

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
PERSONNEL, POLICIES & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

The Caddo Parish Personnel, Policies, & Procedures Committee met in legal session on the above date, at 12:00 noon, in the Government Plaza Chambers, with Mr. Young, Chairman, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, Jackson, Taliaferro, and Young (5). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell and Johnson (2).

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given during the last committee meeting, so the Committee moved onto New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Discuss and make recommendations regarding Resolution No. 19 of 2022, a resolution amending the Rules & By-Laws of the Caddo Parish Commission regarding the re-submission of agenda items by Commissioners, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

Mr. Hopkins does not support this legislation. He cautioned the Committee on making these types of changes to the By-Laws. He also mentioned that a Commissioner could make a small change to failed legislation and bring it back up.

Mr. Atkins agreed with Mr. Hopkins. He said that he was originally in support of this legislation, but after hearing Mr. Hopkins' remarks, he will be voting against it.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that Resolution No. 19 of 2022, a resolution amending the Rules & By-Laws of the Caddo Parish Commission regarding the re-submission of agenda items by Commissioners, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be tabled.

Mr. Jackson agreed with Mr. Hopkins.

Mr. Young said that it was his understanding that this resolution would make it a little stricter to reintroduce failed items.

Attorney Frazier pointed out that there is not currently a rule that resolutions or ordinances have to be changed before it is reintroduced.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, Jackson, Taliaferro, and Young (5). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- *Discuss and make recommendations regarding Resolution No. 10 of 2022, a resolution requiring all ordinances to originate from or be review by Parish Commission Committees, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

Mr. Jackson said that he is not necessarily for this resolution, but asked that this be put on the agenda to discuss it. He stated that sometimes it is a point on the floor of whether or not an item went through Committee. Mr. Jackson explained that if "that's going to be one of the boxes that we want to have checked, then I think it needs to be one of the boxes that we have checked" when discussing legislation on the floor.

Mr. Young wanted to know if this would apply to all items on the agenda. Mr. Jackson said that it would, except for special resolutions and proclamations.

Mr. Hopkins cautioned the Committee on this resolution. He said that it could cause a time delay issue. Mr. Hopkins then pointed out that each year, new committees are assigned with the new President.

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Resolution No. 10 of 2022, a resolution requiring all ordinances to originate from or be review by Parish Commission Committees, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be tabled.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if it is a requisite to have a committee meeting prior to introducing a piece of legislation. The Clerk of the Commission pointed out that Work Sessions are a Committee of the Whole, and a subcommittee meeting is not required to be had for a piece of legislation to be placed on the agenda.

Mr. Young said that the Work Session filters the agenda and sorts items that need to go to committees. He also said that it might be impractical to have everything originate in committee.

Mr. Taliaferro agreed with Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Young about time constraints and delays.

Mr. Jackson reiterated that the Work Sessions are a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Young also mentioned that there are some occasions where a piece of legislation is complicated and should be vetted further in committee.

At this time, Mr. Atkins' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, Jackson, Taliaferro, and Young (5). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- *Discuss Code Enforcement & Property Standards Committee acting as hearing board*

The Clerk of the Commission explained that this would be similar to the Alcohol Beverage Committee. He said that a sub-committee for Property Standards would be more efficient and that committee would forward recommendations to the full body.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to recommend to the full body that the Code Enforcement & Property Standards Committee be created.*

Mr. Jackson agreed and said that it would be easier to get a quorum.

Mr. Hopkins said that he has had discussions with Legal with drafting an ordinance to create a committee to hear property standards cases. Attorney Bernstein agreed and said that the committee would make recommendations to the full body for a final vote.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, Jackson, Taliaferro, and Young (5). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

There being no more business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.


Assistant Commission Clerk