progress has been made in the fight against breast cancer, it remains the most diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of death among women in the United States; and

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### **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

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

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

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSENT:** MS. SANDEFUR

**ABSTAIN:** NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on September 26, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 11a, “Planning and Zoning: Public Hearing: Re-Zoning Request, Case #24-01 – 28320 White Oak Lane, Springfield, La – AG to R-1”, and advised that this item was a rezoning request and had been previously denied by the Planning and Zoning Commission. He called upon Ms. Morgan Sanchez, Parish Planning Review Engineer for further input.

Ms. Morgan Sanchez of Forte and Tablada, Parish Planning Review Engineer, advised that the request was to rezone a five (5) acre tract from Agricultural to R-1 Residential. The Planning and Zoning Commission denied the request and the recommendation from the Planning Department was to not approve it as well because the rest of the area is zoned Agricultural, and by allowing them to go to one (1) acre lots, they could technically rezone this again and would then be smaller than everyone else in that area.

The chair advised that he had also heard that Planning and Zoning chose to deny it based on the fact that zoning is coming soon. Ms. Sanchez acknowledged that it could always come back.

Councilman Ricky Goff questioned what was the reason for the request to rezone this property?

Ms. Sanchez stated that the property owner wished to subdivide the property into two (2) parcels, having five (5) acres of land, and there is a minimum requirement of three (3) in Agricultural. The only other option would be to rezone it to R-1 which allows it to have one (1) acre, then they would be allowed to take the five (5) acres and divide it in half. She was not aware of specifically why the property owner wished to subdivide the property.

The chair asked if Councilman Dean Coates was familiar with this request as it was located in his Council District.

Councilman Coates replied that he was, and he had people reach out to him regarding this. He explained that this property was located down a small road and it has been reported that this road floods all of the time and the increase in the volume of development would cause further flooding down in this area. He advised Councilman Goff that he also was not aware of the reason of this request to subdivide.

**LPR NO. 24-355**

MOTION was offered by Ryan Chavers and duly seconded by Dean Coates to uphold the Planning and Zoning Commission’s decision to deny the rezoning request for Case #24-01 – 28320 White Oak Lane, Springfield, La – AG to R-1.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MS. SANDEFUR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on September 26, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 12, “An Ordinance to adopt a six (6) month Moratorium prohibiting the consideration or submittal of any preliminary plats for Residential Developments in Council District 2 creating more than five (5) lots – Ryan Chavers”.

Public input: Dana Rushing, resident of Denham Springs, opposes moratorium

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

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

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AN IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM PROHIBITING THE CONSIDERATION OR SUBMITTAL OF ANY PRELIMINARY PLATS FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 CREATING MORE THAN FIVE (5) LOTS FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS OR THE ADOPTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE NEW ZONING PROGRAM (WHICHEVER COMES FIRST).

**LPR NO. 24-356**

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, October 10, 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. ERDEY, MR. CHAVERS, MR. GOFF, MR. COATES, MR. MANGUS

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

ABSENT: MS. SANDEFUR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on September 26, 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 amending Chapter 50 Sec. 50-3 of the Code of Ordinances of Livingston Parish by removing the "Idle Zone" in front of "Prop Stop (or current establishment) – Dean Coates".

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

**L.P. ORDINANCE 24-30**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, CHAPTER 50, "OFFENSES – MISCELLENEOUS", SECTION 50-3 "SPEED OF BOATS", PART (C)(12), AS SET OUT MORE SPECIFICALLY HEREIN.

The chair called upon Councilman Dean Coates who explained that the Prop Stop has not been in operation for a little while now and he has received many complaints from constituents stating that they would like for this idle zone to be removed.

Councilman Coates stated that we wanted to remove this while the business is not in operation.

Public input: Wade Holden, opposes the ordinance to remove the idle zone from Prop Stop

Mr. Holden asked Councilman Coates if he would consider pulling this off of the agenda until April of next year? He explained that it was winter time and boating season is over. He also wished to acknowledge that that they had a special guest in the audience that evening, the owners of the Prop Stop.

Councilman Coates did not wish to pull this proposed ordinance. Mr. Holden had a prepared statement that he shared.

Councilman Lonnie Watts questioned if the Prop Stop still held an occupational license.

Public input: Kathy Valentine, owner of the Prop Stop

Ms. Valentine advised that the Prop Stop did not have an occupational license at that time because of legal reasons.

The chair allowed the Council members to ask Ms. Valentine questions.

Public input: Mindy Starkey, camp owner by the Prop Stop

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

**L.P. ORDINANCE 24-30**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, CHAPTER 50, "OFFENSES – MISCELLENEOUS", SECTION 50-3 "SPEED OF BOATS", PART (C)(12), AS SET OUT MORE SPECIFICALLY HEREIN.

**LPR NO. 24-357**

MOTION was offered by Dean Coates and duly seconded by Ryan Chavers to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, October

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

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had **FAILED** and was **NOT** adopted on September 26, 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)

Councilman Ricky Goff quantified his yes vote reasoning that it was an introduction and would be discussed further at the public hearing next month. He stated that he needed more information about this.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 14, "Allocation of ARPA Funds – Ryan Chavers".

The chair called upon Councilman Ryan Chavers who advised that he had been speaking with the Parish Legal Counsel about this. He stated that originally this was going to go to Animal Control, but after doing a little digging, he had been told that money had been received from Air Products to go toward Animal Control, as well as a proposal to allocate funds from the Health Unit.

He advised that there was \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million dollars in ARPA money and he would like to allocate that to roads and drainage. He asked for Mr. Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Advisor, to concur with this.

The chair called upon Mr. Mickey McMorris, Parish Finance Director. Mr. McMorris advised that the Parish currently has approximately \$1.9 million dollars of ARPA money that is unallocated. He indicated that these funds expire on December 31, 2024. There are stipulations that have to be met being a contract in place and the funds obligated legally for these funds to carry forward.

Mr. McMorris also wished to advise that you do have the luxury to go back and recapture some expenses that has already been incurred in roads and drainage and so forth. He stated that there is no peril to lose those funds. However, he further stated that it was the Parish President's intention to use this money for Animal Control. He stated that he knew and acknowledged that there were a lot of things that will open up if certain taxes are passed, but it was his understanding that the Parish President wanted to use these funds for the Animal Control facility. He further stated that Administration has had discussions with the architect that is designing the Animal Control building and they should be able to go out for bid sometime late in October or November which would be in the timeline to obligate these funds.

Councilman Ryan Chavers stated that they had the funds and they were going to allocate it to roads and drainage and when the projects start to come up, and they start writing contracts for that work to get done, the Parish has the money in the bucket to do it. He also wished to state that Parish Legal Advisor, Mr. Brad Cascio, did confirm that the money could be used for roads and drainage.

Mr. Brad Cascio stated that it was his understanding that the Parish could spend ARPA money on infrastructure projects including roads and drainage.

Councilman Chavers stated that it was his thought process that they have road problems in the Parish as well as drainage issues, they have the money to allocate it, then let's start writing contracts and getting some projects done. The chair asked if Councilman Chavers would consider adding to his resolution allocated to roads and drainage and water improvements. Councilman Chavers questioned if that is what it could be used for.



Mr. Cascio stated that he would have to check on that.

The chair stated that if Councilman Chavers would add water improvements to his resolution he would be more inclined to support that.

Councilman Chavers responded okay, but it would be contingent upon that is what it could be used for.

Mr. McMorris advised that the Parish has used ARPA funding for water and various areas before, including the Killian project.

Councilman John Mangus asked Mr. McMorris to explain what he said about the ARPA funds must be allocated by December 31<sup>st</sup> and what is the process of allocation.

Mr. McMorris stated that it is federal money and it must be procured correctly. There must be a bidding process and things of that nature.

Councilman Mangus questioned how long does it take to go through the bid process?

Mr. McMorris called upon Heather Crain, Livingston Parish Grant Manager, to answer this question.

Ms. Crain explained that it could take over a month to publicly bid something. She conveyed that it must be advertised for three (3) consecutive weeks, then there is a bid opening, then it must come before the Council for approval and then they have to do contract negotiations and sign the contract. She advised that the process could take approximately two (2) months.

Councilman Mangus questioned the timeline of allocating the funds.

Mr. McMorris advised that if the Council was going to allocate the funds through procurement, then a decision would need to be made very soon, being mid next month because of the process that it takes. However, the Parish is not going to lose the funds because there are provisions that allows them to go back and recapture money that had been spent elsewhere, such as Cook Road. He asked that the Council members not fear losing this funding because there were other ways to put them to use.

Councilman Chavers asked Mr. McMorris if Gravity Drainage District No. 2 could use that money for drainage improvement projects because he knew that they do not receive a lot of revenue. Could that money potentially be passed down to them to vamp up their team, vamp up the crews, the equipment and get them going?

Mr. Cascio explained that the ARPA funding could not be used for reoccurring expenses, so for example, the addition of employees would not be allowed. Councilman Chavers had other questions such as buying them equipment. He advised that he would get with Mr. Cascio after the meeting to discuss this because he did not want to continue holding up the meeting.

Councilman Ricky Goff asked if he could rescind his former second to Councilman Chavers motion to allocate ARPA funding to roads and drainage.

Councilman Chavers advised that he understood Councilman Goff's wishes, but there were past Councils and Administrations that have allocated money all of the time and he thought that they had the option to do it as well. He stated that he would like to still stick with his motion to allocate the ARPA funding to water systems, roads and drainage.

The chair stated that Councilman Goff had withdrawn his second to the motion made by Councilman Chavers and requested if anyone wished to make the second, if not, then the motion would die.

Councilman Dean Coates wished to second the motion.

Mr. McMorris requested to caution the Council members on one thing. He stated that the Parish was very limited on time, and time was of the essence on this, so if they start dividing these funds between four or five projects, it will not happen.

There was an open discussion.

Councilman John Mangus requested to make a substitute motion that the Council should submit this through the Finance committee so that they may hear everyone's position. Councilman Chavers advised that he had done that already.

**LPR NO. 24-358**

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Lonnie Watts to send the proposed resolution for the allocation of the remaining ARPA funds to the Finance committee.

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

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

NAYS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. COATES

ABSENT: MS. SANDEFUR

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

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The chair addressed agenda item number 15, "Adopt resolution to authorize a waiver of Section "125-176, "Definitions" to allow a third address on a twelve point zero five (12.05) acre tract for David Brunies, located on Shane Lane, Parcel #0581173D in Council District 9 – Joseph "Joe" Erdey".

Public input: David Brunies, requesting temporary third address for his granddaughter Wade Holden, in favor of the Council granting waiver for a third address for Mr. Brunies' s granddaughter

**LPR NO. 24-359**

MOTION was offered by Joe Erdey and duly seconded by John Mangus to approve the authorization of a waiver of Section 125-176 "Definitions", to allow a temporary third address for two (2) years on a 12.05 acre tract of property for David Brunies, located on Shane Lane, Parcel #0581173D in Council District 9.

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

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

NAYS: MR. CHAVERS, MR. GOFF, MR. COATES

ABSENT: MS. SANDEFUR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on September 26, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 16a, "Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s): Accept Resignation of James Sandefur from Master Plan Review Committee – Parish President Randy Delatte".

**LPR NO. 24-360**

MOTION was offered by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Joe Erdey to accept the resignation of James "Jamey" Sandefur from the Master Plan Review Committee as the

appointment of the Parish President; as received in writing on September 18, 2024 by the office of the Livingston Parish Council being effective immediately.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MS. SANDEFUR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on September 26, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 16b, “Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s): Ralph Burgess to Master Plan Review Committee-Parish President Randy Delatte”.

**LPR NO. 24-361**

MOTION was offered by Ricky Goff and duly seconded by Billy Taylor to appoint Ralph Burgess to the Master Plan Review committee to replace the vacancy left by the resignation of James “Jamey” Sandefur; members of the Master Plan Review committee serve at the pleasure of the committee and have no term expiration date.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MS. SANDEFUR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on September 26, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 16c, “Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s): Fire Protection District No. 12 – Lonnie Watts”.

**LPR NO. 24-362**

MOTION was offered by Lonnie Watts and duly seconded by Ricky Goff to appoint and reappoint the following members to Fire Protection District No. 12:

- Appointed: Ludwig C. Heintz, II; two (2) year term expires on January 1, 2026 (resides in Council District 1)
  - Replaces expired term of Robert Hughes
- Reappointment: Mike Jones; two (2) year term expires on January 1, 2026 (resides in Council District 1)
- Reappointment: Wayne Westbrook, two (2) year term expires on January 1, 2025 (resides in Council District 1)
- Appointment: Duane Bankston; two (2) year term expires on January 1, 2025 (resides in Council District 1)
  - Replaces Lea McDonald
- Appointment: Thomas Hodges; two (2) year term expires on January 1, 2025 (resides in Council District 1)
  - Replaces Jessie Glascock

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MS. SANDEFUR

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on September 26, 2024.

The chair addressed agenda item number 17, “Discussion of Meeting Dates for upcoming Holidays – John Wascom”.

This item was deferred until the next regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council to be held on October 10, 2024.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 18a, “Committee Report(s): Finance Committee”, and called upon Councilman John Mangus, Finance committee chairman.

Councilman Mangus advised that the next committee meeting would be held on Thursday, October 10, 2024 before the regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 18b, “Committee Report(s): Ordinance Committee: Recommendation(s) of Ordinance introduction(s)”, and called upon Councilman Dean Coates, Ordinance committee chairman.

Councilman Coates advised that there was nothing to report at that time and encouraged anyone who had an ordinance to present, please bring it to the committee.

He advised that the next Ordinance committee date and time was to be determined as there was some scheduling conflicts.

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The chair addressed agenda item number 19, “District Attorney’s Report:” and called upon Mr. Brad Cascio, Parish Legal Advisor. Mr. Cascio advised that he did not have anything to report at that time.

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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, October 10, 2024 at the hour of six o’clock (6:00) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

**LPR NO. 24-363**

MOTION was offered by Billy Taylor and duly seconded by Joe Erdey to adjourn the September 26, 2024 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MS. SANDEFUR

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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*\s\ Sandy C. Teal*

Sandy C. Teal, Council clerk

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*\s\ John Wascom*

John Wascom, Council chairman

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