

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 9th DAY OF JANUARY, 2020

The Caddo Parish Commission met in legal and regular session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with President Dominick, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, and Middleton (10). ABSENT: Commissioners Louis Johnson and Smith (2).

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Bowman, *to expand the agenda and add to authorize the Parish Attorney to request an opinion from the Ethics Board regarding possible conflicts of interest arising from the appointment of Jeff Everson as Clerk of the Caddo Parish Commission.*

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson believes that the Parish Attorney should submit a letter to the Ethics Board on behalf of the Parish.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts asked if there was anyone to speak in favor or against adding this to the agenda. There being no one to speak, Mrs. Gage-Watts closed the public hearing on the agenda addition.

At this time, Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson's motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Middleton (8). NAYS: Commissioner Linn (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Jackson, Louis Johnson, and Smith (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ms. Amber Bishop and Mr. Kelly Wells came before the Commission to discuss the Showtime Boxing event. Mr. Wells stated that the event is scheduled for Friday, January 31 at George's Pond. He also said that the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission is supporting the event with \$20,000. Ms. Bishop provided the lineup for the Showtime Boxing event. She said that there will be three televised fights and six undercard fights that night.

Mr. David Cox stated that he moved to Greenwood. He explained that the Commission voted to approve the Master Plan in 2011, and ratified the UDC in 2017. He suggested to table the UDC for a year to completely review it and get feedback from the citizens in the 5-mile radius.

Ms. Alison Taylor asked that the following statement be put in the minutes, verbatim: Ayn Rand wrote, "We are fast approaching the stage of the ultimate inversion: the stage where the government is free to do anything it pleases, while the citizens may act only by permission; which is the stage of the darkest periods of human history, the stage of rule by brute force." Most people in Shreveport/Caddo have no idea that our 2030 Master Plan is the introduction of a dangerous global agenda. The "United Nations Agenda 21" is a very real all-encompassing plan. It's pure communistic in nature. This agenda was a product of the Rio de Janeiro Conference in 1992 and was intended to be implemented worldwide in order to control, all land, water, minerals, plants, animals, construction, energy, education, information, means of production and all human beings. 100 nations attended the 1992 Rio Education on Environment and Development, all agreeing to the Agenda 21 articles. Agenda 21 contains twenty-seven principles warning against the sprawling growth outside of cities which they believe leads to the extinction of life on earth. They based this on two fundamental ideas, development and environment, which is also what they use as the foundation of our Shreveport/Caddo 2030 Master Plan. Global warming, also referred to as Climate Change is often used as a scare tactic to help push their agenda and recruit more people and cities into making their own Master Plans for the future. These Master Plans are full of ways to strip property rights, as well as take portions of land for public use for parks and green spaces. Did you know that the 2030 Shreveport/Caddo Master Plan wants to create an administrative court to deal with the quality-of-life violations aka United Development Code Violations? In 2007 the Louisiana Legislatures passed amendments giving any municipality or parish in Louisiana the power to adopt an administrative adjudication hearing procedure to deal with violations of ordinances regulating public health, housing, fire codes, environmental matters, and historic districts (La. R.S. 13:2575.B.) To enforce code violations, the administrative court may record a lien and privilege against the private property. This acts as a mortgage against property, allowing any fine and costs imposed to be enforced against the private property. Any liens placed against the property will be included in the next annual tax bill, and failure to pay the lien can make the private property subject to sale through code enforcement lien foreclosures. All and all, this is an easy way for them to take your private property. Louisiana is unique in that at a Tax Sale you have 3 years to redeem your property for unpaid taxes but this administrative court will be able to transfer your property with clean title for failure to pay code enforcement liens, cutting out the process of redemption. Did you know that the 2030 Shreveport/Caddo Master Plan wants to create a detailed property database with information on tenure, condition, code status, and other aspects of your private property? This will make it easy for them to enforce the Unified Development Code and keep a constant

eye on you and your property. Did you know that the 2030 Shreveport/Caddo Master Plan wants to create a ticketing system with fines for quality-of-life offenses such as littering and illegal dumping, storage of junk cars, lack of mowing and noise? This is an extreme form of government overreach and where will it stop, what else will be classified as a quality-of-life violation? Don't think that Agenda 21 is just a conspiracy theory, the Shreveport/Caddo 2030 Master Plan is clear evidence that it has found its way into our local political system and is sitting at our doorsteps waiting only to be further implemented with the establishment of courts to enforce the Unified Development Code. This is a communist agenda. We need your help to reverse this atrocity of our freedoms. We all must fight against government overreach if we are to remain a free people and nation.

Mr. Chris Kracman came before the Commission regarding the UDC. He stated that the UDC was drafted by someone who is not from Caddo Parish. He believes that the MPC should revert their focus on the City of Shreveport "where there are endless non-conformities". He does not understand why the MPC decided to "pass out citations", but believes that is "not the way to notify citizens that their zoning has changed". He does not feel that it is right. A violation is not a survey, it's a corrective action, and to our liberties, it's a threat, he said. Mr. Kracman would like the 5-mile radius to be retracted, and the MPC put their focus on the City of Shreveport. He believes that the UDC was a "mistake".

Mr. Joe Morello came before the Commission regarding the UDC. He said that he worked his entire life to own property. Mr. Morello is not for the UDC and would like it be abolished along with the 5-mile radius outside the city limits. He also would like to vote on issues such as the UDC.

Mr. John Harrell is also against the UDC. He is not for the UDC being the rural areas of the Parish and would like it to remain in the City, not the Parish.

Ms. Jane Tappy gave the following statement: While I am with the Caddo Alliance for Freedom, I wear several hats, just like I am sure you as the Commission and the rest of us here. I am a Mom, grandmother, homeowner in rural Shreveport, concerned citizen, and advocate for those who don't know or aren't aware of changes that have affected them. But right now, I am wearing my realtor hat. Last night I had to rush out to go be sworn in as a director. I had to raise my hand and swear basically that I would do a good job. Not only to serve my fellow realtors, but also the thousands of clients/customers all of those realtors serve, help, lead, and guide in one of the most important decisions of their life: buying a house. So, when a client/buyer buys a home with a RD (Rural Development) loan—do you know what the first stipulation for that type of loan is? You have to live out of the city limits. So, they and I would assume just simply by government guidelines, they would be allowed the benefits of living rurally and in the country. Out of the city limits. This UDC does not allow that right. So you just took rights away from this particular group of people., and you made me not be able to make someone understand, "yes, you are getting a government back loan literally entitled an RD loan, but yet you won't/don't have those privileges as someone who lives 6 miles out as opposed to the 1-5 miles that you live out of those city limits". Do you see the problem here? So I am here demanding you guys as our elected officials to stop this madness. Mr. Clark, Executive Director, MPC, stated last night, 'we did not do a good job as the MPC should have'. He also said in his own words, 'we can change this policy'. Those were his words. So, Commissioners, as our dually elected officials, either put this UDC fiasco out there again properly, and give the people you represent the opportunity to agree or disagree and the chance to voice our opinion. Or, even better yet, kill it. You as our elected officials have the responsibility to fix this. Will you?

Mr. Brian White said that he owns several properties all over the Parish, but he is a voting member of District 2. He owns several hundred acres in District 2 of raw timber. Mr. White said that he and his wife were in the process of building a small scale farm and home on that property, which would generate more property taxes for the Parish. He said that there are restrictions in the UDC that would prevent him from having more than 8 hens. He also mentioned that he would like cattle, but the UDC requires a permit prior to mending a broken fence. He is not in favor of the UDC and would like it to be repealed.

Ms. Patricia Smith came before the Commission regarding the UDC. She said that she lives in District 1, Mira, Louisiana. Ms. Smith explained that UDC is infringing on her rights as a private property owner. She also wants the inspectors to respect the property owners of Caddo Parish.

Ms. Sonya Grisby came before the Commission regarding the UDC. Her and her husband own several properties inside and outside of the city limits. She said that they were never made aware of the UDC and how it would affect their property rights. She said that the UDC affects her business and way of life. Mrs. Grisby is against the UDC outside the city limits.

Mr. Bruce Deville in agreement with the previous speakers. He does not believe that the UDC works for rural Caddo Parish. He said that he is in danger of losing his home.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES DECEMBER 5, 2019

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Middleton, to *adopt the Regular Session Minutes from December 5, 2019. Motion carried.*

ADOPT SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES DECEMBER 3, 2019

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *to adopt Special Session Minutes—2020 Budget Adoption from December 3, 2019*. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Lyndon B. Johnson (8). NAYS: Commissioner Middleton (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Louis Johnson and Smith (2). ABSTAIN: Commissioner Linn (1).

Commissioner Linn abstained from voting due to not being present at the Budget Adoption meeting.

ADOPT SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES DECEMBER 21, 2019

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Bowman, *that Special Session Minutes—Selection of Caddo Parish Commission Clerk from December 21, 2019* be postponed. Motion carried.

COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Dr. Wilson provided a copy of the economic impact study for last year's Showtime Boxing event to the Commissioners.
- Mr. Jackson requested that Administration reach out to Mr. Kent Rogers, NLCOG, for an update. He also requested Administration to reach out to Mr. David North regarding Ford Street.
- Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson mentioned that if there is an issue on the agenda, people will attend the meetings to voice their concerns no matter the time of the meeting.

He also talked about his agenda addition. Mr. Johnson explained that he wanted to add the Ethics letter to the agenda for the sake of transparency. He feels that if there is a possible conflict of interest, the Parish should be the ones who submit the letter, not the individual. He also said if the Parish Attorney submits the letter, it would be unbiased.

Mr. Johnson then addressed the citizens who came down voicing their concerns with the UDC. He said that there needs to be some type of zoning laws to protect property values, but he does agree that some of the zoning restrictions in the UDC does not need to be in the rural area. He assured the citizens that they will be working on the UDC.

- Mr. Dominick thanked the citizens for coming to Commission meeting today to voice their opinions on the UDC. He explained that Mr. Clark is willing to work with the citizens. He also said that he met with Commissioner-Elect Hopkins about the possibility to reduce the 5-mile radius for the MPC zone.

Mr. Dominick also wanted to clear up some misinformation. He said that this issue cannot be placed on the ballot. The Commission can only put increase in tax and changes to the Charter on the ballot. He also agreed with Mr. Johnson in that there has to be some type of zoning laws.

- Mr. Atkins also thanked the citizens for coming to the Commission meeting today to discuss the UDC. He said that the UDC is a complicated document, but believes that the Commissioners will work through and resolve the majority of the issues with the UDC.
- Mr. Chavez thanked Ted Cox and Clay Walker for taking their time to talk to the youth and explaining to them the consequences of going down the wrong path.

He then talked about the fifty-four animals who were deemed missing, but was later recognized as a software issue.

He also addressed the citizens' concerns with the UDC. He agreed with the citizens regarding rural property and the current restrictions the UDC, and he also assured the citizens that the Commissioners will be working hard to resolved some of these issues.

- Mr. Middleton thanked the citizens of District 8 for the opportunity to serve and said that this is his last meeting. He also gave the following statement:

For the record, I want you to know, I think are more things that the citizens should be able to vote on. One of them being the Confederate Memorial. I think that should be put out. There's no necessity, no speed. It was just put out there, and the way it went is not what I call 'good government'. I feel many things voted on the citizens should be done. A few minutes ago, I voted against the adoption of the Special Meeting from December 3rd, which was the adoption of budget for next year because it had non-government organization money in there. Several months ago, several of my fellow Commissioners walked out which left us without a quorum, so we had to end the meeting because they did not agree with some of the things I was bringing up. That is why I voted against the adoption of those minutes a while ago. There's a lot more that I would like to say, but I'm sure that's going to bring up some more discussion. Let me say this too, for the officers in the room, I worked with many of these guys through the years. I wanted to recognize today as National Law Enforcement Officers' Day. If you would, please give these

guys a round of applause. Thank you citizens, District 8 particularly. God Bless America. God Bless our President. Geaux Tigers.

- Mr. Jackson said that Thrifty Liquor on North Market has 52 cats living behind it. He asked that Administration get with Animal Services to look into this issue.

Mr. Jackson also pointed out that there has to be zoning and land use. He said that the MPC has the “hardest job in the Parish telling people what they can and can’t do with their property”. He asked that the citizens give the same respect and decorum when working with Mr. Clark and the MPC staff. He also said that there are certain things that the Commission can put on the ballot. He suggested that Representative-Elect Danny McCormick go to Baton Rouge and work on that issue since it is state law.

He thanked the Commissioners who are terming out for their service to this Commission body and the citizens of Caddo Parish.

- Mr. Bowman thanked God and his mother, Mrs. Joyce Bowman, for the opportunity to serve District 5. He also said that everyone around this horseshoe has been family as he lost his mother and his father during this time. He thanked everyone for all of their help during his toughest times. He read aloud the following poem:

If by Rudyard Kipling

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don’t deal in lies,
Or being hated, don’t give way to hating,
And yet don’t look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you’ve spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build ’em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: ‘Hold on!’

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds’ worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that’s in it,
And—which is more—you’ll be a Man, my son!

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Gage-Watts gave the following statement:

I just wanted to say thank you to all my fellow colleagues. This has been an amazing ride. It has been an experience that I will never forget. I think I talked about a lot of it on Monday, but I just want to say that dreams really do come true. I once read that God gave you a fingerprint that no one else has so you can leave an imprint that no one else can. I take not one thing of this calling for granted that I have been blessed with some phenomenal mentors around this horseshoe and an impeccable support system even at home. I know there’s a young person that we haven’t met yet that will one day tell their story that something I said or done inspired them to be the servant to the world that they will be someday. As I’ve said, I am very pleased to have had this opportunity as president of the Commission. The endless days and longer nights have been worth every second of sacrifice on this journey. I thank my colleagues for

your support in allowing me to facilitate meetings as well as work with Administration with full support on helping us remain adaptable and responsive to complex situations. As we stand on the leading edge of a time of amazing developments, both within our community and the larger world, I am confident working side by side with each of you that we are up for the task at hand. I'm looking forward to working with the new Commissioners who will be joining us around this horseshoe. I believe that we have helped to improve Caddo Parish in countless ways: lobbying in Washington D.C., economic development strategies in Detroit, for me signing the Emergency Declaration, satellite locations, juvenile justice reform, human trafficking awareness, Showtime Boxing, showing support to our NGOs and mentors who invest in our communities, school programs, afterschool programs, summer work program, and countless speaking engagements...even in your District, Doug. As I close with the opening of Caddo Common Park, I just want to make sure I publicly thank our Mayor for everything he did to make sure that we could stand together collectively for the goal of the people and make sure that park was open. That was a unique experience that I will never forget, and we did it not for ourselves, but for the people because we believe in each of you. I just want to say as I hit this gavel for the last time as President, that my work will still carry on as I won't sit in this chair as I pass the baton on my colleague, my friend, Vice President Chavez, I know that we will continue to make strides for this Parish. I look forward to continue to serve and going from great to greater. Thank you.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

Mrs. Gage-Watts asked if there was anyone to speak in support of or in opposition of the following ordinance:

- *Ordinance No. 5939 of 2019, to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending Section 2.3 Definition of General Terms; by amending Section 5.3 Use Definitions; by amending Section 6.1 Principal Use Standards; by amending Section 7.3 Accessory Structures & Uses; by amending Article 8 Off Street Parking & Loading; by amending Article 9 Sign Regulations; by amending Article 16 Zoning Application Approval Processes; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Ms. Jessica Tullis asked that everyone who in attendance today against Ordinance No. 5939 of 2019 to stand. The majority of the audience stood in opposition of this ordinance.

- *Ordinance No. 5940 of 2019, to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute a termination of right of first refusal on Lot 1, North Shreveport Industrial Park, Unit No. 2, being a resubdivision of Lots 9 and 10, North Shreveport Industrial Park, Unit No. 1, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one to speak in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance, the President closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *that Ordinance No. 5939 of 2019, to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending Section 2.3 Definition of General Terms; by amending Section 5.3 Use Definitions; by amending Section 6.1 Principal Use Standards; by amending Section 7.3 Accessory Structures & Uses; by amending Article 8 Off Street Parking & Loading; by amending Article 9 Sign Regulations; by amending Article 16 Zoning Application Approval Processes; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be postponed for 90 days from February 10, 2020.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson said that he would like to postpone this for 90 days because there is language in Article 8 that needs to be cleaned up. He said that he only has issues with the RVs that are inoperable. He said that if it is something that can be moved, then it is not infringing upon their neighbors.

Attorney Frazier pointed out that the first 90 days will expire on February 10, she suggested that the second 90 days be postponed from that date.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if any changes made by the Parish UDC would affect City Council UDC. Mr. Alan Clark stated that only those persons outside of the city limits would be affected by the UDC of Caddo Parish. Mr. Clark said that he and the MPC has listened to the citizens and have been making adjustments to making Caddo Parish and Shreveport better. He also said that they are open to listening and reviewing the UDC. He feels that this is a "golden opportunity" for all of the citizens outside the city limits to be engaged and to work with the residents and the Commission to come up with an ordinance that fits the lifestyles of the rural citizens. Mr. Jackson thanked Mr. Clark for his willingness to work through these issues.

Friendly amendment by Mr. Chavez to remand this to the Long Range Planning Committee. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson accepted this amendment.

At this time, Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Linn (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Louis Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Ordinance No. 5940 of 2019, to authorize the Parish Administrator to execute a termination of right of first refusal on Lot 1, North Shreveport Industrial Park, Unit No. 2, being a resubdivision of Lots 9 and 10, North Shreveport Industrial Park, Unit No. 1, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be approved. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Linn (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Louis Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 5940 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A TERMINATION OF RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL ON LOT 1, NORTH SHREVEPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK, UNIT NO. 2, BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 9 AND 10, NORTH SHREVEPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK, UNIT NO. 1, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo and the Industrial Development Board of the City of Shreveport were the co-owners of Lot 1, North Shreveport Industrial Park, Unit No. 2, being a re-subdivision of Lots 9 and 10, North Shreveport Industrial Park, Unit No. 1, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded under Registry No. 2361075 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo and the Industrial Development Board of the City of Shreveport sold Lot 1, North Shreveport Industrial Park, Unit No. 2, being a re-subdivision of Lots 9 and 10, North Shreveport Industrial Park, Unit No. 1, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded under Registry No. 2361075 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, to HCC-High Capacity Coil, LLC by Cash Sale Deed dated 7-22-2011 and recorded under Registry No. 2361226, conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo and the Industrial Development Board of the City of Shreveport contemporaneously executed a Right of First Refusal on Lot 1, North Shreveport Industrial Park, Unit No. 2, being a re-subdivision of Lots 9 and 10, North Shreveport Industrial Park, Unit No. 1, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded under Registry No. 2361075 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish dated 7-22-2011 and recorded under Registry No. 2361227, records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo and the Industrial Development Board of the City of Shreveport have received a request to execute a Termination of Right of First Refusal by Belfast FSS, LLC, successor in title to HCC-High Capacity Coil, LLC, and

WHEREAS, that Termination of Right of First Refusal will facilitate the acquisition of the property by a firm which will operate a new location of its national business in that location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened that, it does hereby authorize the Parish Administrator to execute a Termination of Right of First Refusal on Lot 1, North Shreveport Industrial Park, Unit No. 2, being a re-subdivision of Lots 9 and 10, North Shreveport Industrial Park, Unit No. 1, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded under Registry No. 2361075 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Administrator or his designee shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all contracts and other documents in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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 upon its adoption.

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

ORDINANCES (introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 5941 of 2020, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to provide an appropriation for the Showtime Boxing event*

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that the Work Session Minutes from December 2, 2019 and January 6, 2020 be approved. Motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *to englobe and adopt the following resolutions:*

- *Resolution No. 1 of 2020, authorizing the Caddo Community Action Agency, Inc. to administer the Head Start Program for the Parish of Caddo*
- *Resolution No. 3 of 2020, approving the amended 2019 and the proposed 2020 budgets of North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission*
- *Resolution No. 4 of 2020, a resolution proclaiming January as "Cervical Cancer Awareness Month" in Caddo Parish*
- *Resolution No. 5 of 2020, a resolution proclaiming January as "Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Month" in Caddo Parish*

Attorney Frazier pointed out that Resolution No. 3 should reflect January 9th as the approval date.

At this time, Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson's motion carried as amended, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Linn (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Louis Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CADDO COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, INC. TO ADMINISTER THE HEAD START PROGRAM FOR THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to obtain state and federal funds, where available, to benefit low and moderate income persons in the Parish of Caddo; and

WHEREAS, federal grants which are administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are available for the purpose of providing a Head Start Preschool Education Program to qualified parish governments; and

WHEREAS, the program provides a comprehensive program to children in Early Head Start ages 0-3 and Traditional Head Start ages 3-5 and their families; and

WHEREAS, this program consists of five components: education, health, parent involvement, social services and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned program provides critical services by assisting children from low and moderate income families during their formative years; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Community Action Agency, Inc. has administered this program for the Caddo Parish Commission over the last forty-five (45) years; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is the appropriate agency to receive federal and/or state funding for the purpose of providing programs to support the indigent persons living with the Parish of Caddo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize the Caddo Community Action Agency, Inc. to administer the Head Start program on behalf of the Parish of Caddo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Laurance Guidry and/or his successor is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to implement, maintain, amend or review any documents associated with the Head Start Program from the effective date of this resolution through January 31, 2021.

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 the Resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED 2019 AND THE PROPOSED 2020 BUDGETS OF NORTH LOUISIANA CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY COMMISSION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened this 9th day of January, 2020, that it hereby approves the amended 2019 budget and the proposed 2020 budget of the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission, as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution, or 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 become effective immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY AS "CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN CADDO PARISH

WHEREAS, January is designated as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, each year 13,000 women in the United States will get cervical cancer, over 4,000 will die from the cancer this year; and

WHEREAS, the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is the main cause of cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, there is a safe and effective vaccine to protect against this virus before exposure. Getting vaccinated early, and getting screened through pap or HPV testing can greatly reduce your chances of getting cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, highlighting issues related to cervical cancer, HPV disease, and the importance of early detection and increasing awareness among patients and healthcare providers alike regarding the best use of these prevention tools is a key component in safe guarding women's health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 9th day of January, 2020 that it does hereby proclaim January, 2020 as:

'CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to recognize that cervical cancer is preventable, and to encourage and support women in our lives in taking charge of their health and availing themselves of the tests and vaccines that have proven so effective in preventing cervical cancer.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY AS 'HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH' IN CADDO PARISH

WHEREAS, January is designated as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, today, millions of men, women, and children are victims of human trafficking. These victims face cruelty that has no place in a civilized world: children are made to be soldiers, teenage girls are beaten and forced into prostitution, and others exploited and compelled to work for little or no pay. It is a crime that takes many forms, and one that tears at the social fabric, debases our common humanity, and violates what we stand for as a country and a people; and

WHEREAS, founded on the principles of justice and fairness, the United States continues to be a leader in the global movement to end human trafficking and are working to combat human trafficking, prosecute the perpetrators, and help victims recover and rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, during Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month, we stand together with the survivors, advocates, and organizations dedicated to building a parish, state and country where our people and children are not for sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 9th day of January 2020 that it does hereby proclaim January 2020 as:

'HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH'

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to confirm extending time to review and consider MPC Case No. 19-304-P regarding proposed new Article 22 of the UDC* be approved. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Linn (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Louis Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Bowman**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to confirm ROV to send formal letter to SOS for approving early voting satellite locations in Caddo Parish* be approved. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Linn (8). NAYS: Commissioner Atkins (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Louis Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to confirm appointment of Ms. Edie Festavan to the Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau Board, term to expire December 31, 2022* be approved.

Mr. Dominick submitted a resume to the Commissioners. He introduced Mrs. Festavan to the Commission and said she is willing to serve on this board. He asked that the Commissioners support his appointment.

Mr. Jackson said that he did not see any educational experience on the resume. Mrs. Festavan stated that she is a graduate of high school, but does not have any college experience.

At this time, Mr. Dominick's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Linn (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Louis Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, *to confirm appointment of Mr. Jimmy Wood to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Mr. Ronald Hall* be approved.

Mr. Dominick said that Mr. Wood does not have a resume, but this appointment is solely in District 1, so he is asking for the Commissioners' support on this.

Mr. Jackson would like the record to reflect that the Commission is about to approve an appointment without a resume. He would also like the record to reflect that Mr. Wood is not in attendance today.

Substitute motion by Mr. Linn, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that the appointment of Mr. Jimmy Wood to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Mr. Ronald Hall* be postponed.

Mr. Linn explained that the only reason he is making this motion is because the Commission body chose not to put a person in a position due to not having a resume submitted.

Mr. Dominick disagreed with Mr. Linn. We need to use some common sense, he said. Mr. Dominick explained that this is a district specific appointment, not a parish-wide appointment. He also said that the resume issue was because it was a parish-wide appointment.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson agreed with Mr. Dominick. He said that this is a district specific appointment, and the Commission does have a resignation letter, which was not the case in Mr. Linn's example.

Mr. Jackson also agreed with Mr. Dominick.

Mr. Chavez said that this is a district level appointment, and he will be voting with Mr. Dominick on this vote. He explained when it is district specific, the Commissioners normally "lean on" the Commission of the district.

At this time, Mr. Linn's substitute motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioner Linn (1). NAYS: Commissioners: Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Lyndon B. Johnson (8). ABSENT: Commissioners Louis Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mr. Dominick's original motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Linn (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Louis Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

COMMUNIQUES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Jackson stated that Mr. Marvin Muhammed is in attendance today. He also pointed out that he is a business owner, and he took off work today to come to the Commissioner meeting. Mr. Jackson also said that for Mr. Muhammed "time is money". He said that Mr. Muhammed is here in regards to the Industrial Development Board appointment. Mr. Jackson then talked about Resolution No. 2 of 2020 requiring resumes for board appointments. He said that Attorney Frazier may need to go back and revise the language to reflect exempting other district specific appointments. Mr. Jackson also mentioned if someone in the community wants to volunteer their time and be a part of a board, they should not be subject to "character assassination". He also said that Mr. Muhammed is a business owner with two degrees, and he is volunteering his time to be on a board. He asked that the Commission body practice communicating better amongst each other.

- Mr. Dominick gave the following statement:

It's been a pleasure to serve as Caddo Parish Commission District 1, since I was appointed in 2016. I took office, and shortly after that I was elected into office. You know it's been over 12 years, that's the time you go through elementary, middle school and graduate. It seemed like it really took a long time but looking back, actually kind of seems like it's been a short time to serve on this Commission for a period of 13 years. I wanted to take the opportunity to thank the residents and citizens Caddo Parish, especially in District 1, that elected me and had confidence in me to serve as their representative during that period of time. I also want to thank each of my colleagues who are on the Parish Commission. Y'all had the confidence in me allow me to serve as president of this commission two times during the twelve years. Unfortunately, the media and the residents of Caddo parish seem to think we are a very contentious body. However, this is really not true. As we probably know about 95% of the things that we do, we get along and support each other. It's that 5% that we sometimes have differences. I cannot thank each and every past members, because there's so many, I'm afraid I would leave one of them out. I did want to mention two people: Carl Pierson and Joyce Bowman. Both of them were Democrats; both of them were African-Americans; both of them have passed along. But, both of them work with all members of the Parish

Commission for the betterment of our Parish. Both of them were very reasonable, and in particular, when you had disagreements with them they never held anything against you, and were always willing to shake your hand or give you a hug after a vote. I think it's important to always remember their actions. We sometimes can disagree but there's no reason to always be disagreeable. We are diverse body. We have six democrats, six republicans, six African-Americans, five Caucasians, and even one Latino. As you move forward in your new term, I would ask each and every one to understand that we all come from different backgrounds and different districts. Our thought processes and needs are varied from each one of our districts and not always the same. I've learned that a lot from you guys from the inner city Commissioners. It's important to thank those volunteers. As Commissioners, we have the opportunity to appoint members. We just had Mrs. Edie appointed, and Mr. Wood appointed. Those members of fire districts; those members of industrial district boards; Shreveport-Bossier Tourism Board; North Caddo Hospital Service District—these individuals serve without compensation and on the voluntary basis. They gave their time out of their busy schedule to be away from their friends and families to serve and I wanted to thank them. I wanted to thank Dr. Wilson and his staff, administration, kind of like the LSU football team. Dr. Wilson, you're like Joe Burrow—I don't know if you're that good, but we know the names like Joe Burrow, Thaddeus Moss, etc. Y'all are kind of the ship that leads the Commission. For the new Commissioners, I would simply say if you have an issue or a problem, please talk to Dr. Wilson, Erica, or the department heads and find out what can be done to correct the issue. They've always been willing to work with me, and always have been very kind and generous. We've always worked together to get things done. It's a lot better to get issues resolved prior to the media. But when I'm talking about the LSU football team and the ones we know—Joe Burrow, Thaddeus Moss, Justin Jefferson—there's one group on the football team you've never hear about: it's that offensive line. They are the ones who make a difference. They are the ones I want to thank the most. Those are our employees who work for the Commission. I'm talking about our probation officers or employees at the detention center, the employees at Facilities & Maintenance. They're the ones that keep the courthouse running; the Correctional Center running. The Caddo Parish Animal Control Officers, and all of our park employees. Those are the ones that keep the Walter B. Jacobs Park going and Earl Williamson. Also, the employees who work at Solid Waste. However, I would like to thank those employees at South Camp and North Camp. They do a fabulous job keeping our parish roads and streets and bridges up-to-date. I never have a complaint, and usually when you don't have a complaint, they're doing good things. I wish each and every one of you the best luck. I look forward to working with y'all in the future if you need anything. The great thing is, Mr. Hopkins was elected. He's going to be able to automatically step in and have a lot of experience to be able to work with you citizens. I know he's very open to talk to y'all. Thank y'all.

- Mr. Linn gave the following statement:

Ditto to what Doug said. I want to thank God Almighty. I want to thank my lovely wife, who has been my rock through these twelve years. I want y'all to know we got married my second year in office. The wisest thing I've done in the 12 years. When we married, I promised her that I would always do the right thing for the right reason, and I believe the promise that I made to my wife. I want to thank the wise and kind and active voters of District 4 who elected me for three four-year terms to serve them. When the phone rang, I answered it. I'm very happy and proud to serve everybody in District 4 and Caddo Parish as a whole. The dear friends, and friendships that I've been able to make around this horseshoe. I have to tell everybody who's watching that when we're here, every one of us has a strong personality and every one of us is passionate about what we do. We will fight; we will cuss each other, and then after the vote is finished, we go in the back, and we get along. The reason why we get along after the vote is because we have to focus on serving the citizens of Caddo Parish; we have to focus on the next vote; and we have to focus on not letting our hair get too prematurely gray—it was dark when I started. We have to focus on not giving ourselves a heart attack. If you carry a grudge from a vote that you won or lost the day before, you're not going to make it to the next vote. That why when you see people fighting, and you see people hugging is because we're family. That's what you do when you're family. You fight with your family, then you love and hug each other the next day. That's how we have been around this body. That's how a functioning family is; that's how a functioning government body is. You fight and you fuss, then you make up and you go on to the next issue. I'm going to hit thanking fellow Commissioners a little bit on a different angle than what Doug did. There was one Commissioner that when I knew we were on opposing sides of an issue—I have to tell you it was about 95% of the time—I had to come with my guns loaded, ready to go, with all my facts straight with a pencil sharpened, and that was Ken Epperson. We disagreed on almost everything. I knew that he was going to be coming to the table with truth/half-truth, and I had to come to the table with 100% truth in order to get my story across. It's been a lot of fun. I'm so grateful to the citizens of Caddo Parish for letting me stay here. I'm so grateful to have escaped with my dignity intact and my reputation intact and feeling that I could walk out of here with my head high. So thank you so much for allowing me to serve. Thank you my fellow Commissioners and Administration. This has certainly been one of the high points of my life.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

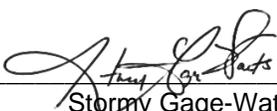
Mr. John Settle thanked all of the Commissioners for serving this year. He commended Mrs. Gage-Watts for being an excellent President. He also mentioned that he is a Clemson fan and a 1970 alumni.

Mr. Humphrey wanted to know about the fines and citations from the MPC and zoning enforcement. Mrs. Gage-Watts asked that Mrs. Bryant speak to Mr. Humphrey regarding this matter. He also wanted to know if the violations would stop during the 90 days. Mrs. Gage-Watts informed him that they have already stopped.

Ms. Jessica Tullis talked about Article 19 of the UDC and Chapter 13 of the 2030 Master Plan talks about "taking someone's house". She also understands that Mr. Clark wants to work with the Caddo Alliance for Freedom, but it was "made clear that the board does not". She said that the board did not want to "hear what they had to say". She also said "we will not negotiate our liberties".

Mr. John Dauzat came before the Commission regarding the UDC. He does not understand why the City of Shreveport has the zoning in Caddo Parish, outside the city limits.

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.



Stormy Gage-Watts
President

Michelle Nations
Deputy Commission Clerk