

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF  
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF MARCH, 2022

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Atkins, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). ABSENT: None (0).

The invocation was given by Mr. Chavez, and Mrs. Gage-Watts led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *to expand the agenda and add Resolution No. 25 of 2022, a resolution urging and requesting the Louisiana Legislature to adopt Senate Bill 322 providing relative to Official Journal publication by local governments, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* under Resolutions.

Mr. Johnson said that this bill is being introduced by Senator Mills. He explained that it allows local municipalities to publish an ad in the Official Journal informing the citizens to go to the municipalities' website to review minutes. If a citizen does not have a computer, they could notify that governing body and a copy of the minutes will be sent to them.

At this time, the President of the Commission opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against expanding the agenda. There being no one to speak in favor or against this agenda addition, the President closed the public hearing.

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Raymond Love came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I won't really need that much time. Name is Raymond Love. I'm a retired teacher from Caddo Parish and I want to thank the School, stop saying School Board. I want to thank the Commission for the recognizing the retired teachers they were going to have. In fact, I brought some retired teachers down here with me who want to see their Commissioners in action and actually show their appreciation for your accepting their position, you know, recognizing the school the Retired Teacher's Day as something new to come to Caddo Parish. Sometimes as a retired teacher we work pretty hard trying to get things done, but when you retire it is pretty tough dealing with them. So, I'd like to ask your retired teachers who are here today to stand up, so you may be recognized. So, they may have even talked to you. Okay. All right. Thank you.

**VISITORS**

- People's Promise Youth Division

Ms. Autumn Summers, Co-Chair & Founder of the People's Promise—Youth Division, said that they've been working with the School Board to get a voter registration and education day passed. They were successfully able to get a whole week. She said that it is important to encourage the youth to get involved in civic engagement, which will be youth led and youth empowered. There will be two ambassadors from every school in Caddo Parish who will help their peers get educated on non-partisan voting strategies, such as learning how to vote and how to get registered to vote. Early voting and what's on their ballot will be included in the education. Ms. Summers said that they would like to expand to a statewide level. She also said that there has been much concern regarding the crime in Shreveport, and she believes prevention starts with education and by uplifting the youth.

Mr. Ryan Wilkinson, Chief Financial Officer of the People's Promise—Youth Division, said that they've also gone to Baton Rouge to testify on House Bills, specifically redistricting, that will affect the youth of Louisiana. He also said that part of their mission is to keep Louisiana kids in Louisiana.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if this organization is affiliated with Ms. Breeka People's organization, The People's Promise. Ms. Summers explained that they are in the process of getting registered as a 501c3 and cannot disclose whether or not they are. Mr. Jackson understood and said that he is "proud to see young folks willing to step into the fold and take bold, brave, and courageous decisions and be unashamed and unapologetic about it". He commended the People's Promise—Youth Division for all of their hard work within the community.

Mr. Johnson also commended the People's Promise—Youth Division for all that they do with the youth of Caddo Parish. He also mentioned that some of their peers received scholarships to major universities. He asked that they list those schools. Ms. Summers said that some of the members are going to Yale, Tulane, Georgetown, LSU, Northwestern, etc. Mr. Johnson appreciates that this organization does the research before putting information out into the community. He also commended the group for also working with Middle School students, as well as High School students. Ms. Summers mentioned that they are also working on a post-graduation program for this organization. Mr. Johnson challenged his colleagues to support this organization when they are traveling to Baton Rouge.

Mr. Epperson said that all politics are local and mentioned that there used to be a program where students could be Commissioners for the day. He encouraged this group to start with their School Board members, City Councilmembers, and Caddo Commissioners to follow them throughout the day and see what it is to be an elected official.

Mr. Atkins thanked Ms. Summers and Mr. Wilkinson for attending today's meeting. He also pointed out that School Board member, Dottie Bell, was in attendance today.

### **ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Regular Session Minutes March 3, 2022 and Special Session Minutes- Property Standards March 14, 2022 be adopted.* Motion carried.

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to englobo and adopt the following resolutions:*

- *Special Resolution of Recognition & Appreciation for Huntington High School's Boys and Girls Basketball Teams*

Mr. Epperson commended Huntington High School's students for a "job well done".

Mr. Jones agreed and is proud of Huntington High School's students for the strength and resolve they've had in the face of tragedy.

Mr. Burrell also mentioned how proud he is of the students at Huntington High School.

Mrs. Gage-Watts congratulated the students on all of their achievements and everything they've overcome in the past few weeks.

Mr. Jackson would like to be listed as a co-sponsor on this Special Resolution. Mr. Jackson shared the same sentiments as the previous Commissioners. What we're trying to convey to you today is that the challenges don't last all the time, but it is up to you all to defy those odds and invest it back into this community, he said.

Mr. Johnson said that this group of young people played one hell of a season! He congratulated all that Huntington has accomplished. Mr. Johnson also said that Devon lives within each of the students present because he touched all of them. Take it to the next level and keep that same passion going not only in sports, but also academics, he said.

Mr. Atkins said that he is so proud of the students at Huntington High School and appreciates them for coming down today.

Principal thanked the Commission for recognizing the Boys & Girls Basketball Teams. These kids are awesome, he said.

Mrs. Dottie Bell said that her "sweet babies" are great young people. She also mentioned that the Choir is in New York getting ready to perform on Saturday; the Track Team had to leave school early because they are up for a big meet; and the Basketball Teams are getting ready to play for the championship. These boys and girls are resilient, she said. Mrs. Bell asked that everyone continue to pray for these students.

Coach said that they are in the business of making sure that these young men and ladies have great habits, and he is so proud to be a part of the Huntington High School staff.

Mr. Jackson thanked Dr. Mitchell for working with the Commission on the Southern University Law Center.

- *Special Resolution of Remembrance for former Commissioner Ron Webb*

Mr. Chavez said that Ron Webb was a former Commissioner and City Councilperson. He

said that he gave his life to being a public servant.

The Clerk of the Commission said that the visitation services will be held tomorrow from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Boone Funeral Home, 2156 Airline Drive, Bossier City. The funeral services will be held Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at Boone Funeral Home, 2156 Airline Drive, Bossier City.

- *Special Resolution Proclaiming March 18th as Retired Teacher Day in Caddo Parish*

Mr. Epperson thanked the retired teachers for everything they've done for the community and this parish throughout the years.

Mr. Raymond Love thanked the Commission for recognizing teachers and retired teachers today.

Mr. Burrell said that teachers make a huge difference and impact in a child's life. He cannot express enough thanks for the retired teachers and current teachers for all that they do for their students.

Mr. Jones also thanked the retired teachers and said that "teaching never stops". He also mentioned that Mr. Love is a member of his church and is an excellent freehand painter. It is his prayer, during this upcoming session, that it will be able to rest upon the hearts of those who make the decisions to invest more into our teachers and compensate them for all that they do.

Mr. Jackson thanked the teachers for everything that they do in this community. I see in our community, organizers working very quietly and very passionately, and in a humble way, so thanks for what you're doing, he said.

Mr. Hopkins thanked the retired teachers for their service to the people of this Parish. He also mentioned that Ms. Dottie Bell taught him and had a huge impact on him and the students in Oil City. He thanked her for her service.

Mr. Chavez said that his mother was an educator, and commended the hard work that teachers go through in raising the kids of Caddo Parish.

Mr. Johnson appreciates all of the life lessons that the teachers taught him through the years.

Mrs. Dottie Bell mentioned that a COLA is coming in the upcoming session, and retired teachers have not had a COLA in the past ten years. She asked that the Commissioners support this COLA. She also said that she taught Mr. Hopkins, and her first teaching job was Oil City.

Mr. Atkins commended all of the hard work that teachers do day in and day out throughout the community.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION  
HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL'S BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission continues to note with pride and amazement of the incredible feats of hard-court dominance achieved by the 2021-2022 Huntington High School Raiders and Lady Raiders basketball programs who have taken their success on the court and used it to show leadership beyond the court to inspire, motivate, provide hope and unite a community in support of their incredible achievements; and

WHEREAS, the Raiders and Lady Raider represent a uniquely impressive dual set or champion teams, both winning the District 1-4 A Titles and each moving on to compete in the Louisiana High School Athletics Association's Class 4A Top 28 where both teams advanced to the semi finals before seeing their season's end. Each team comprised of leaders, scholars, friends, sons, daughters, classmates and champions.

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 school year has been wrought with struggle for many, from the on going effects of the Covid-19 pandemic to the tragic loss of one of their beloved teammates to gun violence, and it is with great appreciation that we recognize these students who rose above the challenges and sought to be defined not by the tragedies they had endured but by the greatness they had achieved; and

WHEREAS, the Raiders & Lady Raiders teams success also propelled several individuals to stand out including the Raiders' District MVP Rashaun McCullar, 2nd team All District Decedric Webb, District Honorable Mentions DeKelvion Taylor, Desmond Washington and the late Devin Myers, and Coach of the Year Mack Jones; and the Lady Raiders Kalea Dean, who will receive All State honors later this month, joins Jayla Allen and Jamar'i Bell on the 1st All District team, and District Honorable Mentions went to Nijeh Grant, ZaNyah LeFear, and Ka'Niya Moore. Off the court, both teams were proud to have academic success with many members of the teams in honors classes, dual

enrollment classes, AP classes, on the honor roll and excelling in the classroom; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 17th day of March, 2022, that it does hereby heartily commend and congratulate the coach and team members of the HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL RAIDERS AND LADY RAIDERS for their tremendously successful seasons, their devotion to excellence and the pride they bring to their school and community and wishes them future success as they continue to grow and develop as leaders of tomorrow.

**RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE & RESPECT  
MR. RON WEBB**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission pauses to reflect with sad fondness upon the life and works of a former colleague, Mr. Ron Webb, whose passing on March 12, 2022, marked the close of a long and productive life of public service; and

WHEREAS, Ron Webb was a native of Bossier Parish who was spent his adult life in a variety of professional, civic and political leadership roles. While living in Southern Hills and working for General Motors, he was elected to the Republican State Central Committee which was followed by his election to the Caddo Parish Commission, representing District 11, in 1996. In 2006, he served as President of the Caddo Parish Commission and just as his peers chose him to lead the Commission, so, too, did the electorate chose him to serve on the Shreveport City Council. In November of 2006 Webb resigned from the Caddo Parish Commission in order to take the District E Seat on the Shreveport City Council where he would be reelected and serve the maximum 8 years, leaving the council in late 2014; and

WHEREAS, Webb was always a hardworking, industrious and faithful man with a love for his family and who clearly found joy in people & their stories. Ron retired from General Motors and also worked for Continental Trail Ways, Anti-Pest, Gannett, as a real estate agent, bail bondsman, and even a private eye. He combined his love of family and business with his love of helping people when he created Webb Professional Remodeling Services with his wife and the company has tithed over \$250,000 of its earnings to charities including the Providence House, Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission, Shriner's Children's Hospital and St. Jude's Children's Cancer Center; and

WHEREAS, he is warmly remembered by many current and past associates and friends for his cheerful demeanor, his relatable and amusing anecdotes, his strong faith and for his efforts in behalf of his constituents. His love for and service to the Southern Hills community, his success in business, family and philanthropy and the many lives he touched through his public service will be how he is fondly remembered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does express its deepest regret and sadness upon the passing of Mr. Ron Webb and herein conveying its sincere expressions of sympathy and condolence to his wife Lauren, family and friends, who can be consoled in the knowledge of his lasting contributions and achievements.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION  
RETIRED TEACHERS DAY**

WHEREAS, Louisiana Governor Jon Bel Edward has declared March 17th, 2022 as Retired Teachers Day in the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish is fortunate to be home to many retired teachers who devoted their professional lives to the betterment of others, using their talents and gifts, combined with hard work and dedication to train and educate tens of thousands of Caddo Parish's sons and daughters and young people across the region; and

WHEREAS, Caddo's retired teachers contributed and continue to contribute beyond the primary, secondary and post-secondary halls of education and have provided guidance, job training, behavioral training, leadership, volunteerism, and countless other forms of nurturing through their roles in their communities, charitable organizations, houses of worship, and civic affairs; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish's retired teachers can look back with pride on their careers knowing that they were entrusted with preparing a generation of leaders and shaping the minds that would guide our society through the challenges of the future, whether those leaders lead in their homes, professions, communities or beyond; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish and those communities who have benefitted from Caddo Parish transplants owe so much of their quality of life and success to retired teachers who instilled the magic of learning, even as the resources and pay afforded to them were often below what was deserved; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish remains dedicated to the retired teachers of our community and appreciative of the wealth of experience and knowledge that they possess, their desire to lift others up and their loyal, patriotic and steadfast dedication to their Caddo Parish communities, state, and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 17th day of March, 2022 that it does hereby proclaim March 18th, 2022 as:

**'RETIRED TEACHERS DAY'**

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

**COMMUNIQES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Johnson gave the following statement:

I would like to do a follow up on a press conference with had yesterday. Fellow local officials, clergy, professionals, entrepreneurs, and the local branch of the NAACP met together in a unified front of displeasure of an article that was written by John Settle pertaining to the Fall election cycle by using the word "tar baby". The outcome of the meeting is to ask all advertisers to stop advertising; all guest columnists to stop writing; for the City of Shreveport, Blanchard, and Greenwood to stop using the Inquisitor as the Official Journal; for stores to stop carrying the Inquisitor; for local law enforcement to stop using it to show who has been booked on a crime; and for the Clerk of Court to stop using it for property transfers, successions, divorces; and for the citizens to stop buying it. I will hold the local governing bodies accountable until this is resolved in some type of resolution to stop using them as the Official Journal. Stores can expect to see a decline in sales as citizens will stop buying the Inquisitor inside your store. Also, for the general public, if they need to know who's in jail, they can always go to caddobooking.com or to Caddo Parish Sheriff's website as a reference.

Mr. Johnson also congratulated Mrs. Gage-Watts for being announced as the President for the Police Jury Association's Black Caucus.

- Mr. Epperson mentioned that he received a reply from the United States Postal Service relative to a Caddo Parish resolution that was passed recommending Col. Steven D. dePyssler be used for a stamp. He noted that he will be tracking this endeavor.

He also announced that under President Obama a recognition for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam War is to be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> until 2025 was signed. He encouraged all military members who were in the war to be recognized at the Vet Center.

- Mrs. Gage-Watts wished Mr. Epperson a Happy Belated Birthday.

She also said that the Juvenile Justice Committee met today to discuss prevention and intervention suggestions regarding gang violence. A motion was made to introduce to the full body a phased approach of a Stop the Violence Initiative, including symposiums, job fairs, and expungements summits to begin in the next 90 days. The Committee will reconvene in the next 15 days to discuss additional preventative programs, including a youth council.

- Mr. Jackson wanted to know if there was a resolution regarding the public access channel. The Clerk of the Commission said that a good discussion was had, but further review was needed. Dr. Wilson agreed and mentioned that this meeting is currently streaming on that channel. Dr. Wilson also explained that channel is actually owned by the City of Shreveport, and additional discussions are being had on the Commission putting some of its contents on the channel. Mr. Jackson asked that he be kept abreast on it.

Mr. Jackson also requested that Youree Drive be recognized, similarly to Huntington High School.

He also requested that a committee meeting be scheduled for the Amazon TIF.

- Mr. Jones announced that there will be an event at Hattie Perry Park on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. regarding crime. He encouraged all to attend.

- Mr. Burrell also commented on the Inquisitor's editor. You cannot harass public officials, he said.

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- COVID-19 Infection Data

There has been one reported case of COVID-19 this past week.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Atkins sad that there was a Joint Chambers Meeting this past week with technology issues, such as the public access channel, was discussed. Another issue that was brought up was the

partitions in the Chambers. He said that the City Council would like to keep the partitions up, and the Commission is divided on whether they want them to remain. In the spirit of compromise, the portions will stay for the time being.

He also encouraged all to go out and vote this week.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES**

The President of the Commission opened the public hearing for the following ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 6204 of 2022, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter relative to Section 3-07. Commission Meetings and Rules for presentation to the electorate, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6205 of 2022, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter relative to Section 3-07. Commission Meetings and Rules for presentation to the electorate, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6206 of 2022, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter deleting Section 5-05.2. Department of Fleet Services for presentation to the electorate, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6207 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to provide an appropriation for Friends In Unity and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6208 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund for the year 2022 to provide an appropriation for a water line extension in Blanchard, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6209 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to provide an appropriation of \$20,000 for Louisiana Urban Gardening and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one to speak in favor or against these ordinances, the President closed the public hearing on ordinances.

**ORDINANCES (for final passage)**

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *to englobe and adopt the following ordinances:*

- *Ordinance No. 6204 of 2022, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter relative to Section 3-07. Commission Meetings and Rules for presentation to the electorate, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
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- *Ordinance No. 6206 of 2022, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter deleting Section 5-05.2. Department of Fleet Services for presentation to the electorate, and otherwise providing with respect*

Attorney Bernstein reminded the Commission that the Charter requires that these be adopted by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Young said that this is a part of the Charter amendment process.

At this time, Mr. Young's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**ORDINANCE NO. 6204 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CADDO PARISH HOME RULE CHARTER RELATIVE TO SECTION 3-07. COMMISSION MEETINGS AND RULES FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ELECTORATE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-03 of the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter, that the following proposed amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter be presented to the voters of Caddo Parish for approval at the next regularly scheduled election at which such matters may be presented, that being November 8, 2022, and that the following amendment be presented as a single proposition on the ballot:

**ARTICLE III. PARISH COMMISSION**

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**Section 3-07 Commission Meetings and Rules.**

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- A. The commission shall meet regularly at least once in every month at such times and places as the commission may prescribe. Special meetings may be held on the call of the president of the commission or in the absence of the president, the vice-president, or a majority of the membership of the commission with such notice as may be required by state law. To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or public safety, the commission may meet upon call of the parish administrator, the president of the commission or in the absence of the president, the vice-president, or a majority of the commissioners at whatever notice it shall be convenient to give. The call convening a special or emergency meeting of the commission shall state the objects of the meeting. The power of the commission to act at a special or emergency meeting shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the objects specifically enumerated in the call. In the event of a national declaration of disaster or emergency, a state declaration of disaster or emergency, or a local declaration of disaster or emergency, within or affecting the geographical boundaries of Caddo Parish, the Commission shall meet via teleconference, video conference, or any technical digital means, to the extent allowed by law, to conduct all Caddo Parish Commission business, until it is declared to be safe for all to return to in- person meetings by a majority of the commissioners.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 6205 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CADDO PARISH HOME RULE CHARTER RELATIVE TO SECTION 3-07. COMMISSION MEETINGS AND RULES FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ELECTORATE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-03 of the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter, that the following proposed amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter be presented to the voters of Caddo Parish for approval at the next regularly scheduled election at which such matters may be presented, that being November 8, 2022, and that the following amendment be presented as a single proposition on the ballot:

**ARTICLE III. PARISH COMMISSION**

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**Section 3-07 Commission Meetings and Rules.**

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H. The president shall be the head of the parish government for ceremonial purposes, and for purposes of military law, and for purposes of The Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance And Disaster Act, but shall have no administrative duties with regard to the parish administration.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 6206 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CADDO PARISH HOME RULE CHARTER DELETING SECTION 5-05.2. DEPARTMENT OF FLEET SERVICES FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ELECTORATE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-03 of the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter, that the following proposed amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter be presented to the voters of Caddo Parish for approval at the next regularly scheduled election at which such matters may be presented, that being November 8, 2022, and that the following amendment, deletion of Section 5-05.2 in toto, be presented as a single proposition on the ballot:

**ARTICLE V. ADMINISTRATION**

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**Section 5-05.2. - Department of fleet services.**

- ~~A. The head of fleet services shall be the director of fleet services.~~
- ~~B. The director of the department of fleet services shall direct and be responsible for the following activities:~~
  - ~~(1) Operation of a central facility for the repair and maintenance of parish government vehicles and equipment.~~
  - ~~(2) Operation of a central signage facility for the creation, repair and maintenance of parish government signs.~~
  - ~~(3) Other such activities as may be directed by the administrator~~

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Ordinance No. 6207 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to provide an appropriation for Friends In Unity and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Jackson said that this is budge neutral.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**ORDINANCE NO. 6207 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RIVERBOAT FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR FRIENDS IN UNITY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to appropriate an additional \$10,000 in its 2022 budget for Friends in Unity; and

WHEREAS, Friends in Unity is a strong advocate for the community educational and revitalization of Allendale, Lakeside and contiguous communities; and

WHEREAS, Friends in Unity will conduct job fairs, college fairs and financial literacy workshops to benefit the residents of this community; and

WHEREAS, an appropriation of \$10,000 to Grace Project in 2021 was unused; and WHEREAS, the 2021 Grace Project funds will be carried over to fund the Friends In Unity appropriation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Riverboat Fund</u>	
NGO Appropriations	
Friends in Unity	\$10,000
Fund Balance	(\$10,000)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that Ordinance No. 6208 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund for the year 2022 to provide an appropriation for a water line extension in Blanchard, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know who would be the recipient of these dollars. It was said that it would be done through the Town of Blanchard, and Balar is the engineer on the project.

Mr. Jackson also gave the following statement:

I have some issues or some questions and I shared that with some folks today. I will go ahead and approve this today. But sort of piggyback on what has been said earlier about holding elected officials and entities accountable for doing business with individuals and publications that are making known racist statements. And tar baby may mean something to someone else. What it means to the African-American Community is a derogatory term. I stand by—I was not here yesterday to be able to join and stand with those elected officials, but I watched it. I thank Pastor Whitaker for his comments. They were well put together and well thought out. I think his list of concessions that were asked and made are reasonable. We should not be doing business with folks who are making racist statements in 2022. The tar baby was used—we have to go back to the original origins. I believe its called the etymology of it. The tar baby was used to enslave—the fox used it to enslave the rabbit in that folktale. It is a book that has been banned—or a poem or a folktale that has been banned across the world. We shouldn't support

things that are supporting racist and bigoted statements. I will say, you don't necessarily have to use the word tar baby or Negro or homosexual to infer it. I'm willing to believe that multiple times when we are writing things that insinuate that African-American elected officials down here are trying to mislead the public; misuse public funds; be unethical—that was the tar baby in the story. The tar baby was used to trick the rabbit. We should not continue to do that. I do believe that Love's Truckstop—the ones I've been in...I've seen them carry the paper. I don't know if they still do, but I'm going to support the project. I do want to make sure—and I support the comments that Commissioner Johnson made earlier about holding businesses, elected officials, and entities accountable for doing business, and basically using public dollars to promote that type of inflammatory language in 2022. Thank you, Mr. President.

**Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to englobo and adopt the following ordinances:*

- *Ordinance No. 6208 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund for the year 2022 to provide an appropriation for a water line extension in Blanchard, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6209 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to provide an appropriation of \$20,000 for Louisiana Urban Gardening and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Mr. Johnson explained that the organization in Ordinance No. 6209 could not use the funds until February of this year, so she is requesting use of that money.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if this project is in District 3. Mr. Johnson said that there was a project on Milam in District 3.

He then wanted to know if the Inquisitor is the publication for Blanchard. Mrs. Bryant said that she cannot confirm that at this time. Mr. Jackson asked that this information be forwarded to him.

At this time, Mr. Johnson's substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**ORDINANCE NO. 6208 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND FOR THE YEAR 2022 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR A WATER LINE EXTENSION IN BLANCHARD, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, a Love's Truck Stop is planned on the south side of I-49 and Louisiana Highway 1; and

WHEREAS, other potential businesses will locate at this intersection; and WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard proposes to install a new 12" water main to serve the undeveloped commercial tracts near the intersection of LA Highway 1 and I-49; and WHEREAS, the total cost of the project is estimated at \$340,000; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to appropriate \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard will fund the project with \$20,000 and Love's Truck Stop will fund the project with \$170,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund for the year 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>American Rescue Plan Fund</u>	
Blanchard Water Lines	\$150,000
Fund Balance	(\$150,000)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the

application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 6209 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RIVERBOAT FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION OF \$20,000 FOR LOUISIANA URBAN GARDENING AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Louisiana Urban Gardening Initiative is a 501c(3) that was founded in June 2020 as a response to food insecurity crisis in the Parish of Caddo; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Louisiana Urban Gardening Initiative is to educate communities on sustainability by creating fresh food sources, serve as a seed distribution hub and provide wellness education; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Urban Gardening Initiative will be a cluster of faith-based organizations that will have community gardens on their premises; and

WHEREAS, the gardens will be in the following areas: West Shreveport, South Shreveport, Mooretown, Queensborough and Cedar Grove; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission originally appropriated funds for the Louisiana Urban Garden Initiative with Ordinance 6086 of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 appropriation was not expended; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2022 Riverboat Fund budget to re-appropriate the \$20,000 to Louisiana Urban Gardening Initiative; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Riverboat Fund</u>	
NGO Appropriations	
Louisiana Urban Gardening Initiative	\$20,000
Fund Balance	(\$20,000)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)**

- *Ordinance No. 6210 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2022 Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an additional appropriation for Fire District 4 and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6211 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2022 Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for Sewer District 7 and to otherwise provide with*

*respect thereto*

- *Ordinance No. 6212 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for Community Healthcare Solutions and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6214 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$7,500 to provide an appropriation for Basic Necessities and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6215 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$3,000 for Lady Bass Anglers Association and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6216 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$6,500 to provide an appropriation for Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation of Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6217 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to provide an appropriation for Shreveport Green and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6218 of 2022, an ordinance to amend and reenact Section 50-26 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances relative to exemptions and exclusions from sales and use taxes in order to exempt diapers and feminine hygiene products for individual and personal use and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6219 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund for the year 2022 to provide an appropriation of \$25,000 for the Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

#### **WORK SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Work Session Minutes from March 14, 2022 be ratified. Motion carried.*

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Resolution No. 23 of 2022, a resolution urging the United States Congress to improve the United States Postal Service's reliability and timeliness of its deliveries, and otherwise providing with respect thereto be adopted.*

**Substitute motion by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to englobe and adopt the following resolutions:*

- *Resolution No. 23 of 2022, a resolution urging the United States Congress to improve the United States Postal Service's reliability and timeliness of its deliveries, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 24 of 2022, urge and request the State of Louisiana to pursue any legislative solutions or improved enforcement of existing prohibitions to minimize the occurrences of and negative impact to the public associated with drag racing on public roads and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 25 of 2022, urging and requesting the Louisiana Legislature to adopt Senate Bill 322 of 2022, concerning the Official Journal and advertising for local governments to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Mr. Epperson requested that a copy Resolution No. 23 of 2022 be sent to the Post-Master on Greenwood Road.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**RESOLUTION NO. 23 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO IMPROVE THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE'S RELIABILITY AND TIMELINESS OF ITS DELIVERIES, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, even in the digital age, the United States Postal Service (USPS) remains essential for Caddo Parish citizens and Caddo Parish's economy; and

WHEREAS, the USPS is mandated to be self-sufficient while also prefunding its future retirees' health benefits far into the future, and

WHEREAS, to improve USPS revenues, U.S. Postmaster General Louis DeJoy and the Postal Board of Governors adopted a 10-year USPS transformation plan entitled "Delivering for America," which focuses more on profitability and less on timely service, and

WHEREAS, the 10-year plan includes an intentional slowing, from three to six days, of the USPS delivery standard for first class mail, and

WHEREAS, this standard is resulting in deteriorating postal service nationwide, as seen in the fact that approximately 92 percent of first-class mail was delivered on time in the first quarter of 2020 while, during the same period in 2021, that figure fell to 78 percent, and

WHEREAS, the tardy arrival of critical medications sent via USPS could be life threatening, and

WHEREAS, the USPS's "Delivering for America" plan is causing significant harm to the health and economic livelihoods of individuals and corporations in Caddo Parish and nationally and should be immediately reassessed, and

WHEREAS, the recently passed U.S. Postal reform act, which while it will address loss of postal revenues, the Act does not address the intentional slow-down of mail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby urge and request the United States Congress to take all steps necessary to address and solve delivery issues with the United States Postal Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to U.S. Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, the Postal Board of Governors, the Chair of the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Reform's Subcommittee on Government Operations, the U.S. House Majority and Minority Leaders, and the Louisiana Congressional Delegation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO URGE AND REQUEST THE STATE OF LOUISIANA TO PURSUE ANY LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS OR IMPROVED ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING PROHIBITIONS TO MINIMIZE THE OCCURANCES OF AND NEGATIVE IMPACT TO THE PUBLIC ASSOCIATED WITH DRAG RACING ON PUBLIC ROADS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, drag racing events continue to cause problems and impact the Parish's residents; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the potential for causing injuries, and even death among motorists and pedestrians, drag racing events often include vehicles equipped with

illegally modified mufflers which create excessive noise; and

WHEREAS, it has become increasingly common to find drivers drag racing on major streets and also on private property; and

WHEREAS, state law authorizes penalties for drag racing on the public way, but does not currently prohibit drag racing on private property unless the property is inaccessible by the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Legislature to take all steps necessary to stiffen penalties for drag racing and ensure that it is also prohibited on private property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Louisiana Senate President, Speaker of the House, Governor Jon Bel Edwards, and to the members of the local delegation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25 OF 2022**

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Commission then moved onto the first New Business item, *Appoint five members to the Caddo Parish Temporary Planning & Zoning Commission*

Mr. Atkins wanted to know if there are to be five members on this Commission. The Clerk of the Commission clarified that the ordinance does state this. He then suggested that the Commission go through each candidate and vote whether or not they want that person on the board. Each Commissioner would get five votes, and the candidates with the majority votes would be appointed to the Temporary Planning & Zoning Commission (TPZ Commission).

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if all of the candidates were in the zoning area. The Clerk of the Commission said that they were.

Mr. Chavez asked that they support Mrs. Laura Neubert to the TPZ Commission because she also served on the MPC. He said that she would bring institutional knowledge to the TPZ Commission.

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to vote on a four-person slate consisting of Phyllis Hart, Laura Neubert, Damon Humphrey, and Lauren Marchive and have a separate vote for the remaining member.*

Mr. Epperson asked that the Commissioners support Ms. Kay Proby-Waller as an appointment for this board. She also serves on the Industrial Development Board.

At this time, Mr. Atkins' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: Commissioners Epperson and Jackson (2). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, the Commission voted on the remaining candidates:

Kay Proby-Waller received six AYE votes: Commissioners Burrell, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, and Jones (6).

Jake Brown received six AYE votes: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Hopkins, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (6).

**Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to expand the number of members on the Temporary Planning & Zoning Board to six members.*

Mr. Johnson pointed out that this is a temporary board, and there is no sense is spending too long on appointing the final member to the board.

Attorney Bernstein pointed out that the adopted ordinance says that the board is five

members. He explained that it could be amended, but must be done by another ordinance.

Mr. Johnson withdrew his motion.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know if this board can legally move forward with four members. Attorney Bernstein stated that the board could still function with four members, but would still need to get a quorum of three to conduct business.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to appoint Kay Proby-Waller, Phyllis Hart, Laura Neubert, Damon Humphrey, and Lauren Marchive to the Temporary Planning & Zoning Commission.*

Mr. Lazarus pointed out that four members of the board have already been appointed.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, and Jones (5). NAYS: Commissioners Chavez, Hopkins, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (6). ABSENT: Commissioner Epperson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

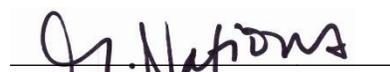
It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to move forward with the four-member slate consisting of Phyllis Hart, Laura Neubert, Damon Humphrey, and Lauren Marchive to the Temporary Planning & Zoning Commission.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: Commissioner Hopkins (1). ABSENT: Commissioner Epperson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to appoint G. Frith, Brian Wilson, Rickey Jones, Glenn Moore, Kamesha West, and Mario Marks, then include Tracy Calloway a Parish representative to the Broadband Committee.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**COMMUNIQUES AND REPORTS**

- Mr. Chavez thanked Mr. Travis Clark and his staff for handling the situation with the horse.

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

  
Michelle Nations  
Assistant Commission Clerk

  
John E. Atkins  
President