

**Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council
Livingston, Louisiana
March 13, 2025**

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, March 13, 2025, at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

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

Absent: Ryan Chavers

Also present: Parish President Randy Delatte
Al Giraud, Parish Legal Counsel-The Moody Law Firm

The chair called the meeting to order.

The chair asked the public to please mute or turn off their cell phones.

The chair announced that Public Input would be accepted from any member of the audience wishing to address an agenda item and explained the procedure to be called upon.

The chair addressed agenda item number 8, "Presentations:", and called upon Councilman John Mangus.

Councilman Mangus stated that they wished to award a certificate of recognition from the Livingston Parish President who wished to recognize the Live Oak High School Cheerleading squad, being the National High School Cheerleading Champions for the years of 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

The Parish President came to the podium and addressed the Council members. He stated that there was so much talent in Livingston Parish that it was hard to acknowledge everyone that deserved to be recognized by the Parish government.

He advised of the many accomplishments of the Live Oak High School Cheerleading squad as well as their coach. He thanked them for the positive impact that they have made and encouraged them to keep up the good work. He also wished to recognize the parents and all that they do to make these things happen, as well as the sacrifices they make and they should be included in this recognition.

The Parish President asked the Council members if they would take a moment for a photo opportunity.

The chair advised that there was one (1) more presentation that evening, and called upon Louisiana State Representative Roger Wilder III, District 71.

Representative Wilder came to the podium and introduced himself and thanked the Council members and the Parish President for allowing him to speak that evening. He stated that he was there that evening as a request to explain Amendment 2. He advised that he had served on the Ways and Means Committee in the state Legislature which is the committee that governs the state's tax code.

Representative Wilder advised that the goal that evening was to explain to everyone why he is voting yes for Amendment 2 and why everyone should vote yes as well. He explained that Amendment 2 on our ballot provides significant tax relief for individuals in our state and it opens

the state for business. He wished to clarify and offer some explanation of Amendment 2 and what it will do:

- Lowers the state maximum income tax from 4.75 to 3%
- Moves individual standard deductions from 4500 to 12,500
- Doubles the standard deductions for seniors
 - At this time, seniors that are single and over 65 do not pay taxes on the first 122,500, this will move that number to 25,000
 - If you are married and over 65 filing jointly, it goes to \$50,000.00
- It is a permanent teacher pay raise of \$2,000.00 and \$1,000.00
 - It will be for certified and non-certified teachers
- It will pay down \$2 billion of the \$8 billion of the teacher retirement debt, taking the balance down to \$6 billion
- It preserves the Homestead Exemption and senior property tax benefits
- It establishes a government growth limit on state spending
- Lowers corporate tax rate from 7.5 to 5.5
- It eliminates a franchise tax
- Allows for the elimination of corporate inventory taxes across our state

He posed statistical data from the Tax Foundation, the world's leading non-partisan group in this area, and stated that these changes will take Louisiana from 42nd place as a place to live, do business, raise a family tax policy, to the low 20s. Louisiana will go from the bottom half to the top half the second that this amendment passes. He advised that it opens the state for business and will keep our children here instead of leaving to go to other states.

Representative Wilder wished to clarify that this does not harm Houses of Worship. He offered further clarification of what Amendment 2 does not do:

- Will not place property taxes on churches
- It does not place taxes on places that are currently enjoying exemptions
- It does not remove constitutional protections from churches
- Not a single property that enjoys exemptions today, will suddenly owe property taxes when this passes

He stated his sources of this information. The first being Chairwoman Julie Emerson, who is the chairwoman of the Ways and Means committee and a third term conservative representative of the House. In addition, she is the author of this proposed legislation. He shared his personal knowledge of Representative Emerson and conveyed that she is a devout Christian woman and probably in the top three (3) conservative members in the entire body, she is a member of the First Baptist Church in Lafayette and a board member of the Baptist Seminary.

Representative Wilder declared that today, in the state of Louisiana, we have the most conservative legislature ever elected, having super majorities in both chambers.

He also wished to share that Representative Emerson had written an op-ed that was published that day, and in it, she advised of several leaders of church organizations who contacted her about their concerns with this amendment. She met with them and explained the language of it, and each one left okay with her explanation. He invited everyone to view her op-ed at centerssquare.com and stated that by the end of that night, it would be put on the Baptist Message.

Secondly, he conveyed that he had spoken to Mr. Gene Mills from the Louisiana Family Forum, the most conservative group in the state working for families of a conservative background, and Mr. Mills was fine with the amendment. Representative Emerson confirmed with him earlier that day that the SBC (Southern Baptist Convention) was fine with the amendment. He advised that the Catholic Church, the largest landowner in the state, was in the room when they were discussing this legislation and they had no concern.

Representative Wilder encouraged everyone to use common sense and notice that there is no party movement that is voicing their disapproval. The opposition is coming from a handful of groups with a specific agenda to harm this opportunity. He cited that when the legislature voted for this specific

bill, the House bill passed 87-11 and the Senate vote was 39-0 in favor of. He professed that this was not a partisan vote, it was a Louisiana vote. Everyone is tired of Louisiana being last and saw that this moves Louisiana forward and benefits everyone.

He stated that they have one chance and have a lifetime opportunity to put Louisiana on a new path towards prosperity. He further stated that in Representative Emerson's op-ed, she emphasized that the ultimate goal was to get Louisiana to zero income tax to be more competitive with states like Texas and Florida and to simplify the complexity of the business climate to grow our economy. In just a short time, the reforms that have been undertaken have proven to be successful and Louisiana has made giant leaps in rankings in overall tax policy and business competitiveness and the Governor has announced several big projects coming to our state because of the change in our tax climate per this legislation.

He wished to conclude by sharing that for Livingston Parish, this is beyond huge. There is already a magnitude of work that is being accomplished between the five (5) state delegates, the Parish President's office, the Sheriff's office and everyone is ready to move Livingston Parish forward.

He advised that they have already identified a number of companies looking to come to Louisiana, some being really ready to make big moves to our Parish, not just the state. He further explained that Amendment 2 passing will give Livingston Parish a strategic advantage to quickly grow and attract much needed commercial and industrial companies across our Parish. The estimate of that kind of development would bring in tax revenue that were not coming from more millages, sales taxes and homes built.

He urged everyone that was listening to give them a chance to start winning and do not listen to the false narrative. He stated that they have been losing their kids to other states for too long.

Representative Wilder advised that early voting would begin on Saturday and he hoped that the information that he shared with them that evening produced clarity about Amendment 2.

Councilman John Mangus asked Representative Wilder about the other three (3) amendments on the ballot. Representative Wilder confirmed that he would be voting yes to all them. He gave a brief summary of his knowledge of these.

He thanked everyone for their time and the chair moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 9, "Parish President's Report:" and called upon Parish President Delatte.

The Parish President advised that he did not have anything to report at that time, but would like to add something to what Representative Wilder had spoken about. He acknowledged that this would be a game changer for Livingston Parish, in particular, having the ability to opt out of the inventory tax. He revealed that there were seven (7) non-disclosure agreements in only the last three (3) weeks in Livingston Parish. This is something that other parishes will not be able to compete with because in certain circumstances, they cannot get rid of the inventory tax. He declared that a national study had been conducted, putting Livingston Parish in the hub at one of the most important places to be at to expand businesses. He wished to convey that he would also be voting yes to all four (4) amendments that are being proposed for the upcoming election.

The chair addressed agenda item number 10a, "Livingston Parish Department of Public Works:

- a. Hunters Ridge, 3rd Filing
 - i. Accept roads & improvements into the Parish Maintenance system
 - ii. Release \$105,416.03 maintenance bond
- Joe May Road Section 25 & 26, T7S R3E Council District 6"

The chair called upon Mr. Robert Dugas, Director of the Livingston Parish Department of Public Works, who advised that it was their recommendation to accept this filing.

There was no objection from anyone present disapproving of the vote for both agenda items to be decided in the same resolution.

The chair asked if there was anyone who wished to speak under public input. Having none, the chair called for the vote.

LPR NO. 25-079

MOTION was made by John Wascom and duly seconded by John Mangus to approve the recommendation from the Livingston Parish Department of Public Works and accept the roads and improvements into the parish maintenance system and release the one hundred five thousand four hundred sixteen dollars and three cents (\$105,416.03) maintenance bond for Hunters Ridge, 3rd Filing, located on Joe May Road, Section 25 & 26, T7S R3E in Council District 6.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. CHAVERS

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 13, 2025.

The chair addressed agenda item number 10b, "Introduction of Ordinance – DPW/OEP Surplus Equipment".

Mr. Dugas requested that this item be pulled from the agenda. He advised that they were still working on some things with it.

The chair announced that this agenda item was being deferred and moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 11, Introduction of Ordinance – An Ordinance to provide for a twelve (12) month extension of L.P. Ordinance 24-11 – Prohibiting the consideration, submittal, or approval of all Solar Panel Farms or Commercial Solar Power Plants within Livingston Parish – Erin Sandefur".

The chair called upon Councilwoman Sandefur who stated just a motion to introduce extending the moratorium for another year and she wished to explain the reasons why.

She advised that they had received word from the state that they were going to take this matter up in the upcoming session. She asserted that she had done a lot of work on this in the last year and she had a lot of information to give. She stated that hopefully the moratorium will extend for another year because it is not an easy thing to look at. She explained that you must look at tax revenues and several other different variables and upon its extension for another year, they could lift the moratorium whenever they receive the legislation or the ordinances are put in place. She apprised that they had a lot of time to look at it and work on it and she felt that was very needed.

Councilwoman Sandefur advised that she wished to make a motion to introduce and Councilman Joe Erdey made the second.

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

L. P. ORDINANCE NO. 25-04

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXTENSION OF A TWELVE (12) MONTH PARISH-WIDE SOLAR PANEL FARMS MORATORIUM THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ON MAY 23, 2024, BEING L.P. ORDINANCE NO. 24-11, BY EXTENDING SAID MORATORIUM FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWELVE (12) MONTHS THAT WILL PROHIBIT THE CONSIDERATION,

SUBMITTAL, OR APPROVAL OF ALL SOLAR PANEL FARMS OR COMMERCIAL SOLAR POWER PLANTS WITHIN LIVINGSTON PARISH UNTIL SUCH TIME AS PENDING STUDIES AND ORDINANCES ARE COMPLETE.

LPR NO. 25-080

MOTION was offered by Erin Sandefur and duly seconded by Joe Erdey to publish the ordinance by title in the Official Journal and set a Public Hearing for Thursday, March 27, 2025, 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. WASCOM, MR. GOFF, MR. TAYLOR, MR. WATTS,
MR. COATES, MR. MANGUS, MS. SANDEFUR

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. CHAVERS

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 13, 2025.

The chair addressed agenda item number 12, "Adoption of Minutes for the regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council dated February 27, 2025", and indicated that this item would be deferred until the next regular meeting dated March 27, 2025.

The chair addressed agenda item number 13, "Adopt a resolution to take "Live Oak Acres" off the mobile home waiver list, per Section 125-137, "Prohibitions and restrictions of use" – Erin Sandefur".

Councilwoman Erin Sandefur wished to make a motion to table. Councilman Dean Coates made the second to this motion.

Councilman John Mangus asked if Councilwoman Sandefur was tabling this item indefinitely or for a certain amount of time?

Councilwoman Sandefur advised that she would let him know, but as of now, indefinitely.

The chair asked if there were any public input. Having none, the chair called for the vote.

LPR NO. 25-081

MOTION was made by Erin Sandefur and duly seconded by Dean Coates to table indefinitely agenda item number 13, "Adopt a resolution to take "Live Oak Acres" off the mobile home waiver list, per Section 125-137, "Prohibitions and restrictions of use."

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. CHAVERS

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 13, 2025.

The chair addressed agenda item number 14, "Adopt a resolution to authorize a waiver of Section 125-37, "Requirements for Minor Subdivisions", for the number of lots on a servitude located off Joel Ott Drive in Council District 2 for Travis McGraw – Ryan Chavers".

The chair advised that for this agenda item, the wrong name was given to the Council staff. The correct name that should be listed for this item is Brian Claverie.

Public input: Brian Claverie, owner of the property being 9.26 acres: requesting a waiver to subdivide into three (3) lots. He advised that two (2) of the lots will be measured at 3.6 acres and one (1) will be measured at two (2) acres. The two (2) acre lot will be designated for he and his wife and the other two (2) lots measured at 3.6 acres will be designated for his son, Mason Claverie and his family and the other for Michael and Maddie Claverie. He further advised that the property is zoned as R-1 and is in Flood Zone X and he was requesting the waiver to place three (3) family homes there.

Councilman Dean Coates asked Mr. Claverie if this was a public road or a private road?

Mr. Claverie stated that it was a private road.

Public input: Mason Claverie, currently resides at Joel Ott Drive with his sister and her husband while they are in the process of obtaining this simple subdivide. They are requesting this waiver so that he and his family can all come back to the Watson community. They have all travelled across different states and they are slowly coming back as a family. They all grew up in the Watson School district and the intent is that they are all with their family and children and grandparents and essentially they will all be in one location which will be an amazing opportunity that they would like to have and is very important to them.

Councilman Lonnie Watts asked how long have they owned this property? Mr. Brian Claverie advised that it had been one (1) year.

Councilman John Mangus questioned if the servitudes were a problem because it was a private road? Mr. Brian Claverie advised not that he was aware of.

Councilman Mangus wished to direct a question to Administration and asked how did Permitting or Planning feel about this and asked if they could weigh in on it?

The Parish President advised that they were going to have two (2) issues, there was a sewer issue and they were above the nine (9) lots requirement. The waiver would be for the lot requirement and Administration did not recommend this.

Public input: Garry Talbert, resides at Bend Road and his property backs up to the property in question. He stated that there are currently seventeen (17) lots on this private servitude, once subdivided it will be nineteen (19) and he wasn't sure if there was a sixty (60') servitude. In addition, it is not a Class D road because there are no school buses that travel down this road, nor mail or garbage trucks. He added that it was un-engineered dirt and that there needs to come a point in time that enough is enough and asked that the Council members deny the waiver.

Councilman Goff requested that Mr. Brian Claverie return to the podium. Councilman Goff advised that they have been dealing with minor subdivisions that have no improvements and are getting close to it with the Parish's zoning and development plans. He added that what concerned him was that there was no plans for water drainage, which is not required in this circumstance. He estimated that it probably was not a requirement for the other seventeen (17) homes that are located there.

Councilman Goff advised what he would like to see before he could grant Mr. Claverie a waiver based on that piece of property, is for Mr. Claverie to look at what he will be doing with the nine (9) acres in question, how was he going to get the water out of there and where will it go. He clarified that he was not asking for a drainage impact study, only to sit down with his engineer and then have them draw up something on paper to advise where the water is going to go.

In addition, Councilman Goff would like Mr. Claverie to give the drainage district some servitude of access so that they may be able to access the drainage ditches for whatever plan that they put in place for the water to go. He stated that he would like to extend that a little bit further and say that

on Mr. Claverie's plat that they were reviewing, it indicated that there was a forty (40') foot servitude and the Parish mandates a sixty (60') foot servitude. Councilman Goff stated that he would love to see Mr. Claverie be proactive and speak to the rest of the neighbors and see if that is a forty (40') foot servitude, can it be moved to a sixty (60') foot servitude for the entire street. He explained that the reason for that, at some point and time, someone is going to want the Parish to take that road over and make it a Parish road. He advised that he would be against granting the waiver at that point and time because the Parish has got to start addressing the improvements, or in lack of improvements, when multiple type lots such as this are subdivided. He wished to reiterate that he did not have a problem with putting more lots on a particular servitude, he just felt that there should be some basic information and the most important thing from his standpoint was drainage.

Councilman Goff stated that he would like Mr. Claverie to try and get with McLin, his developer, to see if he could go to a sixty (60') foot servitude for the entire road and secondly, what will be the plan for the water and thirdly, get the approval through the gravity drainage district and give them some servitude access to maintain what is put in place for the drainage.

Mr. Brian Claverie advised that the sixty (60') foot servitude came to his attention earlier that day, but it was in reference to his particular property granting access to the two (2) other lots. He acknowledged that requirement would not be a problem for him. He wished to make sure what Councilman Goff was requesting of him and asked if he wanted him to see if they could obtain a sixty (60') foot servitude on the main highway known as Joel Ott Drive? Councilman Goff concurred and stated that he would like Mr. Claverie to try. He knew that he was giving him a tall order and explained that it was going to be inevitable, at some point and time, someone was going to want that road blacktopped. He further explained what a Type D road was that Mr. Talbert was speaking about earlier.

Mr. Claverie discussed the access that was currently available on Joel Ott Road to do whatever needed to be done. He further advised that their community had just completed improvements to the entrance to Joel Ott Road. He also acknowledged that he had been in discussion with his developer about the water issues earlier that day. The thought was that they have nine (9) acres that they will be subdividing and eventually placing single family homes there at some point, and their conclusion was that the water would essentially be going to the same place that it goes today, there would be no disruption with the flow of the water than what is happening today. Mr. Claverie also noted that there was currently access on Joel Ott for the local drainage district to have as servitude.

Councilman Goff disclosed that he did not disagree with what Mr. Claverie was saying, but he needed to provide documentation with an engineering stamp that indicated where the water will be going and confirmation of a legal servitude of access for the gravity drainage district to have admission for the maintenance of those drainage ways. He explained that he was trying to be proactive to what may happen in the future and that could cause problems without these things put in place. He further advised that Mr. Claverie was requesting a waiver, and the Council has the opportunity to say that they are not opposed to the waiver, but they needed to have these things put in place. Councilman Goff hoped the constituents in that area that have the other seventeen (17) homes and lots, realize the benefit of giving the extra ten (10') feet for the road servitude.

Councilman Lonnie Watts asked Mr. Claverie what type of sewer system was there? Was it individual sewer systems? Mr. Claverie advised that it would be Mo-dads. There will be an option for public water or you may drill a well.

Councilman John Wascom asked if Mr. Claverie knew where the current Mo-dads in place were discharging? He did not.

Mr. Mason Claverie wished to add that the independent sewer systems that they have seen on Joel Ott Road that are out there, most of them have the runoff because there are open ditches on each side of the road. He advised that if they did not have specific sprinkler designs, or anything for their sprinkler systems, then they are running them to the runoff ditches.

Councilman John Wascom asked if there were any drainage ditches currently on the property in question? Mr. Mason Claverie advised that yes, it was currently running along Joel Ott Road.

Councilman Wascom wished to know if it was just the one (1) drain and if all of the water hits that property goes straight to the road. Mr. Mason Claverie advised not necessarily. He further explained that where there property was currently located at the crest of Joel Ott, it discharges to the north and south, and when it discharges to the south side as a natural flow and you follow the grade, the ditches become larger and when it discharges to the south side back to the main highway or Greenwell Springs, where the community just improved the entrance with a twenty-four (24') inch culvert, that is where the natural water flow is going.

The Parish President wished to comment on the sewer. He stated that sewer is governed by the state and the Parish cannot provide that waiver. He further explained that current state law states that the sewer cannot be put into a private ditch, it must be placed going into a maintained ditch.

Councilman Ricky Goff stated that he wished to make a motion that the Council deny the waiver based on his previous statements. The chair requested a second to his motion. Councilman Dean Coates stated that he would second that motion.

Councilman John Wascom advised that he would like to make a substitute motion. He offered that instead of denying the waiver, he felt that it sent a message that the Council did not want them to come back and did not want to help them.

He suggested that instead of denying the waiver request, he would like to make a substitute motion to defer this until Mr. Claverie could come back with an engineer's drawing to answer some of their questions.

Councilman Goff stated that he did not have a problem with Councilman Wascom's substitute motion as long as Mr. Claverie understands that he will not receive approval at that evening's meeting, but if he does some of the things that he asked and suggested, then he could come back and present it to the Council. He acknowledged that he would change his motion to reflect what Councilman Wascom proposed. Councilman Dean Coates still wished to second that motion.

LPR NO. 25-082

MOTION was made by Ricky Goff and duly seconded by Dean Coates to defer agenda item number 14, "Adopt a resolution to authorize a waiver of Section 125-37, "Requirements for Minor Subdivisions", for the number of lots on a servitude located off Joel Ott Drive in Council District 2 for Travis McGraw", with the stipulation that Mr. Brian Claverie will work with his developer to produce a map indicating where water run-off will take place and said map will also designate servitude for the gravity drainage district to maintain; and

In addition, Mr. Brian Claverie will speak to the neighbors that reside on Joel Ott Road and request if they have a forty (40') foot servitude where their part of the road is located, can it be moved to a sixty (60') foot servitude for the entire street.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. CHAVERS

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 13, 2025.

The chair addressed agenda item number 15, "Adopt a resolution asking DPW to place a "School Bus Stop Ahead" sign on Nan Wesley Road, in Council District 2 – Ryan Chavers", and advised

that Councilman Chavers had requested that this agenda item be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council scheduled on March 27, 2025.

The chair asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak on this item. Having none, the chair declared that this item was deferred.

The chair addressed agenda item number 16, “Update on Causey Lane and Legacy Lane from DPW – Ryan Chavers”.

The chair advised that Councilman Ryan Chavers had requested for this agenda item to be deferred as well until the next regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council scheduled on March 27, 2025.

The chair addressed agenda item number 17, “Adopt a resolution to authorize a waiver of Section 126-4, “Commercial Development Submittals”, to allow a four hundred and forty-two (442’) square foot addition to the Saint Margaret Catholic Church Mausoleum in Council District 9 – Joe Erdey”.

The chair called upon Councilman Joe Erdey to explain this waiver request.

Councilman Erdey advised that a representative of Saint Margaret Catholic Church had contacted him about trying to obtain a permit from the Parish of Livingston allowing the church to construct an addition to their mausoleum. He conveyed to Councilman Erdey that the addition would be four hundred and forty-two (442’) square feet and was told that he would have to resurvey the entire twenty (20) acres for this small addition to their mausoleum.

Councilman Erdey questioned this and began making phone calls, one being to the Louisiana State Cemetery Board who advised that it was up to each Parish to decide how they want to run their cemeteries.

He continued to investigate why the Parish has churches labeled as commercial property and discovered that many years ago they did not know what to label church properties and determined that they would just put them as commercial. He argued that the church was not in business for money. He stated that they were asking so little here to go put the church through so much time and money and he was asking the Council members to grant a waiver for the four hundred forty-two (442’) feet addition to their mausoleum.

The chair asked if Councilman Erdey wished to put that in the form of a motion to which he concurred. Councilman John Mangus seconded the motion.

The chair opened the floor for public comment.

Public input: Mark Chemay, chairman of the cemetery committee at St. Margaret’s Catholic Church

Mr. Chemay addressed the Council members and advised that they were located in Hungarian Settlement and were adding on to the existing mausoleum. He stated that he had pictures if the Council members were interested in seeing it. He advised that their current mausoleum was full, not fully occupied, but they were sold.

Mr. Chemay wished to argue that this addition should not be considered a commercial development. There was no plumbing or utilities and the drainage is natural drainage on the site. He wished to request that they would be waived from the requirements to submit a detailed engineering plan for this size and scope of the project.

Public input: Morgan Sanchez, Forte and Tablada and Parish Review Engineer

Ms. Sanchez wished to clarify to the Council members that the Parish’s Code of Ordinances have Commercial and also Subdivision. She verified that this was an addition and it was Commercial. She stated that what the Parish ordinance requires is for them to show a site plan of their addition

and they are also supposed to submit drainage, which they may be exempt from. She explained that because they have an addition of ten (10%) percent, if there is less than ten (10%) percent impervious, you can be exempt from a drainage impact study. Unfortunately, you must get an engineer to do that and that does costs money.

Ms. Sanchez stated that she was not against what they were doing, and thought that they did not need to do what is in the ordinance. However, she cannot make that decision because that ability has been removed from the ordinance. She also wished to point out that this will be a very, very small addition.

The Parish President came to the podium and advised that Administration is not against the waiver. He wanted to make that clear, they cannot give him the waiver, the Council members have to vote to authorize it.

The chair stated that he was closing public comments and called for the vote.

LPR NO. 25-083

MOTION was made by Joe Erdey and duly seconded by John Mangus to authorize a waiver of Section 126-4, “Commercial Development Submittals”, to allow a four hundred and forty-two (442’) square foot addition to the Saint Margaret Catholic Church Mausoleum in Council District 9.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. CHAVERS

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 13, 2025.

The chair addressed agenda item number 18, “Discussion of Facebook Page for the Livingston Parish Council – Ryan Chavers” and advised that this item was being deferred until the next regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council scheduled on March 27, 2025.

The chair addressed agenda item number 19a, “Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s): Gravity Drainage District No. 5 – Lonnie Watts”, and called upon Councilman Lonnie Watts.

Councilman Watts advised that he wished to reappoint Tony Achord to Gravity Drainage District No. 5 and did so in the form of making a motion. Councilman John Mangus made the second to this motion.

The chair opened the floor for public comment. Having none, he closed public comment and called for the vote.

LPR NO. 25-084

MOTION was offered by Lonnie Watts and duly seconded by John Mangus to reappoint Tony Achord (Council District 1) to the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. 5 to serve a four (4) year term; said appointment will expire on February 26, 2029.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. CHAVERS

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 13, 2025.

The chair addressed agenda item number 19b, “Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s): Recreation District No. 2 – Lonnie Watts”. The chair called upon Councilman Lonnie Watts.

Councilman Watts advised that his Council District now encompasses a vast amount of Recreation District No. 2. He stated that Councilman Ryan Chavers was generous to him and allowed him to take one of Council District No. 2’s board appointments. He wished to appoint Stephen Howitz (Council District 1) to fill the expired term of James Hood.

The chair asked if Councilman Ryan Chavers had already removed the previous board member?

Councilman Watts wished to note that Mr. Jimmy Hood had retired and that seat was now vacant. Councilman John Wascom made the second to this motion.

The chair asked if anyone had any comment. Having none, he closed public comment and called for the vote.

LPR NO. 25-085

MOTION was offered by Lonnie Watts and duly seconded by John Wascom to appoint Stephen Howitz (Council District 1) to the Recreation District No. 2 to fill the expired and vacant position of Mr. James “Jimmy Hood” (Council District 2) said board appointment is for a five (5) year term; and will expire on February 13, 2030.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. CHAVERS

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 13, 2025.

The chair addressed agenda item number 19c, “Board (re)appointment(s)/Resignation(s): Fire Protection District No. 8: Ratify the Village of French Settlement appointment(s) – Dean Coates”.

The chair called upon Councilman Dean Coates who explained that the Village of French Settlement has two (2) board appointments on Fire Protection District No. 8. An excerpt of the minutes were sent to the Council office by the Village of French Settlement’s Clerk, Debbie Clegg for ratification of their appointments by the Livingston Parish Council.

The chair acknowledged that Councilman Dean Coates made the motion and Councilman John Wascom wished to make second. He then called for the Public Hearing to be open, having no comment, he closed the Public Hearing and called for the vote.

The excerpt of the minutes on the letterhead of the Village of French Settlement stated the following:

February 17, 2025

On February 8, 2025, at a regularly scheduled Town Hall meeting for the Village of French Settlement, a motion was made to appoint Sean Cloutre and Paul Gaines as trustees for the French Settlement Fire Department in Livingston Parish Fire District 8. The motion was passed unanimously by Alderman Murphy, Alderman Delhommer and Alderman Cloutre.

**Signed by:
Debbie Clegg, Clerk
Village of French Settlement**

LPR NO. 25-086

MOTION was offered by Dean Coates and duly seconded by John Wascom to ratify the reappointments of Sean Clouatre (Village of French Settlement’s Appointment) and Paul Gains (Village of French Settlement’s Appointment) to Fire Protection District No. 8; the two (2) year terms of these board appointments will expire on January 1, 2026.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. CHAVERS

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted on March 13, 2025.

The chair addressed agenda addendum item number A-1a, “Board Resignation/Appointment: – Livingston Parish Library Board of Control – Ryan Chavers”, and advised that this agenda item will be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on March 27, 2025.

The chair asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak on this item. Having none, he moved to the next agenda item.

The chair addressed agenda item number 20a, “Committee Report(s): Finance Committee”, and called upon Councilman Ricky Goff, Finance committee chairman.

Councilman Goff stated that the Finance committee had nothing to report at that time.

The chair addressed agenda item number 20c, “Ordinance Committee: Recommendation(s) of Ordinance introduction(s)”, and called upon Councilman John Mangus who chaired their last committee meeting.

Councilman Mangus advised that the committee did not have a quorum and therefore only held discussion and took no action. They discussed Councilwoman Erin Sandefur’s Solar Panel Farm ordinance that was introduced earlier that evening.

The chair addressed agenda item number 20b, “Committee Report: Infrastructure Committee”, and called upon Councilman Ricky Goff, chairman of the Infrastructure Committee.

Councilman Goff advised that this committee would be meeting on next Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at five-thirty (5:30) p.m. and stated that it will be televised. He encouraged everyone to tune in for the meeting. He stated that at some point down the road, they would be asking for input. Councilman Goff stated that they wanted this committee to be an open communication to everyone in the Parish and come up with some solutions to some of their problems and they were not going to worry about money, they would be coming up with solutions and come with a plan and then they were going to work the plan. He indicated that he was looking forward to this, a lot.

The chair addressed agenda item number 21, “District Attorney’s Report”.

The chair called upon Mr. Al Giraud, Parish Legal Advisor, who advised that he had nothing to report that evening.

Councilman John Wascom wished to put Leslie Street on the next agenda for the March 27, 2025 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council to add for consideration to the Priority List.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested until they would meet again at the next regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council scheduled on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at the hour of six o’clock (6:00) p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

LPR NO. 25-087

MOTION was offered by John Mangus and duly seconded by Erin Sandefur to adjourn the March 13, 2025 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. CHAVERS

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had been carried and was adopted and that the meeting was adjourned.

\s\ Sandy C. Teal

Sandy C. Teal, Council clerk

\s\ Billy Taylor

Billy Taylor, Council chairman

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8sMpCZ1ruIM>

And Action17's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Cannel17/videos/547177284478280>

It may also be found on the Livingston Parish Council's website at:

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