

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 14th DAY OF JUNE, 2021

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Lazarus, and Mr. Young led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to expand the agenda and add Special Proclamation to Mayor Lo Walker and Special Proclamation to Dave Dennis under New Business.*

At this time, Mr. Johnson opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the agenda addition. There being no one to speak, the public hearing was closed.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Natasha Sherman came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I just moved into the State Bar four years ago, I never experienced injustice till I moved here. According to the Federal laws 3.3 Point city courts didn't follow methods of federal laws and I got evicted for exercising my rights. and I'm very hurt about that, because we was under the COVID, 19, and that was under the first Cares Act. And my name is destroyed by that. It makes me feel like I was in prison, I came here as a free woman, but I gotta leave your state as a slave, because of your justice system that the Shreveport city courts, and with the lawyers that don't follow the federal laws here. And all I want is my name back. I came here with a good record. And I want to leave here with a good record. I've been fighting by myself being a pro se on my own case, because the lawyers here don't really want to fight for me. According to the Federal laws here. And what I mean by federal laws, I was also receiving housing from the section eight, I was being harassed by the Housing Authority employee, the Housing Authority employee, and the owner was France. So he kept me here against my will. When I extra move out. He told me no, you're going to stay here, and that put an eviction under my name. And I would like for that, I would like to have help behind that to look into that, my case, even more deeper, is because they also make boy. Not only that, they didn't get treated me fair. Fair. They also broke laws by submitting falsify evidence, which I have here today, because under the first cares app they're supposed to notify me 30 days, certify, they put in a signature to church rule, that that was my signature would not once asked me was that my ask me for my identification to see was that my signature and not and come to find out through the United States Post Office, it went to a whole totally different zip code, a whole totally different address, but by the lawyer who's running for judge here knew the other judge there because they were speaking before we had our trial. He ruled in her favor. So this is injustice here. I feel that the judge needs to treat everyone equal, not because of skin color. I never experienced racism, till I moved into this state, white on white racism or black on black racism and never experienced that until I moved here, and I would like for my name, I want my name to be clear, it felt like I've been in prison I paid my bills for 46. Never had eviction under me, and I need that eviction offer me by the law. I had the facts and the law, the state supposed to do facts and law, not because I'm not a lawyer, now because I don't know him or him or him was because of the law. This is what we elected city officials for because of the law, not because you buddy buddy, and they're gonna agree, agree with the other person is not right. We have federal laws, They found that the Cares Act, they violated meet my first amendment right my due process, they violated me all the way around, and it seemed like it's hard to find. Attorney here because they say I'm in Shreveport, and people don't want to represent a lot of people in Shreveport. I don't know how that works. But I feel that is not right at all, that I'm the one who's suffering, and I have to live in a place that I was trying to move, move, and go back when he vixen. Like I said, I'm from the time it started. Thank you. Good to meet my kids. I really feel, I'm very horrified, very hurt by it, because I never experienced it with the, When I went to court on May 2019 Judge Markey Mackey said, this is her words, this is state court. Is this not federal, but you still gotta abide by federal laws. And to me that's injustice is because she's saying what I gotta say, She tried to make me pay the Housing Authority part when clearly when I was trying to show her that hey, this is all section eight. I don't pay for Section A part. She now she tried to tell me I have to pay \$1,000 A month because section eight stop paying, because the landlord fails to do his to do her part of fixing my property. So, if there's too much injustice here. And I'm hurt by it. And for her to say that she's not going to follow federal laws at a state city court, it shows me what state Louisiana is in, and we need to fix that, because it's not right.

Lester Smith came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I arise to speak on the funding that's coming down the pipe, and I'm having some concerns as to how is it going to be used to address some of the problems that we are confronted with in our neighborhood, especially the African American community. Excellent question, I guess, how has this might have been allocated to be spent and what portion of it is going to be used to address some of the issues in the African American community crime, the plight. Yes, the, the African American community as a whole. We got people working in community, and we got other people now jockeying for position to get monies. There, we got people already doing the work. And I think these people should be compensated if anybody should be compensated, I want this money to be distributed equally among the people. And to address the issue. Thanks so much individuals getting money but to address those issues, crime, the property standards and our community. All is a gamut of issues in the community, the roles in our community. Western Third World War groves. So, I'm here to seek some answers as to how this money is going to be spending, and when it will be spent and what do we need to do as community activists and community organizers to apply for this money for how to perspective communities. Thank you. Okay.

Robert Tyler came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I'm here to speak in opposition to Ordinance No. 6080. We're going to help the community. According to KTBS, the poverty in Shreveport is higher than the rest of the country. One in four citizens in Caddo parish live under the poverty rate data shows people living under the poverty rate threshold has more than doubled the rate of violent victimization, compared to individuals in high income household, no matter the skin color. According to the research by New York University conducted from 1990 to 2013. They found in a city of at least 100,000 citizens. Each no community organization later 1.2% Drop in the homicide rate. Yet I see majority of the 43 million going into the parents administration, which we know majority of their funds go to detention centers and juvenile justice being the cycle of mass incarceration. The price of a two year degree has doubled since the 90s making workforce development programs, the only feasible options for poor people LPRs crack, heroin and other drugs are often only treated realistically, to free by local services from community based centers for poor people. So my question is that we want to prevent crime by providing resources like expanding access to substance abuse and development programs, etc. Do we want to continue bringing it racist mixing and Reagan, Jim Crow tough on crime. Alternative factual based policies, making that adds to the problem. And I say is racist because it targets the poor, and we know who harms majority in their case. Can I get an answer, we can't answer, okay. You can't ask if we'd gone to use the money for chores. For us, the community, for the community based programs versus sick versus him and most of their money go towards the detention centers and juvenile centers.

Breeka Peoples came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I'm here to speak on Resolution 56. We saw firsthand how police brutality took a toll on us, and we as we watched the videos of Alton Sterling, Anthony Childs, George Floyd, Tommie McGlouthen, and Ronald Green. We knew then something has to be done. In the Ronald Green video, you see the superior officers watching and also participating in his death. My question to you is when are we going to start holding the chain of command accountable. I am a daughter of a sergeant who serve this community for 24 years. So I know firsthand how police policing and accountability is. As an activist, I also know we must fight for policies to protect the citizens from police. In order for us to build trust within the community, we must start with police reform. We cannot normalize police brutality. When I traveled throughout the different parishes for justice, I learned that each parish is different. In Desoto Parish, police brutality has happened more in the poor white community. There has been a woman that was taken in the woods and raped by deputy sheriff and no one has been held accountable. So this resolution where protect our rights is not just the black community. I hope this convention will take a lead and pass this resolution. In the words of our President, our past President Obama, we cannot solve the changes of our time, unless we saw them together, we must work on this systematic issue as a whole. The People's promise for support resolution 56 to join us pull up policy, a 2020, and we are all we also support resolution 53 sponsored by Steven Jackson.

Rudolph Glass came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I'm here today to pretty much speak on the American rescue plan, fine. And I guess my concern here is where exactly mine is going to be spent and how I know you have voted over a year, but one of the most important things we have to look at is, neighborhoods, experience in the back community. We have more blight than many young community in this state, city, people that lost hope. I'm the president of lakes at your neighborhood association, and in attempt to get people to meetings and how they don't believe that anybody's going to do anything, especially what they say because they feel that every time someone comes from the community, often Hill is getting ready to run for office and get some type of position. So, think about something that people are concerned. And with the gun violence, shootings, like the young man gay the statistics of different places and how the, how things work, especially when it comes down to whether people have money or not. And I just think that you should look at where the money actually should go. I'm quite sure y'all have y'all have information that we don't have to make a decision, so I'm just blanking the stage, literally just watched. Also, I wasn't gonna say anything about this but as I list them as people's talked about the police violence and, I mean, police brutality, we have a lot of people that, at this point, they, they don't trust the police. And I think that's a sad thing. But I think that something should be done to try and get people to, to have some type of hope. What is with the community, the police, the local government or whatever. I think that's something that has to be done. And I just hope and I know a lot of you up there and I know you people don't and my bet is to do the right thing.

Laura Sabbath came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I came to this board, a couple months ago and asked for independent investigation. Can anybody tell me, was the one selected. Is it the independent investigation going on. Can I talk to the investigator, still have no clarity about the death of my son Casey Simpson, we talk about in custody deaths. They're still going on as we speak now is still nobody is upset. Appalled or anything. This panel. Okay, it's independent investigation. Can anybody tell me what's going on. So, I am so vested in my community. can move anywhere I want to not doing that. I need some of that money to protect my neighborhood. I got a plan. It's a good plan. So can you give me some of that money. I can get you receipts. I don't need to benefit from it. I have my own job, so I can really use that money and put it to work. So how is it that I can get a piece of that pie too. I don't know the process, that's what it's like I didn't know the process of, you know, authorizing independent investigation and then how to hear nothing about nothing. I still have no clarity about the death of my son Casey Simpson. We got to do somebody is in custody. I'm just shocked all the time why the residents of Shreveport are not a pile, by this and we pay it for this. I pay a lot of taxes to sit and wake up every day knowing that the people responsible for my son's death still walking around and getting paid, getting paid by my tax dollars. Thank you so much.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Ordinance No. 6080 of 2021, an ordinance adopting the Budget of Estimated Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

Amendment by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to reduce Parish Administration allocation by \$3M and add to the Commission Programs' budget.*

Mr. Jackson would like to use more of the funding to help the community, the citizens, and community-based programs.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know where the line items are to address the needs of the community. Mrs. Bryant explained that the list that the Commissioners received only shows the list from Administration. The Commissioners' programs would come from the American Plan Rescue Committee. She also said that there is a category for public health and crime.

Mr. Chavez also wanted to know if the monies can be moved from one bucket to another bucket. Mrs. Bryant said that could be done.

Mr. Johnson explained that these funds are under the American Rescue Plan that come with the particular guidelines. He also said that this is to allow local governments to bounce back from the pandemic.

Mr. Burrell talked about broadband. He said that the Parish does not have a plan when it comes to broadband. Mr. Johnson explained that the City, School Board, and Parish will be meeting soon regarding the broadband initiative. He also said that the School Board is receiving \$246M for broadband. Mr. Burrell mentioned that the plan is in the infancy stage.

Mr. Cawthorne thanked the citizens for coming down and expressing their concerns on how these funds should be spent. He also mentioned that there is an application that is available for community organizations to request monies from the American Rescue Plan. The application is also available on www.caddo.org.

Amendment by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to postpone Ordinance No. 6080 until the Commissioners can meet with their constituents.*

Mr. Epperson feels that the Commissioners should be able to meet with their constituents in regards to how this money is spent prior to a vote being taken. It will also provide an opportunity for the citizens to know what the monies can and cannot be spent on.

Mr. Atkins pointed out that this is the first big bite of two big bites of an apple.

Mr. Jackson requested that the Treasury FAQ sheet be attached to the agenda.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that there is a deadline for August 31, 2021 to submit the plan. He said that the plan can be adjusted, but the ball needs to keep rolling. Mr. Johnson also mentioned that this year, the Parish will be receiving \$23M and next year, the Commission will be receiving another \$23M.

Mr. Chavez suggested that Administration request the notes from the community meetings that the City is holding regarding the citizens' input on how their funds are to be spent. Mr. Taliaferro agreed with Mr. Chavez.

Mr. Cawthorne agreed that the citizens should have some input on the spending of these funds, but does not feel that the ball should stop rolling.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's amendment failed, as shown by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Jackson, Lazarus, and Young (6). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, and Taliaferro (6). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mr. Jackson withdrew his amendment.

Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to move Ordinance No. 6080 of 2021 to Thursday's agenda for introduction and postpone the final adoption for two meetings.*

Mr. Jackson said that this would allow Administration to host community meetings to receive the citizens' input and keep the process going.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know if this would delay the premium pay to the employees. Mrs. Bryant said that it would not. He also said that he will schedule a Special Meeting for July 29 to take up Ordinance No. 6080.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 6081 of 2021, an ordinance amending the 2021 Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Juvenile Justice Fund and the Oil & Gas Fund to establish and provide an appropriation for a pilot program for juvenile offender monitoring and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that this is an alternative to youth incarceration as a pilot program for five juvenile offenders. It will allow staff to utilize technology that could enhance public safety and help to reduce youth incarceration. The device include GPS monitoring in real time by a smart watch and can be monitored 24/7.

Friendly amendment by Mr. Jackson *that eligible expenses be reimbursed by the American Rescue Plan funds.* Mr. Johnson accepted.

Mr. Young said that everyone in Juvenile Detention who could be on an ankle monitor is on one. Mr. Walker agreed. Mr. Young then wanted to know how these compared in costs to the ankle monitors. Mr. Walker said that the watches are far more expensive, which is why this is set up as a pilot and would be used for the children who are looking for employment. He said that they would be choosey on who would be able to utilize it.

Mr. Taliaferro wanted to know if there is a fail-safe that determines if the monitor is being tampered with. Mr. Walker said that there is.

Mr. Johnson explained that the ankle monitors that Juvenile Detention has indicates if a person is wearing the monitor or not; whereas, the smart watches can set up inclusion and exclusion zones, are monitored 24/7, and tells if the monitor has been tampered with or not. He said that this would give more accountability to the individual .

Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobo and move the following ordinances to Thursday's agenda for introduction:*

- *Ordinance No. 6081 of 2021, an ordinance amending the 2021 Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Juvenile Justice Fund and the Oil & Gas Fund to establish and provide an appropriation for a pilot program for juvenile offender monitoring and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6082 of 2021, an ordinance to close and abandon a portion of the dedication for Redrick Drive in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

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

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Resolution No. 53 of 2021, a resolution designating June 19th of each year as "Juneteenth Independence Day" in Caddo Parish, in recognition of June 19, 1865, the date that has become widely associated with the emancipation of slavery in the United States and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda.

Mr. Jackson said that Administration will submit a plan as per the Charter to the Personnel Policies & Procedures Committee to change the calendar to formally recognize this as an official Parish holiday. He encouraged all to attend the different events surrounding the Juneteenth Celebration.

Substitute motion by Mrs. Gage-Watts, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to englobo and move the following resolutions to Thursday's agenda:*

- *Resolution No. 53 of 2021, a resolution designating June 19th of each year as "Juneteenth Independence Day" in Caddo Parish, in recognition of June 19, 1865, the date that has become widely associated with the emancipation of slavery in the United States and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 54 of 2021, a resolution proclaiming June 19th as Sickle Cell Awareness Day in Caddo Parish*

Mr. Burrell pointed out that the State has officially declared Juneteenth as a holiday as well.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Lazarus**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Resolution No. 55 of 2021, a resolution urging and requesting the Louisiana State Legislature to study the effects of the Justice Reinvestment Legislation of 2021 and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda.

Mr. Lazarus said that this is an attempt to gather some data and study this to see how it affects this Parish.

At this time, Mr. Lazarus' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: Commissioner Johnson (1). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Cawthorne**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Resolution No. 56 of 2021, a resolution in support of the George Floyd Policing Act, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda.

Mr. Cawthorne said that this has made its way through the House and is working its way through the Senate. He also said that this is a mechanism to heal this nation, and this is to correct the measures of the 3% of the law enforcement officers who are not doing their job.

At this time, Mr. Cawthorne's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: Commissioner Hopkins (1). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Special Resolution of Remembrance of Pastor Johnny Arnold* be moved to Thursday's agenda.

Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Young, *to englobo and move the following special resolutions to Thursday's agenda:*

- *Special Resolution of Remembrance of Pastor Johnny Arnold*
- *Special Proclamation recognizing Pride Month*
- *Special Proclamation declaring July 2021 as Parks & Recreation Month*
- *Special Proclamation honoring and recognizing Mayor Lorenz "Lo" Walker for his many years of service as the Mayor of Bossier City as well as his service on behalf of the community*
- *Special Proclamation expressing gratitude to Dave Dennis for his contributions to the Civil Rights Movement*

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Hugh Hamilton as the Caddo Parish Laureate (term to expire April 1, 2024)* be moved to Thursday's agenda.

Mr. Atkins said that he does not have any emotional attachment to this appointment, but

was approached to sponsor this recommendation.

Mr. Johnson has concerns with the Poet Laureate. He said that the Parish appoints a Poet Laureate, but after they are appointed, the Commission never sees them. Mr. Johnson feels that the Poet Laureate should attend some of the Commission meetings and read a poem. He does not see the need for this appointment.

Mr. Jackson pointed out that there is a recommendation of three people. The Clerk of the Commission explained that applications are advertised through SRAC, then are sent to the Louisiana Poet Laureate for a recommendation.

Mr. Cawthorne does not have an issue with the Parish having a Poet Laureate.

Friendly Amendment by Mr. Cawthorne *that the Poet Laureate create a poem for the Parish, attend a Commission meeting once a quarter, and be featured in the Caddo Parish Annual Report.*
Mr. Atkins accepted.

Mr. Epperson suggested they attend the next Regular Session and provide a sample of their work.

The Commission Clerk mentioned that Poetic X has not been made aware that he has been recommended as the Caddo Parish Poet Laureate.

Substitute motion by Mr. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that all three recommendations: Poetic X, Mawiyah Bomani, and Kristyn Miller* be moved to Thursday's agenda for consideration of the Caddo Parish Poet Laureate. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

COMMUNIQUES/ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Young announced that the Animal Services Committee will meet tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

- Mr. Jackson requested an update on the Casey Simpson investigation. Attorney Frazier said that it is her understanding that they have not received a response from the Governor to get the State Police to investigate.

Mr. Johnson said that he did send a letter to the Governor, but he said that he has not received it. He also explained that Ms. Sabbath was to hire an attorney and make a request to the D.A.'s office. It is his understanding that process has already started.

Mr. Jackson said that the Lakeside Neighborhood Association will be hosting a meeting, and would like Administration to provide an update on ERAP and the ARP funds.

Mr. Jackson also asked about the decorum and rules for visitors. He requested that "Employees Only" signage be placed in areas that are off limits to unaccompanied guests.

- Mr. Cawthorne encouraged all to get out and celebrate the Juneteenth Celebration this weekend. A Civil Rights icon will be invited to attend Shreveport events this weekend. Dave Dennis is the Civil Rights icon.

- Mr. Taliaferro reminded the Commissioners that today is Flag Day.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Relocation of the Confederate Monument

Dr. Wilson said that it is an ongoing process, but they feel they have a serious contender.

- E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund RFP

Dr. Wilson said that the RFP should be submitted June 30 and will be awarded in July.

- I-49 Welcome Signs

Dr. Wilson said that they are waiting on DOTD's approval for the Welcome Signs and permitting process.

- FEMA COVID-19

Dr. Wilson said that they submitted the FEMA application for reimbursement for COVID-19 and are waiting to hear back from them.

- U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Dr. Wilson said that the program is progressing well and they have expended over \$4M. all of the applications in the queue will be exhausted this week. They are also implementing some modifications to the program in regards to Legal Aide, being more specific on income status, and implementing an appeal process.

- Juvenile Detention

There are currently twenty-one children at the Detention Center. Three are OJJ and five are 17 years old. At the CCC, there are eleven youth.

- May Financial Report

Dr. Wilson also said that there are copies of the May Financial Reports at each Commissioner's desk.

COMMISSION TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *that the Commission convene into Executive Session to discuss matters relative to lawsuit No. 628,912 in the 1st JDC. Motion carried by acclamation.*

CONSENT AGENDA

- *Ordinance No. 6072 of 2021, an ordinance setting the Parish Millage for the purpose of paying principal and interest, due in 2021 on outstanding parish bond issues and to instruct the Assessor to include said millage on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2021, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6073 of 2021, an ordinance to set the General Purpose and Special Purpose Millages providing for millage rate adjustments, as allowed by Article VII, Section 23 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and LA R.S. 47:1705 (B), levying and imposing taxes and assessments for 2021 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6074 of 201, an ordinance setting the assessment of property classified as timberlands and to instruct the Assessor to include said assessment on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2021, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6075 of 2021, an ordinance to adopt the values fixed, or to be fixed by the Louisiana Tax Commission on all assessments for railways and other public service corporations, and instruct the Assessor to extend such assessments and values on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2021, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6076 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2021 to provide an appropriation of \$5,000 to conduct a training program for Caddo Parish Fire Districts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6077 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation of \$100,000 for five D3 Edge Security Trailers and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6078 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation of \$25,000 for a Wastewater Program for COVID-19 and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6079 of 2021, an ordinance to accept the streets in Blanchard Lake Estates Subdivision Unit 2 & 3 into the Parish of Caddo Road System, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

At this time, there was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the Commission adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Work Session Minutes
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/s/Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk