

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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 Mr. Jones led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

John Robinson came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

First of all, I would like to thank the Parish Commission for this opportunity to stand and address the issues that are affecting 53 homeowners who reside within 83 feet of HARASU 133, section 35, 17 North 16 West of the Greenwood Waskom field. At-It's located at Shirley Francis and Highway 169. This particular well is located at the south west corner of 169 and Shirley Francis. Now, we are you, no, your neighbors to the south or to the west. We're kissing cousins and we're known for several things and some of which you have heard of. Our hospitality being, far out of the City and our best reputation for being a speed trap. Now, if you were travelling through Greenwood going 75 miles an hour in a 35, chances are we trapped you, clocked you and gave you a citation. Or on the 120 at speeds in excess of 120 miles an hour, we sincerely hope that our Greenwood Police Department trapped you and gave you a citation as well. We were once known as a small quiet town, but that's no longer the case. We are now trapped by noise from oil and gas company's night and day; but according to them they can't stop. It's either our way or the highway as far as the noises is concerned that's affecting these 43 residents within 83 feet of their location. Just to touch on resolution one, where the thousand fifteen hundred feet is being considered. They feel that it's too restrictive. They need to be closer and I can tell you right now closer only causes ore noise with no abatement, 24/7. They never volunteered to erect the sound barrier and they've been told we need one. They never volunteered. They never asked us and so we contend with the noise on a constant basis. Referring to resolution four, don't tell them to regulate hours, because only citizens should work regular hours. They work 24/7 and the noise is 34/7. Now, fracturing is a modern technology. Okay. So It's a modern technology, but what they don't tell you is that the wells are dangerous to health, life and limb. They release-the wells release methane gas. The always gas leaks that we're not told about. They cause considerable respiratory lung infection just to name a few. I appreciate it if you would give your consideration to the passing of resolution 17. Not just for the benefit of our residents, but for any resident who are affected by for the-by some of the same illnesses that we are. Thank you very much.

Peter Siska came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I'm Professor at LSUS University and I live in Shreveport. Millicent Avenue 8510, almost five years. I'm also proud United States citizen. I'm here to speak in support of Commissioner Ken Epperson's Resolution 17. You may ask why. So, let me tell you quickly my reasons. First of all, I support the quality of life over anything and this resolution is about the quality of life and protecting of citizens qualities life, as we heard before. Also, this resolution is about preserving the natural environments, such as Cross Lake and the resources that we have here, water resources, municipal the source of municipal drinking water and also the air and everything that is in the environment. So, let me-why I'm supporting this resolution also let me show you a few articles. The first one that I have in my hand, and I can make it available, is about the cancer incidents in Louisiana and how they are-how are they linked to the industrial development, especially petrochemical industries. Cancer valley, between Baton Rouge and the New Orleans, and affect mostly impoverished people and Black communities. Another article clearly indicates that this economic development, the chemicals that we use in our environment, are getting into our genes already. So, we have generated transmitting. We are transmitting these problems or to next generation. Another one talks about the influence of chemicals in agriculture, and as a result of using these heavy chemicals in agriculture, we have Parkinson's disease. Feel free to check over that thing. So, when we look at the fracking industry, we have to think about those 20 million of liters of water that are pushed under force into these wells and for every well. So, there's millions and millions of waters that is being used and wasted. In addition, we have about 200,000 liters of chemicals that are mixed into this, and sand as well, to keep those fissures open. So, those chemicals are all kinds of assets and some of them are secrets that companies will never reveal that-what's inside. The problem is that one-fifth of them also comes back in these wells to the surface and influences the environment; and as the gentleman before me said methane ventilate. Venting methane is also part of this problem that increases the global warming quite significantly. So, we have all kinds of things that are associated with the fracking industry and it's not about being against economic development. No. We want the economic development to continue, however, we want to have a balance. We have to know when is enough. We can't just go forever with something and destroying our life of our future generations. I'm going to finish it very quickly now. So, I believe that this resolution 17 is quite reasonable. It's not asking really for too much. Staying 1000 feet away from the private property of industries is-it's reasonable. It's not something that would be drastically changing the life and destroying the economic development. Not at all. The economic development will continue in this regard. It's just asking the question, what is reasonable? When is-what

is the about the balance in our lives? We have balance. The balance is extremely critical for our life to keep in everything. So, I'm for this balance and I'm for this resolution and I would like to support it. Thank you.

Francis Kelly came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I don't want to take long. I will be available later if you guys have questions when it comes time for that. I think the main thing I want to emphasize is that there have been multiple, multiple news reports by both state and national media, very respected organizations, such as the Southern Poverty Law Center, Freedom for Immigrants, have filed multiple civil rights complains about these abuses that have happened in detention. And there is-are allegations that the private prison companies that have contracts with I.C.E. are not delivering on the service that U.S. taxpayers are paying for them to deliver. And so, I think that this resolution is calling for the White House to take steps to address this and look into these allegations, and for the Chair of the Homeland Security Committee in Congress to look into these multiple, multiple allegations of abuses and misuse of government funds. So, I hope that you guys will support this resolution. Thank you.

Damion Humphries came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Thank you, Mr. Atkins. We thank you for the prompt, the opportunity, the privilege to be here to stand before you on today. Standing today to speak on behalf of our organization, which is Image Changes nonprofit organization. But, first of all let me just introduce myself to the Commission. I am Damon L. Humphrey, Sr. Home address is 8820 Blanchard Furr Road, Shreveport, La. Live in District 1, but our organization serves in Commission-in District 2, where Commissioner Johnson is, and just to, and of course, we have representatives of those who have the same church on that I have on today. We are representing the organization Image Changers and Image Changers is a non-profit 501c3 organization, but we have been in existence for the year-since the year of 2006. And since that time with partnership with the City of Shreveport and, also, well in working with the Commissioners, Caddo Parish Commission, we have helped the citizens of Caddo Parish with housing and also with education by tutoring. Now, we have submitted an application and I do believe that it is listed in Ordinance No. 6165, and our desire is to continue the great work that we have started within the Parish. With our partnership with the City of Shreveport, we have built five homes in the MLK area and those five homes are occupied with person who are of low-income, moderate income means, and these are homes that are brick homes. Homes that have been established and built by contractors of Caddo Parish. Now, we are instrumental in getting this done and then we identified with the partnership working with the City of Shreveport and of course, with many financial institutions have here in our fair City. What we do is vet those persons who are desiring to become homeowners to ensure that they are first qualified and that they can obtain a loan to be able to move into those homes. And so, although that's done with the partnerships of various institutions and then those who are financial counselors to help those persons to become homeowners. So, we want to ensure that we have a win-win situation going on. So, we are presenting and asking that—We are asking that the Commission will show a favorable vote towards Image Changes and receiving the fund that's necessary to keep our good work going. And that the citizens of Shreveport will become homeowners. Many of them who are desiring to become homeowners and then those are many of the properties that are vacant then they will be off of the tax rolls where the City or the Parish has taken the beat on that of having to pay for additional taxes. Thank you so much. All right, thank you. Any Questions?

Jake Brown came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Hey, how you all doing? My name is Jake Brown. I live out on Cross Lake. I'm one of the Board Members for Caddo Alliance for Freedom and the main question that I have is, why are we making the same mistake? And to look into that I kind of think we need to look at why the system failed us to begin with. And, I mean, we came here because we had tons of property members that were getting ticketed and it was for, you know, four-wheelers. It was for boats. It was for, you know, not being able to put a trailer because yours burnt down and now you've been rezoned with not proper notification. So, all this stuff happened and the City saw money signs. So, I mean, we were the perfect group to go after. I mean, we drive around Shreveport every day and we see code violations, I mean, all over the place. But, you know, some of those areas might not be able to pay those fines. So, you have this Metropolitan Planning Commission and the MPC that were going out there and ticketing us, because they thought we would just pay those fines. And, you know, we didn't-I didn't even know at the time that I had lost all my property rights. And, you know, I go and start looking and reading because, I mean, I do oil and gas a lot. So, I read a lot of legal. I have to deal with attorneys on a daily basis. So, I started going through all this and I was just like holy moly. I just moved back from California and now we pretty much have the same zoning in the same plan that they have. And I'm actually flying out to California monthly now and I'm dealing with rural landowners in Sacramento. They're kind of battling this same fight. So, you know, we started looking at it and we came to you guys to, hopefully, try to fix it and we were told that it wasn't possible. That we had to change the state law. And, so, luckily, we got Danny McCormick on board and he went through and helped us drafted HB 697. And we went down, we spoke at the House, and, you know, that it passed Committee, but that vote was split. So, I mean, the Republicans voted for it. Most of the Democrats voted against it, but it still passed. So, it moved on to the Senate. So, we went to the Senate committee and we got through that. We had to go back twice. So, we went first for the agricultural because the planning one wouldn't hear it. And so we drove down there, took off time from work. I went and spoke. And right when I was driving into the driveway to go eat dinner with my wife, I was told I had to go back down, because now since it got heard by the agricultural committee that wasn't the right

committee. So, then they moved us to the Planning and Zoning Committee and so I had to drive all the way back down to speak at that well it ended up passing and it went to the Senate floor. And, I couldn't believe it, but we got votes from both sides of the aisle. There wasn't one Democrat that voted against us. There wasn't one Republican that voted against us. So, we go back we look at this and I'm just like, how did the Senate pass this? And the main reason was, because they realized, we were the minority. You know? And we were getting abused by the majority. You know, at the time City Council got to appoint members and the Rural Commission got to point members. We don't get to vote for City Council, and so they saw that we were always going to be the minority, and the same thing's happening again. I mean, we've got this board that you all want to put in place this rural planning board. And its not going to work. I mean, these appointments. You've got one Commissioner, which I won't name, but he's appointed. He wanted to appoint someone from Greenwood. And he-one percent of his people are in the rural area. So how is he wanting to appoint somebody to this board when he told me that he doesn't have a dog in the fight, and to get Danny McCormick to fix this. And y'all need to just go about your business. So, you got him doing that. I mean, I was watching just the last meeting you guys had. I think it might have been Long Range or something. You had another Commissioner that's mad because his area is all in the City. He doesn't get to put someone on this rural planning board. So you got all these City Commissioners, while I'm sitting out there, the minority, wanting to put people on this board. So, what's going to happen? This board is going to become the same thing it was before. I mean, it's already happening and we're going to have a board that's going to do the City's bidding and we're going to be in the same boat. Now, if that does happen, I'm already too invested in this thing. I mean, I've spent a lot of money on my house. I'm here. I moved here, moved back from California. I'm not going to give up. I'm going to keep coming down here. I'm going to keep fighting for what I believe is right, and honestly, honestly, I think we're to the point now that we really need to wait and see what the Attorney General has to say. Because there's a lot of questions. I mean, I've got Parish Attorney's saying one thing and, honestly, it's an opinion. They're not giving case precedent. They're not really giving us the statues. You read the statues and, yeah, it says maybe you need this board, but maybe you don't. it's all in the verbiage. And, you know, I don't really think we do. And, you know, I know they say we got to have a board appointed to get rid of the master plan and to get rid of the UDC and then the board can dismantle. Didn't we already have this board? Wasn't that the Citizen's Advisory Committee? Wasn't that an appointed board and didn't they recommend no planning and zoning. Like I thought that's what happened. But like that's what the people wanted and we're back to this rural planning board. It's just not going to work and I just see this is just going to be a problem that you all are going to have to keep dealing with and all I'm trying to do is protect my property.

Jayne Tappe came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Hello y'all. Okay, I'm going to bring it down to a level that is so elementary that if you all can't answer the question now it's going to be really bad. Okay ? So, I had a conversation today with a colleague of mine in the real estate world, and we were speaking about how what's going on here and what's been going on for the past couple years, how it affects us as realtors and how it affects property owners. She said, so what did you do about it? I said, well we went to them and expressed our problem. They told us what to do to fix it and we did it. And she said, so did that not solve the problem. I said, we thought it did. She said, so why is there still a problem? I said, I don't know. She said, there must be an agenda on the other side. I-she said, what is their goal? I said, I don't know. She said, I guess we need to ask them directly. What is the point of what you are doing? Can any one of the twelve of you look us here, in this room, in the eye, and answer why are we still doing this? And with that response can you make It make sense, so that I can explain it to someone else who doesn't know and been following this for two years. What exactly is going on here. Basically, why are you not trying to actually serve the people who live in the rural areas? It really is a simple question. Why is the answer not so simple? Thank you.

Bruce Deville came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I'm asking the same thing. What's the agenda? What do we don't know? What are we fighting this same fight all over again? Why are we wasting your time and our time on a battle we're going to win? Why? Why are you trying to take our rural homes and do something with it? If we wanted to live in that big open sewer called the City of Shreveport, we would have moved there. We don't live there. We don't want to live there. Thank you.

Randy Rassmussen came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I'm in the zone in question here. And a couple of things that hit me, I understood that this passage of 697 was going to revert outside the City limits to the Parish ordinances. Now, I've heard all of you, several of you, say well that isn't going to work. I'm like why not? There's noise ordinance to take care of noise problems. There's EPA take care of smell problems. There's just all kinds of things that'll take care of everything I've heard every one of you all say. So, why can't we go back to that, and then if we need to area by area, add in a zoning or whatever in that particular area? So simple. I mean, come on. I've been seeing just down the street from me there's a big new subdivision going in. It's got quarter acre lots. I'm like what? What the heck's that about? Why are they doing that? They need to be more fitting in the area they're building in. If they want to be in the city limits, be in the city limits. I mean, there's you've got hundreds, if not thousands, of adjudicated properties in the City limits. Why not build those areas and put those subdivisions there? Just drive down 70th street one day from the Red River all the way to the airport. You'll be appalled at what you see there. It's and the whole big areas over there that

could be redeveloped. I mean what's up with this. To me, it looks like you guys are doing the bidding of the people with money in town that want to build these pretty subdivisions. Well you know what, we don't want those big pretty subdivisions out in the rural areas. They need to be in the City, because a) the city needs revenue to maintain their—infrastructure because you got miles, you're getting to where you've got a lot of space between the more people you have in a mile stretch the more revenue the City gets for it. This makes no sense to me why we're building outside the City when there's all that going on. So, why can't we just go back to Parish ordinance for outside the City limits, period. Do away with the zoning that's out there now, and, as section by section as you need to come in and put it up. There's no reason to put everybody under all tis mess. That's what we were fighting against to start with, and now it sounds like all I'm hearing is insults from various Commissioners that don't think we know what we're doing or we're just some small rag tag group that doesn't know what's going on. Excuse me. We do know what's going on. We do know what we want. I feel totally insulted by those Commissioner that said those statements. So, anyway just please let us have our property rights. Just put us under the Parish zoning and we'll work from there simple. You're making it way too complicated. Thank you.

John Milkovich came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I'm sure we'll all do better if I don't take the full three minutes. But, John Malkovich, Keithville, Louisiana. Mr. President, Commissioners. Look, I have confidence in this Commission, in your wisdom and courage, that you will shatter the incremental enforcement of the UDC. I'm hearing horror stories about the plans and even the beginnings of an effort to unleash an army of carport cops, overreaching officials and a rigged one-sized kangaroo environmental court where the judge is appointed and hired by the City. And, what is the purpose to fine, levy, regulate, intimidate, and charge us for horses, roosters, fences, carports, driveways, chicken coops and leaves on the roof? What I've been hearing form the people of Northwest Louisiana, particularly Caddo Parish, is we don't need regulations on our horses and roosters and chickens and chicken coops. Our community doesn't have too many horses. We've got too many homicides. Our concern is not carports, it's car burglaries, car thefts and carjacking. We're not worried about the condition of driveway, so much as we're concerned about drive-by. I feel like we need to allocate our resources on the true problem in Caddo Parish and, which includes Shreveport, is crime. I understand that much of that is a City municipal problem, but we feel like we need to be putting our resources where our primary problem is. It's not crumbling down out buildings. It's not crooked, cracked sidewalks. It's not too many horses in the pasture. It's the crime in Shreveport. And I believe that it's time for the Parish to be working closely with the City to come up with concrete solutions for the real problems. And if we don't have the money in Caddo Parish, in the City of Shreveport, to adequately pay our police officers, what in the world are we doing hiring an army of carport cops. I think it's time we get back to the business of the people. And let me say this, you know, we heard the horror stories. We understand the master plan we understand that this part of agenda 21. People get it, but that is not government of the people by the people for the people. That's government at the people. Government against the people. Government attacking the people. And I want to be very clear on the record, I've heard people suggest well some of these oppressive measures may be okay for inside the City limits, but not in the Parish. I want to be very clear that I'm as against these overreaching environmental, overzealous pantry police and car port cops in Cedar Grove, Allendale, Mooretown, MLK, Southern Highlands, Ellerbe Road, at Pierremont, as I am against those measures in Springridge, Keithville, Hosston, Ida, Blanchard, and Oil City. And I hope that the people that have generated and originated this agenda 21 agenda and their efforts to divide the people, I hope that it doesn't. I hope that the people that live in the City and the people that live in the rural areas will work together to protect the property rights and the freedoms of all of us. Thank you so much, Mr. President, and thank you very much Commissioners.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Special Session Minutes—Property Standards January 20, 2022 and Regular Session Minutes January 20, 2022* be adopted. Motion carried.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Special Resolution of Remembrance for Mattie McCulloch* be adopted.

Mr. Epperson said that Ms. McCulloch was so well-liked that four different services had to be had for her. He said that she was a matriarch for the community and loved everyone. She will be missed. Mr. Burrell agreed with Mr. Epperson and said that she was very much involved in the church and community.

Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to englobo and adopt the following special resolutions:*

- *Special Resolution Proclaiming Black History Month*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance for Mattie McCulloch*

- *Special Resolution Honoring Dr. Umar Johnson*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing American Heart Month & National Wear Red Day*

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).

**SPECIAL PROCLAMATION
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, the month of February is internationally observed as Black History Month, also referred to as African-American History Month in the United States and Canada, an effort that has the purpose of focusing attention upon a long-neglected and overlooked, but important and consequential, segment of the historical record of the United States and more broadly, the African diaspora; and

WHEREAS, this celebration of the role and the contributions of African American and Black citizens of this parish, state and country throughout its history is a fitting and beneficial process that serves to enlighten all citizens, and to strengthen the fibers of the national fabric; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals as well as to celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month grew out of the 1926 establishment of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, and has blossomed into today's month-long observance, the theme of which is Black Health and Wellness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 3rd day of February, 2022 that it does hereby proclaim February 2022 as:

'BLACK HISTORY MONTH'

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

**RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE & RESPECT
MATTIE BREWER MCCULLOCH**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission notes with deep regret the passing of individuals whose life and works have served as an example of the worthy values that benefit this community and this Parish, such an individual being Sister Mattie Brewer McCulloch who went to meet her heavenly father on January, 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McCulloch was born in Coushatta, Louisiana to her beloved parents, Mr. Howard Brewer Sr. and Mrs. Elizabeth Speed Brewer; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McCulloch accepted Christ as her personal Savior and began attending Pleasant Hill Baptist Church after relocating to Caddo Parish. She was a faithful member and served in various capacities, including Women of Destiny, Saints for Life Ministry, Ministry Director for the Samaritan Helping Hands, Secretary of the Choir, Matrons' Ministry, and teaching her Sunday School Class; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McCulloch was also one of the original founders of the Willing Workers' Ministry, which provided clothing, food, and other items to those in need within the community. She always supported every ministry, every outreach, and every opportunity to spread the Lord's word. Mrs. McCulloch also established The Mattie L. McCulloch Educational Scholarship to provide funding for students who are aspiring to continue their higher learning education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McCulloch was a phenomenal leader, motivator, and educator. She never met a stranger and accepted all who crossed her path; and

WHEREAS, she is also remembered for the warmth of her smile, her wisdom, and by her devotion to her family, her church, and her community; she will truly be missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby express its deepest regrets at the passing of Sister Mattie Brewer McCulloch.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission does further convey to the family and friends of Mrs. McCulloch its sincerest expressions of sympathy and consolation, and the prayer that they will be comforted in the knowledge of life that continues beyond this vale.

**SPECIAL PROCLAMATION
DR. UMAR JOHNSON**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is always pleased to recognize and honor those who seek to engaged and elevate the sons and daughters of Caddo Parish by sharing knowledge and perspectives to challenge them, provoke thought & conversation and encourage excellence; and

WHEREAS, DR. UMAR JOHNSON is such a person who, as a Doctor of Clinical Psychology and Certified School Psychologist is considered an expert on the education and mental health of Afrikan and Afrikan-American children and is a sought-after public speaker, pundit and influencer; and

WHEREAS, Johnson draws upon his professional and scholarly knowledge to discuss issues impacting the Black community using his brand of leadership that draws upon generations of personal lineage with kinsman such as Frederick Douglas and 7th AME Bishop Wyman to his celebrated role as the Prince of PanAfrikanism; and

WHEREAS, Johnson, also known by the surname Ifatunde, will honor Caddo Parish and the City of Shreveport with his appearance, lecture and book signing where he will present his lecture, "State of Emergency: The Special Education & ADHD Wars Against Black Boys" at Booker T. Washington High School on January 30th as well as signing his book, The Black Parent Advocate; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby declare and recognize and proclaim January 30, 2022 to be:

'DR. UMAR JOHNSON DAY'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in recognition and admiration of his notable achievements in Ministry and music.

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month; and

WHEREAS, the death rate from heart disease in the United States has fallen dramatically since the 1960's, a significant health victory. Heart disease remains a leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States and unfortunately Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, we have learned much about factors that contribute to heart disease, how to monitor those triggers, and ways to treat them. We know that individuals can live longer and better lives by refraining from tobacco use, maintaining an optimal blood pressure and healthy weight, eating a healthy diet, and exercising regularly. Innovative tools and online systems give people more access than ever to information they can use to make informed, health conscious choices; and

WHEREAS, scientific research and evidence-based interventions to prevent or treat heart attacks and strokes have played an important part in making improvements. Developments in technology and discovery of early markers of heart disease have allowed doctors to diagnose and treat disease sooner than ever before. American innovators continue to develop treatments in drugs, equipment and strategies to educate Americans to stay heart healthy; and

WHEREAS, this month we stand with the families and friends affected by heart disease, and we recognize the ongoing efforts of dedicated advocates, researchers, and health care providers who strive each day to raise the awareness about heart disease in Caddo Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 3rd day of February, 2022 that it does hereby proclaim February 2022 as:

'AMERICAN HEART MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month and encourage participation in the tradition of Wear Red Day on the first Friday of February, February 4th, 2022 when everyone across the country is asked to don the color red in order to raise and spread awareness to help eradicate heart disease and stroke in millions of women across the nation.

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobo and adopt the following special resolutions:*

- *Special Resolution Proclaiming Coach Shelly McMillian's 700th Career Win*

Mr. Chavez said that Coach McMillian taught children life lessons. You make this city and this parish better because you're in it, he said.

Mr. Atkins thanked Coach McMillian for her years of service and mentoring the youth of Caddo Parish.

- *Special Resolution Celebrating 75 years of Service from the Delta Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.*

Mr. Johnson appreciates the hard work this sorority does for the young women in this community.

Ms. Charlene Voorhies thanked the Commission for recognizing the sorority today.

Mr. Burrell said that this sorority does such great work for Caddo Parish.

At this time, Mr. Chavez's motion carried by acclamation.

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION COACH SHELLEY MCMILLIAN

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is pleased to acknowledge with pride the accomplishments of those Northwest Louisiana sons & daughters who have gone forth to attain success and distinction in the various endeavors they pursue, especially when those endeavors enrich our community across generations, leaving an indelible mark, and

WHEREAS, on January 25th, 2022, NWLA Soccer icon Shelley McMillian added a new distinction to her remarkable career when she earned her 700th career win, cementing her legacy as the winningest Soccer coach in Louisiana high school sports history, an accomplishment that now rests alongside her 26 District Coach of the Year honors, 8 All-City Coach of the Year awards, Louisiana Boys 1996 Coach of the Year and Louisiana 2010 Girls Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, McMillian's 30 years coaching in Northwest Louisiana have seen her in various roles from her current post with the Parkway Lady Panthers, a team that she not only came out of retirement to revive 3 years ago, but that she founded in 1990; to her time coaching the Loyola boys team to their first state title, founding the Loyola's girls team, or coaching both the boys and girls teams at Calvary. In each role she encouraged, guided, and lifted countless young men & women to reach farther, higher goals than they could have imagined as they stood strengthened by the support of McMillian's high standards, leadership, character, and faith; and

WHEREAS, before becoming the record setting coach that she is, McMillian earned her place in local soccer history as a player with Airline High School and Centenary College, where she is noted for scoring the first goal in the history of the Centenary Women's Soccer program. Outside of Soccer, McMillian has made significant and lasting contributions to our community through motivational speaking where her inspirational and faith guided words have encouraged audiences not to give up; her commitment to her family as a wife, mother, and daughter; and her work as CEO of Rock Solid with programs like Project Swim which responded to the tragic drowning of 6 area youth in 2010 by providing free swim lessons to over 15,000 Caddo area children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 3rd day of February, 2022, that it does hereby declare and proclaim February 15, 2022 to be

' SHELLEY MCMILLIAN DAY'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in recognition and admiration of her notable achievements and distinguished life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Caddo Parish Commission does encourage all citizens of Caddo Parish to celebrate the great honor that Coach McMillian's accomplishments bring to our area by encouraging someone not give up, letting someone know that you believe that they can achieve their best or otherwise sharing McMillian's brand of positivity with the world.

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is pleased to acknowledge events of significance that occur in the community, and to recognize the organizations and individuals who are now and for a long time have been in the forefront of positive and worthy activities and deeds that accrue to the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, such an organization is the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's Delta Lambda Omega Chapter in Shreveport, Louisiana who were chartered on February 3, 1947 and today celebrate their 75 Anniversary of dedicated and distinguished service since Mrs. Arnetta G. Wallace, who

served as the Regional Director, organized and chartered Delta Lambda Omega Chapter with chartered members Irma Green Jackson, Mae Etta Scott, Nannie Lou Leech, Zurline Baker, Mable Walker, Maxine Chambers and Hattie Fletcher; and

WHEREAS, the chapter's membership increased and along with continued growth, its priorities and goals expanded to serve Caddo, Bossier and DeSoto parishes. Their first Fundraiser was a piano concert by Lois Towles at Central Colored High School on November 18, 1947. Since 1949, Delta Lambda Omega has awarded annual scholarships during the James Sylvester Hall Senior Luncheon recognizes the top African American college bound girls from local schools. Delta Lambda Omega's members have proudly served on international, regional, and local levels in our esteemed sisterhood including Mrs. Dorothy S. Johnson (deceased) as the 15th South Central Regional Director and Ms. Tari T. Bradford as the 22nd South Central Regional Director; and

WHEREAS, Delta Lambda Omega Chapter has enthusiastically implemented a variety of programs, events, and educational offerings to enhance the lives of community members. The chapter is widely known for the Shoe Bank program, which provides shoes and socks for underprivileged school-aged students. In 2018, the chapter was acknowledged as one of the longest operational programs by the national organization, Reading is Fundamental (RIF) for sponsoring and implementing reading program and free book distributions for over 40 years. While celebrating the 112th Founders' Day of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, a Gala was held in February 2020, and a donation of \$3,000.00 was awarded to Southern University Shreveport and Grambling State University; and

WHEREAS, the chapter partnered with LSU Health Shreveport to host free mammograms in the Ivy Crown parking lot, supported American Heart Association with 2020's Pink Goes Red activity featuring heart healthy meals created by minority-owned small businesses, blood pressure checks & heart healthy exercises; an Alzheimer's support group at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church Life Center; donations of eyeglasses to Lions Club International; donations of shoes in support of the Soles4Souls, financial donations to LSU Health Shreveport Office of Diversity Affairs, the American Cancer Society, the NWLA Sickle Cell Disease Association, the NAACP, the NW Food Bank and the Providence House's efforts to provide housing to women and their families experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, under the 2022 Presidency of Mrs. Charlene M. Voorhies, Delta Lambda Omega Chapter has a membership of 281 and maintains a status as a premier chapter, offering educational programs, academic scholarships, and striving to make a positive change and support like-minded organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in legal session convened, that it does hereby proclaim and recognize February 3, 2022 as:

"Alpha Kappa Alpha Incorporated's Delta Lambda Omega Chapter Day"

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, entreating all citizens of the Parish to join in applauding this observance and in honoring Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Delta Lambda Omega Chapter and its members.

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Jackson wanted to know if the research for the Red River Waterway Commission has been completed. Dr. Wilson said that it has not.
- Mr. Johnson announced that the NGO and ARP will meet next week.
- Mr. Jones would like to know if there is anything that the Commission can do with regards to getting people out of the incoming inclement weather.
- Mr. Epperson announced that the Overton Brooks VA Medical Center will provide free COVID testing for veterans, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Pulse of the Parish
Dr. Wilson announced that the Pulse of the Parish will air on the first Friday of each month at 12:00 noon. He asked that everyone tune into the broadcasts.
- Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission
Dr. Wilson also presented a plaque that the Commission received from the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission thanking Public Works and Parks & Recreation for their assistance with a project in Camp Minden.
- Equipment for Inclement Weather

Dr. Wilson provided a brochure of the equipment the Parish has. He also mentioned that some of the equipment is on back order because of the supply chain issues.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know if the snow plows came in. Dr. Wilson said that they have not. He also said that the vehicles had to be retrofitted to ensure the attachments work correctly. Mr. Johnson suggested utilizing a water tank truck to cover a larger area quickly. Dr. Wilson said that the Parish did have that at one time, but could not justify the expense since it was not

- Confederate Monument

Mr. Johnson wanted to know if there has been any headway on the contract with the Confederate Monument. Dr. Wilson said that he will provide that information tomorrow.

Mr. Jackson asked that the Confederate Monument be a part of the Administrator Report.

- Requests from the Commissioners

Mr. Young asked that Administration provide a budget for a back up system of water tanks that could be used to keep CCC sanitary in case of an emergency. Dr. Wilson will provide that information to Mr. Young.

Mr. Johnson asked that the Clerk of the Commission read the memo from the Parish Attorney's Office into the record:

HB No. 697 removed Caddo Parish territory from the jurisdiction of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Commission of Caddo Parish. Essentially, it undid a "legislative CEA" between the Parish and City of Shreveport for zoning functions. That statute did not become effective until 1/1/2022. The effective date is important because the Parish no longer has the procedures and boards in place to handle zoning issues and matters for the Parish. For instance, pending zoning cases must still be completed as well as new cases considered. Additionally, the Parish's zoning ordinances were not repealed. All zoning ordinances are in place and affecting citizens right now. This includes everything from site plans to zoning violations to rezoning. Furthermore, a board must be in place to hear appeals and make decisions on certain issues That is why the 2021 ordinance creating the Caddo Parish Planning board was passed. Until it is populated and starts holding hearings, development in the parish is affected and zoning matters are at a standstill – even those that arose before the legislation became effective - are halted.

Update as requested in 1/31/22 Work Session:

The following should be noted: 1) **FIVE-MILE RADIUS** 2) The five-mile planning area was established by parish ordinance. Since the Parish had and continues to have authority to zone, ordinances affecting property within the five-mile planning area were legally adopted and continue to be in effect. 3) **PROPERTY STANDARDS** property standards is entirely different from zoning. It does not regulate lane use, but regulates the condition in which property must be kept. Specifically, the property standards ordinances regulate the disposal of "waste" and "junk" on property, dilapidated buildings and structures, and grass height. The MPC staff never enforced the property standards ordinances. Initially, the constables and justice courts were chartered with enforcement, but that arrangement was unsatisfactory. Now, Caddo Parish personnel write citations which are turned over to the Caddo Parish DA if the violation isn't abated. The Caddo Parish property standards ordinances are contained in Sections 30-19 through 30-31 of the Code of Ordinances, available at [ARTICLE II.-DILAPIDATED AND DANGEROUS BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES |Code of Ordinances| Caddo Parish, LA| Municode Library.](#)

Mr. Johnson said that elected officials are elected to do what is right for the Parish. He also mentioned that the five-mile radius is up to five miles, and in some areas it smaller than five miles. Mr. Johnson said that this still needs to be hashed out and vetted.

Mr. Jackson said that there was an incident at CCC with a prisoner hurting a female prison guard. He wanted to know if the Parish was liable for that. Attorney Bernstein said that the Parish owns the building, but it is not obligated to operate the building. Mr. Jackson then wanted to know if the Parish is liable for any non-parish employee who gets hurt at CCC. Attorney Bernstein said that the Parish is obligated to provide a jail, but the Sheriff is obligated to run it.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if Grace Projects submitted their reports. Mrs. Barnett said that they have submitted it.

Mr. Chavez talked about planning and zoning in the Parish. He said that there are citizens who are stuck in the middle of the zoning process because there is no zoning board. Mr. Chavez wanted to know what they should tell their citizens. He also pointed out that the Attorney General's opinion is not binding. Dr. Wilson said that there is no process for a citizen who would like to get their

property rezoned, if they are in the Parish.

Mr. Epperson asked for the COVID report. He also asked that this be added to the Regular Session Administration Report. Dr. Wilson said that there have been 3 or more additional cases since Monday's report. He said that there have been several exposures and positive cases this week.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES

The President opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the following ordinance:

- *Ordinance No. 6154 of 2021, in regards to Zoning Case 21-35-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the west end of Sandi Acres Loop, Caddo Parish, LA., from RMHS, Residential Manufactured Home Subdivision District to R-A, Rural Agricultural District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

The President opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the following ordinance:

- *Ordinance No. 6167 of 2022, an ordinance repealing Section 38-4 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the Shreveport-Caddo 2030 Master Plan and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

Chris Kracman came to the Commission in support of Ordinance No. 6167 of 2022. He gave the following comment:

I'm going to keep it short. So, we have ordinance 6167, the 2030 Master Plan Repeal in respect to Caddo Parish and Ordinance 6168 which repeals 6071, which is the appointed board. Which is questionable, the whole board thing. So, I'm going just keep it down on that, but this 2030 Master Plan business more or less how you all vote today, whether it be to postpone it or get rid of it or whatever the case may be, it should speak volumes where we stand on this deal. And its kind of like Resolution 32 of last year. It's going to make a statement of where we stand. And if it ends up being 6:6, then we know where we stand and it's probably going to end up in the courtroom. We don't want that, because we elected all of you to make a good decision here. Regardless of what you think. Or regardless of your personal opinion or political opinion. And I know we're going around and we're bragging about how we held off the UDC for however long and this and that, but at the end of the day, the people that are saying this voted for the UDC to begin with. It was unanimous vote. I don't care how long it was held off. So, this ordinance 6167 is a hell of a start to get to where we've been screaming for two years. If y'all can get rid of that then we're all on a good track. Now as far as this appointed board goes, like I said, I think it would be wise to probably wait on the Attorney General's opinion. However, like I've said a million times, that's only an opinion. That doesn't mean that everybody in this horseshoe is going to listen to it. And, again, if it ends up being 6:6 then I think we might know where we stand, and maybe you should not only wait on the Attorney General's opinion, maybe wait on our lawsuit. Because we're on the edge of our seat debating what we want to do. And I know everybody is trying to do the right thing, but the path to hell is paved with good intentions. And today's going to tell the tale on what we're doing. And the way that some people are or aren't looking at me right now tells the tale of where we're going.

- *Ordinance No. 6168 of 2022, an ordinance repealing Ordinance 6071 of 2021 relative to establishment of a Parish Planning Commission and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6173 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2022 Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund and the Oil and Gas Fund to provide an additional appropriation for Urban Support and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6174 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2021 Budget to amend the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Head Start Fund and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6175 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2021 Budget to amend the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Section 8 Fund and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

- *Ordinance No. 6176 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the General Fund to provide an appropriation for Wheel Chair Ramp and Roof Repair Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6177 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Oil and Gas Fund and the Riverboat Fund to provide an appropriation of \$32,000 for a Mural Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Pam Atchison came before the Commission to speak in favor of Ordinance No. 6177 of 2022. She gave the following comment:

Thank you very much. Pam Atchison, Shreveport Regional Arts Council. 801 Crocket Street. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Mr. President. Thank you also Commissioner Jackson for the whole Commission seriously considering the opportunity for the mural program. I'm here to speak to 6177, the mural program Put a Poem On it, that is conceived by your Poet Laureate Poetic X, who is very keen to see each district have an opportunity to have community meetings where your citizens, in your district, have a chance to talk about their priorities, what are their values, what's the history of the community, who are important leaders from the community, and what's the heritage that makes the each of your districts so unique. And then, subsequently, for him to be able to write a custom poem that deals with those issues reflects them in a very positive way and invite an artist to illustrate them and turn it into a mural that would go on a public building in each district. This allocation that you're considering would allow him to do three to four districts this year and I'm very hopeful that you'll approve it. Thank you so much for the opportunity.

- *Ordinance No. 6186 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the E Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2022 to appropriate funds received from the US Treasury in the amount of \$5,274,675 for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Jon Glover came before the Commission with questions regarding Ordinance No. 6186 of 2022. She gave the following comment:

I was looking at public hearing ordinance for 6186 and 6187. First, the funds that you all are looking at, that you're receiving, the \$5 million plus dollars that was the federal grant or is the Commission going to be matching those dollars? Or not? Same thing with 6187. There are \$17 million in a grant that you all are going-you all are asking- to have appropriated as emergency rental assistance program. Now, I want to know too why the E. Edward Jones Trust Funding Housing Fund is that-does that allow every citizen in the Parish to apply with that name E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund? And two, how did the trust fund come to be?

- *Ordinance No. 6187 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the E Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2021 to appropriate Emergency Rental Assistance Program from the State of Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Jon Glover came before the Commission with questions regarding Ordinance No. 6186 of 2022. She gave the following comment:

I know it, but it's dealing with both of those because I want to understand fully. Because I don't want to have any aspect of someone thinking that they're not a part of just because of terms or words that are used. And in this instance, E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund, I just want to know why that name and not maybe a generic name whereby it has no association with anything other than what the Commission itself is going to be supporting. And, again, the funding itself are you all at in either of these junctures going to be matching any funds, because you're asking for 2021 in 6187. That's \$17 million you're saying that you all are talking about appropriating for emergency rental assistance. Those dollars are available? Or are they not available?

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

I just want to come really briefly and thank the Commission for its support of affordable housing and organizations. I want to thank the Commission for its very, very forward looking proposal or actual legislation that set up the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund to help in the areas of affordable housing. Those of us who practice and do this work know that in the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish there's a necessity. We are down almost 10,000 units of affordable housing in the City and the Parish. And when you're talking about making communities safer, bringing up property standards, creating neighborhoods of choice and stabilizing neighborhoods that may have been on decline. Those are the things you're going to have to do. So, I just want to stand in support of 6172 and thank you for your forward thinking and can please continue to invest in some of these areas in our community. So, that we can have positive areas all over the City of Shreveport, and more importantly the Parish of Caddo. Thank

you very much.

- *Ordinance No. 6188 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for Ring Doorbell Pilot Program in Caddo Parish and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6189 of 2022, an ordinance to enact Section 2-5 relative to parish owned or maintained buildings and offices, to provide that agencies, constitutional officers, or other political subdivisions occupying those buildings and offices shall report data regarding communicable diseases of concern to the public and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Jayne Tappe came before the Commission with question regarding Ordinance No. 6189 of 2022. She gave the following comment:

Yes, Jane Tappe on 6165 and 6189. And I just want to make sure there's no misunderstanding on these ERAP funds. And if I'm understanding it correctly, it says you'd like to amend the fund to provide an additional appropriation of 75,000 to for housing quality inspections. Up above that it says Whereas there have been reports of landlords receiving these funds and subsequently failing to maintain safe sanitary and secure housing. You got to understand the order of things. You got people living in houses for free. The system is paying that rent after the fact. The owners have had the property. They're trying to maintain the property. They're trying to take care of the property while these people are living in it, tearing it up and now you want to come back and do inspections after the people have torn it up, but before the homeowners have gotten that money to fix and repair. You got to get your horse and your cart in the right order and I want to make sure that that's looked at properly. In the right order that it happens. It's like you're punishing the owners for not taking care of the property that the people tore up, but the money didn't come until after they tore up, but you wanted to fix it before. Just kind of making that statement. And on 6189 I just this is so. All agencies constitutional officers or other political subdivisions that occupy facilities owned or maintained by the Parish shall report periodically to the Parish any occurrence of a communicable disease that is of concern. I surely hope you are not wanting your businesses, your building and your facilities to report every time somebody has the flu, if you do we're in even more trouble. So, I do hope your wording here is not what you mean. Thank you.

There being no one else to speak in favor or against the public hearings, the President closed the public hearing.

ZONING ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 6154 of 2021, in regards to Zoning Case 21-35-P, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the west end of Sandi Acres Loop, Caddo Parish, LA., from RMHS, Residential Manufactured Home Subdivision District to R-A, Rural Agricultural District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Epperson said that this went through the process, and there is no opposition regarding this case. He asked that the Commission adopt this Ordinance.

Mr. Young wanted to know if the Commission is legally able to act on this ordinance. Attorney Bernstein stated that the Commission is because the hearing went before the MPC in December when it still had jurisdiction.

At this time, Mr. Epperson'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. 6154 OF 2021, ZONING CASE 21-35-P

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST END OF SANDI ACRES LOOP, CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM R- MHS, RESIDENTIAL MANUFACTURED HOME SUBDIVISION DISTRICT TO R-A, RURAL- AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to wit:

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located on the west end of Sandi Acres Loop, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended from R-MHS, Residential Manufactured Home Subdivision District to R-A, Rural-Agricultural District:

12.996 ACS. M/L-LOT 1, SCHLEBEN HOLLOW, SECTION 12, T16N, R16W, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA.

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 ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

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

ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Ordinance No. 6155 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to provide an additional appropriation for the Delta Upsilon Lambda Foundation and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

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

- *Ordinance No. 6155 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to provide an additional appropriation for the Delta Upsilon Lambda Foundation and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6156 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to provide an additional appropriation for the Dress for Success Shreveport-Bossier and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6158 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to provide an appropriation for Friends in Unity and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6159 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to reduce the appropriation for the Playaz and Playettes, Inc and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Amendment by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to include the following ordinances in the englobo:*

- *Ordinance No. 6160 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Oil and Gas Fund for the year 2022 to provide an appropriation of \$109,000 to provide Caddo Fire District 7 with a part time employee, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6161 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation of up to \$30,000 for Red G Enterprises and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6162 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for counseling in public high schools in Caddo Parish and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6163 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for Volunteers for Youth Justice for truancy and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

- *Ordinance No. 6164 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for Caddo Parish Juvenile Court and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6155 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE DELTA UPSILON LAMBDA FOUNDATION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission appropriated \$5,000 in its 2022 budget for Delta Upsilon Lambda Foundation program; and

WHEREAS, Delta Upsilon Lambda Foundation will use the funds for an after-school program to prepare high school students for the real world; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to amend the 2022 Economic Development Fund Budget to provide a total appropriation of \$10,000 for Delta Upsilon Lambda Foundation; and

WHEREAS, this amendment is recommended by the Economic Development committee; 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 Economic Development Fund for the year 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Economic Development Fund</u>	
NGO Appropriations	
Delta Upsilon Lambda Foundation	\$5,000
Fund Balance	(\$5,000)

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. 6156 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE DRESS FOR SUCCESS SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission appropriated \$5,000 in its 2022 budget for Dress for Success program; and

WHEREAS, the mission for Dress for Success is to empower women to achieve independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development of tools to help women thrive in work and in life; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to amend the 2022 Economic Development Fund Budget to provide a total appropriation of \$10,000 for Dress for Success; and

WHEREAS, this amendment is recommended by the Economic Development committee;
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 Economic Development Fund for the year 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

<u>Economic Development Fund</u>	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
NGO Appropriations	
Dress for Success	\$5,000
Fund Balance	(\$5,000)

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. 6158 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR FRIENDS IN UNITY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to appropriate \$5,000 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, this amendment is recommended by the Economic Development committee;
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 Economic Development Fund for the year 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

<u>Economic Development Fund</u>	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
NGO Appropriations	
Friends in Unity	\$5,000
Fund Balance	(\$5,000)

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. 6159 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 TO REDUCE THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE PLAYAZ AND PLAYETTES, INC AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission appropriated \$20,000 in its 2022 budget for Playaz and Playettes, Inc program; and

WHEREAS, Playaz and Playettes, Inc will use the funds the Shreveport Blues and Southern Soul Pre-Labor Day Festival; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to reduce the 2022 Economic Development Fund Budget to provide a total appropriation of \$10,000 for Playaz and Playettes, Inc; and

WHEREAS, this amendment is recommended by the Economic Development committee; 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 Economic Development Fund for the year 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Economic Development Fund</u>	
NGO Appropriations	
Playaz and Playettes, Inc	(\$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.

ORDINANCE NO. 6160 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE OIL AND GAS FUND FOR THE YEAR 2022 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION OF \$109,000 TO PROVIDE CADDO FIRE DISTRICT 7 WITH A PART TIME EMPLOYEE, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, The Caddo Fire District 7 (CFD7) currently only has onsite employees at the Oil City station; and

WHEREAS, the Highway 1 bridge and the Highway 530 bridge are temporarily closed in Fire District 7 and delaying services to CFD7 citizens; and

WHEREAS, CFD7 would like to add part time employees to help cover shifts in order to staff the Belcher and Mooringsport Fire Stations; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to appropriate \$109,000 to pay for part-time employees for one year while bridges are closed.; 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 Oil and Gas Fund for the year 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Oil & Gas Fund</u>	
Allocations to Other Entities	
Fire District 7	\$109,000
Fund Balance	\$(109,000)

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. 6161 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$30,000 FOR RED G ENTERPRISES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) became law on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish Commission would like to re-appropriate up to \$30,000 to provide for revenue replacement for Red G Enterprises; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 6114 of 2021 originally appropriated funds for Red G Enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the budget lapsed at the end of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Red G Enterprises was unable to rent their facility in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the revenue replacement funding is needed to continue to provide this service to the area; and

WHEREAS, this amendment is recommended by the American Rescue Plan committee; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2022 budget for the American Rescue Plan Fund; 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 be amended as follows:

<u>American Rescue Plan Fund</u>	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
Expenditures	
Federal Grant Expenditures	\$30,000

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. 6162 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR COUNSELING IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN CADDO PARISH AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) became law on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish Commission would like to re-appropriate up to \$100,000 to

provide for counseling at public high schools in Caddo Parish, specifically Southwood High School to impact public safety; and

WHEREAS, this program is provided by SeedLinks Behavior Management; and WHEREAS, Ordinance 6118 of 2021 appropriated \$100,000 for Seedlinks; and WHEREAS, the budget for Seedlinks lapsed at the end of 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2022 budget for the American Rescue Plan Fund; 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 be amended as follows:

<u>American Rescue Plan Fund</u>	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
Expenditures	
Federal Grant Expenditures	\$100,000

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. 6163 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUTH JUSTICE FOR TRUANCY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Department of Juvenile Services has an ongoing program with the Volunteers for Youth Justice (VYJ) to address concerns related to truant juveniles in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 pandemic has drastically increased truancy issues in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, an appropriation for VYJ was passed with Ordinance 6113 in 2021 but lapsed at the end of the year; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used to fund truancy expenditures to assist the school system and the Juvenile Services with truancy concerns; and

WHEREAS, the funding is needed to continue to combat the truancy problem in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, this amendment is recommended by the American Rescue Plan committee to re-appropriate the funds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2022 budget for the American Rescue Plan Fund; 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 be amended as follows:

<u>American Rescue Plan Fund</u>	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
Expenditures	
Federal Grant Expenditures	\$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. 6164 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR CADDO PARISH JUVENILE COURT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) became law on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish Commission would like to re-appropriate up to \$250,000 to provide for revenue replacement of \$90,000 and \$160,000 in additional programming to the Caddo Parish Juvenile Court; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Juvenile Court has seen an increase in crime due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 6112 of 2021 originally appropriated funds for Juvenile Court; and

WHEREAS, the budget lapsed at the end of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the revenue replacement and program funding is needed to continue to reach the youth in our area; and

WHEREAS, this amendment is recommended by the American Rescue Plan committee; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2022 budget for the American Rescue Plan Fund; 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 be amended as follows:

<u>American Rescue Plan Fund</u>	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
Expenditures	
Federal Grant Expenditures	\$250,000

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. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 6157 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Public Works Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$107,500 to provide an additional appropriation to install welcome signs on I-49 and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Johnson said that this is additional funding to install the signs. He said that one sign will be on the north side coming from Arkansas, and the other is on the Desoto side of it.

Mr. Young asked for a rendering of the signs. Dr. Wilson said that he will email it to all of the Commissioners.

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Hopkins, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: Commissioner Chavez (1). ABSENT: Commissioner Jones (1).

ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6157 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS FUND AND THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,500 TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO INSTALL WELCOME SIGNS ON I-49 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, welcome signs add an extra layer of curiosity, or at least charm, for those who pass through these locales; and

WHEREAS, welcome signs can drive economic activity because exciting welcome signs can make a lasting impression that make someone want to visit and spend money in the area; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish does not have attractive and friendly welcome signs along I-49 to announce its presence to incoming travelers, tourists, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, attractive welcome signs on I-49 may spur economic development activity; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission adopted Ordinance 5888 in 2019 to appropriate \$50, to design and build welcome signs at the Caddo Parish lines on I-49; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost of the signs will be approximately \$150,000 plus the \$7,500 that was spent on design; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to amend the 2022 budget to appropriate funds to build welcome signs at the Caddo Parish lines on I-49; 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 Public Works Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund for the year 2022 are hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Public Works Fund</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	
Transfer to Capital Outlay Fund	\$107,500
Fund Balance	(107,500)
 <u>Capital Outlay Fund</u>	
Road & Bridge – I49 Welcome Signs	\$107,500
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	
Transfer from Public Works Fund	\$107,500

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. 6165 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund to provide an appropriation for ERAP housing quality inspections and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be removed from the agenda.

Mr. Jackson said that those dollars have dried up, and if more dollars come available, he will bring this back before the Commission. Mr. Jackson also mentioned that a person should not have to live in deplorable conditions, no matter their income level.

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

None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Ordinance No. 6166 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund to roll over an existing 2021 appropriation for eviction mitigation into the 2022 Budget and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Jackson asked for a clarification regarding this ordinance. Mrs. Barnett said that is just a process that is rolled forward for funds that have not been used. Mr. Jackson reiterated that these are not new dollars.

Mrs. Gage-Watts wanted to know if people have to be unemployed to participate in this program. Mrs. Barnett said that this is for people, employed or unemployed, who need assistance for rent.

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. 6166 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE E. EDWARD JONES HOUSING TRUST FUND TO ROLL OVER AN EXISTING 2021 APPROPRIATION FOR EVICTION MITIGATION INTO THE 2022 BUDGET AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the federal moratorium on evictions of qualified tenants by landlords has expired as of August 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing economic downturn due to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to adversely impact both state and local economies; and

WHEREAS, many of our citizens continue to experience financial hardships and are unable to pay rent and facing eviction as a result; and

WHEREAS, eviction of large numbers of our citizens will cause both a social and economic crisis in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) made funds available to assist qualifying households pay rent and avoid eviction; and

WHEREAS, some qualifying renters may still be subject to eviction while they wait for their rental assistance applications to be completed and approved before funds are disbursed; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 6091 of 2021 appropriated \$20,000 for emergency eviction mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the budget for eviction mitigation lapsed at the end of 2021; and WHEREAS, the funds that were set aside in 2021 for legal services related to eviction mitigation remained mostly unused and Caddo Parish Commission would like to re-appropriate the remaining \$19,350 for 2022; and

WHEREAS, a portion of funds allocated in 2022 would be made available to advertise the availability of legal services related to eviction mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed emergency eviction mitigation program continues to be intended to help bridge the gap between the rental assistance application and funding to help prevent qualifying applicants from being evicted; and

WHEREAS, funds for this program would be reimbursed from the state portion of Caddo Parish rental assistance funds; and

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

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>E. Edward Jones Trust Fund</u>	
Eviction Mitigation Program	\$19,350
Fund Balance	(\$19,350)

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. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Ordinance No. 6167 of 2022, an ordinance repealing Section 38-4 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the Shreveport-Caddo 2030 Master Plan and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Hopkins explained that this ordinance would repeal the Master Plan. He believes that this legislation would take the zoning back to a more rural/agriculture aspect of it. Mr. Hopkins also said that a comprehensive plan is still needed to better fit the Parish and its citizens.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know if this was to repeal the UDC or the Master Plan. Mr. Hopkins said that this is to repeal the Master. Mr. Johnson suggested that the Master Plan could be amended and repeal the UDC.

Substitute motion by Mr. Burrell, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that Ordinance No. 6167 of 2022 be remanded to the Long-Range Planning Committee.*

Mr. Jackson pointed out that this came out of the Long-Range Planning Committee. Mr. Young agreed. Mr. Burrell wanted to know the result that came out of Committee. Mr. Atkins said that this legislation came out of the Long-Range Planning. Mr. Chavez agreed and said that the Citizens Advisory Committee wanted to abolish the UDC and the Master Plan.

Mr. Burrell withdrew his substitute motion.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Ordinance No. 6168 of 2022, an ordinance repealing Ordinance 6071 of 2021 relative to establishment of a Parish Planning Commission and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be postponed to the Regular Session following the receipt of the Attorney General's opinion. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Hopkins (2). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Ordinance No. 6170 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Oil and Gas Fund for the year 2022 to provide an appropriation for relocation assistance and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Johnson said that the ERAP money has "dried up" and evictions are becoming more frequent. He said that these funds could be used to help relocate those citizens to another place to live.

Mr. Jones gave the following comment:

I was brought up brought up earlier about these people and them paying their rent and all this good stuff. I want to make it abundantly clear that many of the citizens who live in my district who are having to deal with this type of situation, those who are asking to relocate are not responsible for the mold that's been in that building for years. Particular units within my community—Woodlawn Terrace, it's no secret there have been in pretty bad condition since I was a small child. It's hard to blame people here in 2022 for things that have not been corrected over the years. I can understand, although Commissioner Jackson pulled his resolution, it's best for us to make sure that we're spending our tax dollars in places where things are going to get done, and we're not putting people in a position where they have a low quality of life. I would hope that we would be concerned with the quality of life for all citizens in Caddo Parish. Commissioner Jackson asked the question earlier that Jesus asked, 'who is my neighbor?' The person who shined most in that story was the one who showed mercy, and it was an amazing story. He was so against a Samaritan that he could not even say a Samaritan was right. But all he could say was the one that showed mercy. And Jesus said go and do likewise. At what point are we going to do likewise? And what point are we going to be just as concerned with what's going on in Cedar Grove, Hollywood, and other places as we are in Blanchard, in

Keithville, and in Greenwood? Because when I stood before this commission for an appointment, that's what I said, is that I would be just as concerned about what goes on in the inner city as I would in the rural areas. I don't want any one of us to assume that anyone sits on this board plays politics, because me, personally speaking for myself, I want to make sure I do what makes sense for everybody, and it does not make sense for us to be okay with the quality of life in the rural area but not ok with how people are living in the inner city. I get a lot of emails about the zoning board. But I hope everybody's just concerned about the mothers that I have to here, who are struggling to keep their children healthy because they live in mold. Woodlawn Terrace is not subsidized housing. I need to make that abundantly clear here today—that the people who live in my district are not living for free. They have to pay their rent, they have to be gainfully employed, and COVID-19 happened to everybody in this room. Whether you were willing to do whether you were poor, we all felt the effects of it in some shape, form or fashion. And I'm just beyond the pettiness that I hear because we all want our way. What I would like to see begin to happen within not just this board, but in humanity is that we actually care and start living the gospel that some of us like we believe in. Because if we care, and we're merciful, like we stand up on Sunday mornings and act like we are, then that should be evident Monday through Saturday as well. Not just when you get in front of your other parishioners or pastors, but you should live that out because that's what true character is. It's who you are when nobody's looking, and I'm just beyond the pettiness and foolishness of not getting things done because we want to make sure okay, we're getting our way, this is an issue that needs to be addressed. People need to live somewhere where it's clean. And if we care about the children that we say are our future, they need to be able to go to school every day, knowing that they're going to come home to a clean house, at least livable. Now, I can't make people clean their homes up. I can't do that. But not everybody who's in this situation is keeping the dirty house. Let's be honest with ourselves. Some of these people are living in situations far beyond their control in according to the lease agreements that they have the landlords are responsible for the repairs. And if they're not making the repairs, and they're not holding up the end of the lease. The least we can do is put people in the position where they can live comfortably. I don't think that's asking too much. So, I want to start carrying the same enthusiasm. And please understand the passion of my heart. I don't say a whole lot, I guess because I'm the new guy. We've got to start using common sense and making sure that we use that we are with this zoning case with what's going in the inner city. So when we start talking about crime prevention, I want to see this same place packed out because according to what I heard today, that's what we need to be focusing on, not the rural areas. So, the next time we talk about crime prevention from the Caddo Parish Commission standpoint, please come back and speak up. Please be in here. The moment we got ready to talk about inner city issues, the Chamber got empty. Everybody ran out of here. The moment we talked about who was my neighbor—nobody has anything to say. I want every citizen to be heard. I want every citizen to have to be able to exercise their rights. But I find it shameful that we will clear the Chambers when it's time to talk about other things that are affecting Caddo Parish, but you want me to be concerned with all of Caddo Parish, but you don't have to. That's not right. We need to grow up from that.

Mr. Jackson agreed with Mr. Jones. He said that one of the citizens came down here and said, 'Nobody wants to live in that sewer dump.' Mr. Jackson said that he was referring to Shreveport, and "so goes the City of Shreveport, so goes the Parish of Caddo". Mr. Jackson said that people should live in livable conditions. He asked that the Commissioners adopt this ordinance.

Mr. Taliaferro wanted to know if there was an opportunity to recoup the money from the people who are in direct violation. Attorney Bernstein said that there was not.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that this ordinance is parish-wide, not just for the City of Shreveport. He said that this is to help anyone who is eligible to relocate.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know if there was a pre-inspection requirement of a future facility. He asked that this be included in the CEA.

At this time, Mr. Johnson'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. 6170 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE OIL AND GAS FUND FOR THE YEAR 2022 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH

RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, many citizens in Caddo Parish require relocation assistance due to substandard housing conditions, homelessness, or to escape a domestic violence situation; and

WHEREAS, many citizens are unable to pay the costs associated with relocating to a new home causing them to remain in unsustainable living conditions; and

WHEREAS, citizens requiring relocation assistance, need help with security deposits, first month rent, and/or moving expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to appropriate up to \$72,000 to help citizens relocate to a new living arrangement due to unsafe and/or unsanitary living conditions, homelessness, to leave a domestic violence situation, or other verifiable reason for needing relocation assistance; and

WHEREAS, the relocation assistance would be limited to a maximum of \$1,200 per family; and

WHEREAS, households receiving assistance must have a current monthly gross income or 2021 annual gross income of no more than 80% of the area median income; and

WHEREAS, the relocation funds cannot duplicate funding already received from another funding source; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish would contract with Hope Connections and the Providence House to assist with the relocation assistance, given these agencies are experienced in assisting persons with relocation needs; and

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

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Oil and Gas Fund Relocation Assistance</u>	
Providence House	\$ 36,000
Hope Connections	\$ 36,000
Fund Balance	(\$ 72,000)

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. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Ordinance No. 6171 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2022 Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an additional appropriation for Fit for Life Ministries and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Johnson said that there was lost revenue due to the pandemic. He said that this is for that loss.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6171 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE AMERICAN RESUCE PLAN FUND TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR FIT FOR LIFE MINISTRIES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) became law on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA provided \$350 billion in additional funding for state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission approved over \$22 million in ARPA expenditures within Caddo Parish, including monies to fund sporting events that would boost economic development within the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission appropriated \$30,000 in its 2022 budget for Fit for Life Ministries; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to amend the 2022 American Rescue Plan Fund budget to provide an additional appropriation of \$35,000 for Fit for Life; 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 Economic Development Fund for the year 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>American Rescue Plan Fund</u>	
Grant Programs – Other	
Fit for Life	\$35,000
Fund Balance	(\$35,000)

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. Burrell, *that Ordinance No. 6172 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2022 Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund to provide appropriations for housing projects and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Jackson said that he would like to add the National Development Council process to the ordinance.

Mr. Young wanted to know the level of funding that is currently in the E. Edward Jones Trust Fund. Mrs. Barnett said there is about \$2M in the fund.

Mr. Atkins wanted to know what the National Development Council. Mr. Jackson said that this is the entity that has been formally contracted to manage the Housing Trust Fund.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6172 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE E. EDWARD JONES HOUSING TRUST FUND TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR HOUSING PROJECTS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission appropriated \$2,000,000 for housing projects in the 2022 budget for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund (EEJHTF); and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to amend the 2022 EEJHTF budget to provide an appropriation of \$600,000 each for the Northwest Louisiana Community Development Corporation (NWLACDC), Grace Project, and Image Changers for housing projects; and

WHEREAS, NWLA CDC has a proven record of meeting the needs of low to moderate income individuals and families in underserved communities and funds will be used to rehabilitate ten (10) residential rental units and will cover administrative costs, developer fees, property insurance, and architectural fees; and

WHEREAS, Grace Project intends to establish a program that would identify and rehabilitate 50 dilapidated, adjudicated, and abandoned properties to prepare them for sale to prospective homeowners; and

WHEREAS, Image Changers was founded with the specific objective of assisting low to moderate income families with economic development by promoting and supporting quality education, affordable home ownership, community development, and enhanced social services; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to amend the 2022 E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund Budget to provide an appropriation of \$1,800,000 for to provide \$600,000 each for NWLA CDC, Grace Project, Image Changers; 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 E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>E. Edward Jones Trust Fund</u>	
Grant Program—Other	
Grace Project	\$600,000
NWLA CDC	\$600,000
Image Changers	\$600,000
Fund Balance	(\$1,800,000)

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 Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Ordinance No. 6173 of 2022, be amended to reduce the appropriation to \$3,500 and adopted.*

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that this group will provide a five-week summer camp concentrating on the performing arts.

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

- *Ordinance No. 6173 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2022 Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund and the Oil and Gas Fund to provide an additional appropriation for Urban Support and to otherwise provide with respect thereto as amended*
- *Ordinance No. 6174 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2021 Budget to amend the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Head Start Fund and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6175 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2021 Budget to amend the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Section 8 Fund and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6176 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the General Fund to provide an appropriation for Wheel Chair Ramp and Roof Repair Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6177 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Oil and Gas Fund and the Riverboat Fund to provide an appropriation of \$32,000 for a Mural Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

- *Ordinance No. 6186 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the E Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2022 to appropriate funds received from the US Treasury in the amount of \$5,274,675 for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6187 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the E Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2021 to appropriate Emergency Rental Assistance Program from the State of Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6188 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for Ring Doorbell Pilot Program in Caddo Parish and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

At this time, Mr. Jackson'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, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Taliaferro (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6173 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RIVERBOAT FUND AND THE OIL AND GAS FUND TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR URBAN SUPPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission appropriated \$5,000 for Urban Support in its 2022 budget for the Riverboat Fund to provide community mentoring, social adaptation, etiquette training, educational tutoring, and career choice activities; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Support Agency, Inc. was started in 1996 by a group of retired educators and community leaders with a vision for empowering the youth of our area to become successful citizens; and

WHEREAS, Urban Support previously received an appropriation of \$15,000 in the 2021 budget; and

WHEREAS, Urban Support requires an additional \$8,000 to adequately support its 2022 program initiatives; 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 and the Oil and Gas Fund for the year 2022 are hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Riverboat Fund</u>	
Allocation to Other Entities	
Urban Support	\$8,000
<u>Oil and Gas Fund</u>	
Transfer to Other Funds	\$8,000
Fund Balance	(\$8,000)

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. 6174 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET TO AMEND THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE HEAD START FUND AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Head Start programs promote the school readiness of infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children from low-income families; and

WHEREAS, the Head Start program is funded through a federal grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); and

WHEREAS, the Head Start program received two additional awards from HHS for COVID19 and from the American Rescue Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the budget for revenues and expenditures for the Head Start Fund to appropriate these funds; 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 Head Start Fund for the year 2021 as follows:

<u>Head Start Fund</u>	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
Revenue	
Head Start Grant	\$2,220,000
Head Start Program	\$2,220,000

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. 6175 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET TO AMEND THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE SECTION 8 FUND AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has been the recipient of the Section 8 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) since the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 is a housing choice voucher program that the federal program has for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market; and

WHEREAS, the Section 8 program received more federal dollars in 2021 due to the performance of the program in 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend a budget for revenues and expenditures for the Section 8 Housing Fund; 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 Section 8 Fund for the year 2021 as follows:

<u>Section 8 Housing Fund</u>	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
Revenue	
Section 8 Grant	\$200,000
Section 8 Grant Expenses	\$200,000

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. 6176 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR WHEEL CHAIR RAMP AND ROOF REPAIR PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo receives revenue from the Capital Area Finance Authority (CAFA) from application fees related to home mortgage loans; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to use these funds to establish a Wheel Chair Ramp and Roof Repair Program; and

WHEREAS, the Wheel Chair Ramp and Roof Repair Program will help seniors, veterans and disabled residents; and

WHEREAS, seniors, veterans and disabled residents are an important part of our community; and

WHEREAS, these residents are often on a fixed income and unable to perform such task;

WHEREAS, helping with minor repairs will help keeps these individuals safely housed; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo will contract with an established community or faith-based organization to provide services; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2022 General Fund Budget to provide an appropriation of \$56,000 for the Wheel Chair Ramp and Roof Repair Program; 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>General Fund</u>	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
NGO Appropriations	
Wheel Chair Ramp and Roof Repair Program	\$56,000
Fund Balance	(\$56,000)

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. 6177 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE OIL AND GAS FUND AND THE RIVERBOAT FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION OF \$32,000 FOR A MURAL PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Shreveport Regional Art Council (SRAC) and Poetic X, the Caddo Parish Poet Laureate, would like to place murals across public buildings throughout the Parish; and

WHEREAS, each installation would include a Poem written by Poetic X and illustrated by a local Artist; and

WHEREAS, the Poetry would serve to inspire residents and visitors to each site – and create “selfie stations” throughout the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the total project would be \$96,000 over three years; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2022 Oil and Gas Fund and Riverboat budgets to provide an appropriation of \$32,000 to SRAC for the mural program; 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 Oil and Gas Fund for the year 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Oil and Gas Fund</u>	
Transfer to Riverboat Fund	\$32,000
Fund Balance	(\$32,000)
 <u>Riverboat Fund</u>	
SRAC Mural Program	\$32,000
Transfer from Oil and Gas	\$32,000

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. 6186 OF 2022

BY CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE E EDWARD JONES HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR 2022 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE US TREASURY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,274,675 FOR THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) made available \$25 billion to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo distributed over \$32 million in 2021 of ERAP from the US Treasury and the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has been reallocated ERAP funds from the State reallocation of \$4,423,024.15 and from the National reallocation of \$851,650.20; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2022 Budget in order to appropriate said grant proceeds.

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

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>E Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund</u>	
Revenues	
Federal Grant	\$5,274,675
Expenditures	
Grant Programs	\$5,274,675

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. 6187 OF 2022

BY CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE E EDWARD JONES HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR 2021 TO APPROPRIATE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) made available \$25 billion to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana received ERAP funds from the US Treasury for the benefit of Parish of Caddo residents;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo administered the funds in 2021 on behalf of the State; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2021 Budget in order to appropriate said grant proceeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the E Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>E Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund</u>	
Revenues	
Federal Grant	\$17,926,511
Expenditures	
Grant Programs	\$17,926,511

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. 6188 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR RING DOORBELL PILOT PROGRAM IN CADDO PARISH AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) became law on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish Commission would like to appropriate up to \$100,000 to provide ring doorbell security for high crime areas; and

WHEREAS, this program would provide citizens and law enforcement with an additional tool to help deter crime; and

WHEREAS, citizens in specified and targeted districts can receive the device and one year of service at no cost to the citizen; and

WHEREAS, the device will allow law enforcement access and register with the Shreveport Crime Center; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2022 budget for the American Rescue Plan Fund; 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 be amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>American Rescue Plan Fund</u>	
Expenditures	
Federal Grant Expenditures	\$100,000

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. Epperson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 6189 of 2022, an ordinance to enact Section 2-5 relative to parish owned or maintained buildings and offices, to provide that agencies, constitutional officers, or other political subdivisions occupying those buildings and offices shall report data regarding communicable diseases of concern to the public and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Epperson mentioned that this is not to bring up a common cold or anything of that nature, but the communicable diseases, such as COVID-19. He said that this is a safety precaution for the citizens, employees, and other members of the public. Mr. Epperson also said that they are not asking for anyone's names being mentioned, just that there has been a certain number of cases.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6189 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 2-5 RELATIVE TO PARISH OWNED OR MAINTAINED BUILDINGS AND OFFICES, TO PROVIDE THAT AGENCIES, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OCCUPYING THOSE BUILDINGS AND OFFICES SHALL REPORT DATA REGARDING COMMUNICABLE DISEASES OF CONCERN TO THE PUBLIC AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, multiple public agencies, constitutional officers, and other political subdivisions occupy buildings owned, or maintained by the Parish and its employees or contractors;

WHEREAS, reports of communicable diseases such as COVID during the pandemic are needed to safeguard occupants, visitors, and Parish employees and contractors; and

WHEREAS, periodic reports of those communicable diseases will allow the Parish to take preventative measures to protect the public as well as Parish employees and contractors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that it hereby adopts Section 205 of the Code of Ordinances to provide as follows:

SECTION 2.5. REPORTING OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE IN PARISH FACILITIES

All agencies, constitutional officers, or other political subdivisions that occupy facilities owned or maintained by the Parish shall report periodically to the Parish any occurrence of a communicable disease that is of concern to the public generally.

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. 6191 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund and Oil and Gas fund in the amount of \$10,000 to provide an appropriation for the Louisiana Advocates for Immigrants in Detention associated with the Highland Center and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6193 of 2022, an ordinance creating the I-49 North Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana," defining the boundaries thereof from which area local sales tax, property tax and hotel occupancy tax increments will be determined and used to finance economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 Of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.*

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Work Session Minutes January 31, 2022 be ratified. Motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Resolution No. 12 of 2022, a resolution authorizing the Parish Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation to repave a portion of Louisiana Highway 173, and otherwise providing with respect thereto be adopted.*

Mr. Jackson asked that the fifth paragraph be removed from the resolution.

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).

RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REPAVE A PORTION OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 173, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Highway 173 from Pierre Avenue to Hartman Street has been designated by the State of Louisiana as the "Carl Pierson Memorial Highway" by the Louisiana Legislature; and

WHEREAS Louisiana Highway 173 is a major thoroughfare and corridor for residential and commercial traffic within Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS Amazon distribution center will likely use Louisiana Highway 173 as the quickest route to get access to I-49 south and I-20 east; and

WHEREAS the portion of Louisiana Highway 173 from Pierre Avenue to Hartman Street is in disrepair; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has begun the process of moving the water lines to the side walk to help solve the water leakage and Louisiana Highway 173 will be suitable for repaving once the City of Shreveport does drainage work on the road;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to repave the afore-mentioned portion of Highway 173, once the City of Shreveport has completed drainage repairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be provided to, Senator Gregory Tarver, Representative Sam Jenkins, Dr.

Shawn Wilson, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, and Secretary Don Pierson of the Louisiana Economic Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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.

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Resolution No. 13 of 2022, a resolution to request that the Department of Homeland Security take immediate action to correct systemic problems within the eight ICE Detention Centers in Louisiana and to request that the House Homeland Security Committee investigate these systemic problems and provide oversight and accountability to ensure the safety of asylum seekers and other immigrants and the community, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Young said that this resolution is to request the federal government to correct some oversight and problems that are going on in the detention centers.

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).

RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO CORRECT SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS WITHIN THE EIGHT ICE DETENTION CENTERS IN LOUISIANA AND TO REQUEST THAT THE HOUSE HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE INVESTIGATE THESE SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS AND PROVIDE OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ASYLUM SEEKERS AND OTHER IMMIGRANTS AND THE COMMUNITY, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS the state of Louisiana has more immigration detention centers (8) than any other state except Texas and these detention centers are receiving thousands of asylum seekers from the U.S./Mexico border who are transported to Louisiana, incarcerated here at significant cost to taxpayers, and often released within a few weeks to a few months to reunite with their families or sponsors in various parts of the United States and prepare for their asylum hearings and;

WHEREAS many of these asylum seekers are fleeing horrific conditions, including religious persecution, totalitarian dictatorships, political violence, torture, and even genocide, and many have experienced violence at the hands of their own governments or fled after their family members were killed; and

WHEREAS, the United States is a signatory to three international treaties that establish the legal right to seek asylum in a safe country for anyone fleeing persecution, torture, or violence: the Geneva Convention, the Convention Against Torture, and the 1967 Refugee Protocol; and

WHEREAS, U.S. taxpayers are paying millions of dollars to private prisons companies to incarcerate asylum seekers in Louisiana at an average cost of \$133.00 per immigrant per day, with guaranteed payments for a minimum number of 4,605 beds in Louisiana, yet those companies are failing to comply with their government contracts by not providing potable drinking water, nutritious food, and

safe and sanitary living conditions, by denying medical care even for life threatening conditions, and by failing to provide safe and free transportation to an airport or bus station to all immigrants who are released, all of which are required by ICE's own 2011 Performance Based National Detention Standards; and

WHEREAS, local and national human rights organizations have documented and filed over 20 civil rights complaints in the past year alone detailing egregious human rights abuses, including unsanitary conditions, torture and physical abuse, in the ICE detention centers in Louisiana and Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, investigators at the Department of Homeland Security have already recommended that ICE stop sending immigrants to one of the Louisiana detention centers (Winn Correctional Center) because of "a culture and conditions that can lead to abuse, mistreatment, and discrimination," as well as serious plumbing deficiencies and non functional housing unit smoke barrier doors, yet immigrants are still being sent to this detention center; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2021, Louisiana Advocates for Immigrants in Detention and other organizations sent a letter to the Department of Homeland Security asking that they address the egregious violations of ICE's standards for releasing immigrants that put their safety at risk resulting in immigrants left stranded at airports, bus stations, and with a few even going missing for a few days, yet six months later most of the ICE detention centers in Louisiana continue to violate these standards every day, often telling families that their family member will not be released from detention unless they agree to pay for a taxi of anywhere from \$200-\$600, when the facility is legally responsible for providing free transportation to the bus station or airport; and

WHEREAS, volunteers from at least ten local churches, as part of the statewide network Louisiana Advocates for Immigrants in Detention, have stepped in to facilitate the safe transport of over 1200 immigrants from 55 countries released from Louisiana and Mississippi detention centers through Shreveport to reunite with their families or sponsors in the United States during the past ten months, and have provided transportation, shelter, meals, clothing, toiletries, translation, and access to phones and internet, but are unable to fully address the ongoing needs created by the ICE New Orleans Field Office's failure to ensure that its detention centers comply with their contracts by providing free and safe transportation to a bus station or airport for all immigrants who are released; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the that the Caddo Parish Commission requests that the White House and the Department of Homeland Security take immediate action to conduct a comprehensive investigation of the ICE New Orleans Field Office and the Louisiana ICE detention centers and all of the civil rights complaints made against them and to address the human rights violations against asylum seekers and other immigrants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission requests that the House Department of Homeland Security Oversight Committee investigate the systemic problems within the ICE New Orleans Field Office and its detention centers and provide oversight and accountability to ensure an end to the human rights violations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission requests that the Department of Homeland Security take immediate steps to address the violations around release protocols and ensure that the ICE New Orleans Field Office comes into compliance with the Performance Based National Detention Standards for releases by:

- Ensuring that detention center staff provide free transportation to all individuals being released, to either a full-service bus station, an airport, or to a nonprofit that is prepared to help them make travel arrangements to reunite with their families or sponsors.
- Providing access to interpreters and translated materials to inform them of their post-release transportation options and during the entire release process.
- Facilitating free communication with families or sponsors about releases prior to them happening.
- Ensuring that there are public, accessible materials outlining the post-release transportation options for each of the nine detention centers in Louisiana and Mississippi.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Department of Homeland Security, the White House Office on Intergovernmental Affairs, and to the Chair of the House Department of Homeland Security Oversight Committee, Representative Bennie Thompson.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Resolution No. 14 of*

2022, a resolution urging and requesting the Louisiana Legislature to modify LA R.S. 42:17.1 to allow unlimited agenda items during meetings of public bodies held via electronic means, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.

Mr. Epperson said that elected officials should be able to take up all matters on behalf of their citizens. Mr. Burrell agreed.

Mr. Jackson suggested that Legal research the legislation that allowed the State Bond Commission to meet virtually irrespective of a pandemic.

Mr. Hopkins understands the needs for teleconference meetings, but is concerned with the limitation of exchange with the citizens. He supports this resolution, but wants to ensure that the citizens are a part of the process.

Mr. Chavez wants to know if it will be at the decision of the President of when to have a virtual meeting or will it be a majority of the Commission? Mr. Epperson said that this resolution is so that all legislation can be put on the agenda, not just pandemic related legislation.

Mr. Burrell suggested that the majority of the Commission should be able to decide. Mr. Chavez then wanted to know if there was a tie situation. Mr. Atkins said that there are some issues that need to be worked through and vetted.

Mr. Taliaferro said that there were items that were not COVID related that suffered during the pandemic and could not be handled in a timely manner. He said that he is in support of this resolution as well as Mr. Hopkins' comments regarding citizens.

Attorney Frazier explained that this resolution addresses the Public Meetings Law and exceptions to the Public Meetings Law.

At this time, Mr. Epperson'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).

RESOLUTION NO. 14 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO MODIFY LA R.S. 42:17.1 TO ALLOW UNLIMITED AGENDA ITEMS DURING MEETINGS OF PUBLIC BODIES HELD VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, La.R.S. 42:17.1 (A)(1) and (2) provide that public bodies in Louisiana can hold public meetings via electronic means when the following conditions are met:

- 1) The governor has declared a state of emergency or disaster involving a geographic area within the jurisdiction of the public body and the nature of the emergency or disaster would cause a meeting of the public body conducted pursuant to the other provisions of this Chapter to be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.
- 2) The presiding officer of the public body certifies on the notice of the meeting that the agenda of the meeting is limited to one or more of the following:
 - a) Matters that are directly related to the public body's response to the disaster or emergency and are critical to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.
 - b) Matters that if they are delayed will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship.
 - c) Matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the public body and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of this Chapter due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the public body.
 - d) Other matters that are critical or time-sensitive and that in the determination of the presiding officer should not be delayed; however, such matters shall not be considered at the meeting unless the members of the body present at the meeting approve the he consideration of the matters by a two-thirds vote and;

WHEREAS the gubernatorially declared emergency regarding the COVID 19 Pandemic has been ongoing for almost two years, with several spikes in cases rendering it unsafe for public bodies

to meet in person during those spikes; and

WHEREAS, the limited agenda items allowed during meetings held via electronic means are not sufficient to cover all items to be addressed by a public body; and

WHEREAS, electronic meetings with limited agendas cause undue delay of important matters that need to be addressed, when they do not they fall in one of the statutory categories; and

WHEREAS, electronic meetings with limited agendas cause exceedingly long agendas during in-person meetings, which result in an inefficient use of citizen participants' and public officials' time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby urges and requests the Louisiana Legislature to remove all agenda restrictions on electronic meetings held during gubernatorially declared disasters or emergencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will be forwarded to the President of the Louisiana Senate, Speaker of the Louisiana House, and the Caddo Parish legislative delegation.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Resolution No. 15 of 2022, a resolution approving the issuance of not exceeding Four Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,900,000) of Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2022, of the North Caddo Hospital Service District of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith be adopted.*

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

- *Resolution No. 15 of 2022, a resolution approving the issuance of not exceeding Four Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,900,000) of Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2022, of the North Caddo Hospital Service District of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith*
- *Resolution No. 16 Of 2022, an ordinance creating the "I-49 North Corridor, State of Louisiana;" defining the boundaries thereof from which area local sales tax, property tax and hotel occupancy tax increments will be determined and used to finance economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing*

At this time, Mr. Chavez'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).

RESOLUTION NO. 15 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING FOUR MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,900,000) OF SALES TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2022, OF THE NORTH CADDO HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the North Caddo Hospital Service District of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, adopted a resolution on January 25, 2022, requesting that this Commission approve the issuance of not exceeding Four Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,900,000) of Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2022, of said District for the purposes of refunding all or a portion of its outstanding Taxable Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2014, and paying the costs of issuance thereof; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the terms and provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Commission to approve said borrowing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Commission"), acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), meeting in legal and regular session, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of the North Caddo Hospital Service District of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of said North Caddo Hospital Service District of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana (the "District"), this Commission hereby approves the issuance of not exceeding Four Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,900,000) of Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2022, of the District (the "Bonds") for the purposes set forth in the preamble hereto. The Bonds are to be payable, equally with the District's Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2019, from and secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the net avails or proceeds of the District's special one percent (1%) sales and use tax approved at an election held in the District on April 21, 2012 (the "Tax"), subject only to the prior payment of the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collection and administering the Tax. The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum and shall mature no later than September 1, 2036. Neither Caddo Parish nor this Commission shall in any way be liable for the payment of principal and/or interest on the Bonds.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12).

NAYS: None (0).

ABSENT: None (0).

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 3rd day of February, 2022.

/s/ Jeff Everson
Clerk

/s/John E. Atkins
President

RESOLUTION NO. 16 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION GIVING NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT KNOWN AS THE I-49 NORTH CORRIDOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, et seq.) (the "EDD Act") authorizes municipalities, parishes and certain other local governmental subdivisions to create economic development districts to carry out the purposes of the EDD Act, which economic development districts are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana and possess such power and authority and have such duties as provided by the EDD Act and other law; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), acting through this Parish Commission as its governing authority, desires to avail itself of the EDD Act to create an economic development district to be called the "North Caddo Economic Development District, State of Louisiana" (the "District"), in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.32, in which local and State sales tax and property tax increments are expected to be determined and used to fund infrastructure for the District and other Caddo Parish economic development projects; and,

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:9038.34(O) provides that this governing authority may create a special trust fund for the furtherance of economic development projects, as defined in the EDD Act, into which the incremental increases in such sales, property and hotel occupancy taxes shall be deposited and loaned, granted, donated, or pledged in furtherance of economic development projects as defined in the EDD Act; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the EDD Act, particularly La. R.S. 33:9038.32(B) and La. R.S. 33:9038.39, the Parish now desires to give notice of its intention and to hold a public hearing relative to the proposed creation of the District, including a description of the boundaries of the District and containing a map showing the boundaries of the District; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, that:

THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION ONE: Intention to Create Economic Development District. In accordance with the EDD Act, and particularly La. R.S. 33:9038.32 and La. R.S. 33:9038.39, the Parish does hereby give notice of its intention to create an economic development district to be called the "I-49 North Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana" and to collect tax increments pursuant to La. R.S. 33:9038.39 for the purpose of paying the costs of economic development projects as defined in La. R.S. 33:9038.34(M) and La. R.S. 33:9038.36.

The proposed economic development district shall have the boundaries described in Exhibit A to this resolution.

SECTION TWO: Notice of Intention. The Clerk of the Commission is authorized and directed to publish a notice of intention, in substantially the following form, which notice shall be published two (2) times in the Parish's official journal prior to the public hearing described therein:

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE AN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
IN THE PARISH OF CADDO, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Commission"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Caddo, Louisiana (the "Parish"), proposes to consider the adoption of an ordinance, pursuant to La. R.S. 33:9038.32, creating an economic development district within the Parish to be called the "North Caddo Economic Development District, State of Louisiana" (the "District").

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that upon the creation of the District, the Governing Authority, in its capacity as the governing authority of the newly created District, further proposes to consider the adoption of ordinances, pursuant to La. R.S. 33:9038.39, collecting tax increments, for the purpose of financing economic development projects, as defined in La. R.S. 33:9038.34(M) and La. R.S. 33:9038.36(the "District Taxes"). The proceeds of the incremental revenues of Parish sales, property and hotel occupancy axes designated by this Governing Authority for such purposes, will be deposited in a special trust fund to be used for the furtherance of economic development projects within the District and Caddo Parish, all pursuant to the authority of Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*).

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Commission will meet in open and public session on March 3, 2022 at three-thirty o'clock (3:30) p.m., at the Government Plaza, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, in Caddo, Louisiana, to hear any objections to the creation of the District as described above.

A description of the boundaries of the proposed District, and a map of the proposed District, are as follows:

7.498 acres to be defined as from: That part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Twenty-two (22) North, Range Fifteen (15) West, lying South of the North right of way line of the Hosston-Miller's Bluff Road and East of the West Bank of Kelly Bayou Canal and all of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S1/2 of SW1/4) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Twenty two (22) North, Range Fifteen (15) West, lying East of the West bank of Kelly Bayou Canal

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SECTION THREE: Public Hearing. At the date, time and place mentioned in the aforesaid Notice of Intention, or at such other time and place as may be determined by the Commission and properly advertised, this Governing Authority will meet in open and public session, to hear any objections to the proposed creation of the District, and may consider the adoption of an ordinance creating the district.

SECTION FOUR: Authorization of Officers. The Parish Administrator and Clerk of the Commission are hereby authorized and empowered to do all acts, sign any and all instruments or documents, and do all things necessary and proper in order to carry out the purpose and provisions of this resolution.

SECTION SIX: Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective upon publication.

SECTION SEVEN: Repeal of other Resolutions. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, specifically Resolution No. 81 of 2021.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Resolution No. 17 of*

2022, urge and request the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources to consider the negative impacts of oil and gas drilling in or near urban areas, to implement rules combating those negative impacts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.

Mr. Epperson said that this came out of the Natural Resources Committee and asked for favorable passage of this resolution.

Mr. Young explained that Mr. Epperson brought this to the Natural Resources Committee; some were already law, and some were recommendations. He worked with Mr. Epperson to amend every complaint that the industry groups pointed out. They wrote again expressing the same discontentment with the ordinance. Dr. Siska and some others pointed out that the citizens are asking for small changes, such as 500 more feet further from a dwelling or property line in a densely populated area. I also don't want us to get into the business of trying to develop expertise in the regulation of oil and gas, Mr. Young said, I think it's our job to forward a reasonable edited set of complaints to the experts and then get on to the business that is imposed on us by our charter.

Mr. Hopkins asked that the following letters be placed in the record:

Resolution 17 of 2022 currently proposed on the Caddo Parish working session agenda scheduled on February 3, 2022, is of serious concern to Louisiana's oil and natural gas industry.

- The proposed provisions outlined in the resolution are unnecessarily restrictive and essentially impose a de facto moratorium on oil and natural gas operations in the parish. The industry encourages Caddo Parish to work with industry and directly engage with [DNR's Office of Conservation](#) to find solutions on issues of concern.
- Caddo Parish has had a productive working relationship with the natural gas and oil industry. Since 2014, the natural gas and oil industry has annually provided [more than 5,000 jobs](#) to Caddo Parish residents. with annual wages totaling over \$190 million.
- In addition to paying wages to residents of the Parish, the natural gas and oil industry paid nearly [\\$100 million in ad valorem taxes](#) directly to Caddo Parish from 2015-2019.
- As industry has done previously, and as we continue to do with other parishes in the state, the oil and natural gas industry is committed to working with Caddo going forward for the best interests of all parties. Currently, industry is working closely with Bossier Parish to update their noise ordinance which can be a model for surrounding parishes.
- The overly stifling provisions in Resolution 17 would have a crippling economic impact on Caddo parish and on the investments made by the operating companies, driving business and industry investments to other states and even other Parishes with better business environments for economic growth.

See below for a summary of prioritized industry concerns around some of the proposed provisions:

Setbacks.

- The proposed 1000-1500' setback does not appear to be based on any scientific study or analysis.
- This requirement would rule out a significant portion of leased acreage everywhere in Caddo Parish, resulting in a de facto moratorium.
- If enacted, this provision would be one of the most prescriptive setback in the country and will eliminate nearly all oil and natural gas activity in Caddo Parish.
- If new buffer rules effectively prevent drilling activity or inhibit a lessee's ability to develop, the parish would face potential liability from lessees in addition to lessors/mineral rights owners for committing a regulatory taking without compensation
- A [study on setback proposals in Colorado](#) showed substantial financial effects from similar provisions.

Nighttime Completions Operations.

- This limitation will significantly increase the time and cost for operators and service companies. Moving to day-time only operations would more than double the completion costs and lead to reduced investment in and oil and gas assets as these projects will lower investment potential.
- Many have indicated this provision, specifically, would likely lead them to move their business and future investment to other states, like Texas.
- By requiring the job to stop at the end of every day, a nighttime completions ban will lead to increased operational and safety risks because thousands of feet of coil tubing will need to be pulled at the end of each shift. Also, the increased frequency of job shutdowns will lead to increased wear of pressure containing and safety equipment, an additional, unnecessary risk.
- Moving to day-time only operations would increase the duration of the job and

prolong any of the community's concerns. Not allowing 24-hour operations will only increase the frequency of operation startups and shutdowns resulting in higher noise levels because of engines starting up and ramping up to the desired horsepower.

Financial surety and arbitration provision.

- This opens up significant ambiguity and potential for misuse/abuse

Provisions for which regulatory mechanisms already exist.

- Sound suppression – noise ordinances
- Dust mitigation for entrance roads – LDNR Haynesville Shale Order
- Public notification/participation – LDNR requires adequate public notice prior to issuance of drilling permits
- Transportation identification – DOTD placarding requirements
- [Seismic monitoring](#) – USGS currently does this monitoring and makes the data available to the public.
- Resource: [DNR Louisiana Hydraulic Fracturing Regulations](#).

Hydraulic Fracturing

- [Hydraulic fracturing](#) is modern technology, [safely and responsibly](#) developing vast reserves of oil and natural gas from shale and other tight-rock formations. It's the backbone of an energy renaissance that's making the U.S. more prosperous and safer in the world today. ([EID Health](#))
- The combination of industry standards, best practices and effective state and federal regulation is protecting communities and the environment – while making available increasing volumes of cleaner- burning natural gas that is allowing the U.S. to lead the world in reducing carbon emissions from electricity generation.

Closing

- The natural gas and oil industry has been and continues to provide jobs and tax revenue to Caddo Parish. Restrictive provisions would eliminate jobs, tax revenue and economic activity.
- Operators represented by LMOGA and LOGA are good actors who would like to work with Parish officials to resolve potential issues or misunderstandings, similar to the ongoing, collaborative effort to update noise ordinances in Bossier Parish.
- Unnecessary, burdensome regulations will cause operators and service companies to reevaluate whether or not they continue to do business in Caddo parish.
- Louisiana continues to be at the forefront of responsibly sourced oil and natural gas, and as the global demand for oil remains steady and the demand for natural gas is projected to double by 2050, Louisiana—and Caddo Parish— stand to benefit.

Comments on behalf of the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association & the Louisiana Oil & Gas Association for Public Record, February 3, 2022

Louisiana is at the forefront of responsibly sourced oil and natural gas, and as the global demand for oil remains steady and the demand for natural gas is projected to double by 2050, Louisiana— and Caddo Parish— stand to benefit. Resolution No. 17 of 2022 on the Caddo Parish Commission agenda today is of serious concern to Louisiana's oil and natural gas industry, and it should be of serious concern for the residents and business owners of Caddo as well. The proposed provisions outlined in the resolution are unnecessarily restrictive and essentially impose a de facto moratorium on oil and natural gas operations in the parish. The industry encourages Caddo Parish to work together with representatives from the industry and directly engage with [DNR's Office of Conservation](#) to find solutions on issues of concern. Caddo Parish has had a productive working relationship with the oil and natural gas industry for decades. Since 2014, our industry has annually provided [more than 5,000 jobs](#) to Caddo Parish residents, with annual wages totaling over \$190 million. In addition to providing good paying jobs to the residents of Caddo, the natural gas and oil industry paid nearly [\\$100 million in ad valorem taxes](#) directly to Caddo Parish from 2015-2019. That's \$100 million for roads and bridges, emergency services, and schools. Industry continues to work collaboratively with other parishes in the state and is committed to working with Caddo Parish going forward to find solutions to address your concerns. Operators represented by LMOGA and LOGA are good actors who would like to work with Parish officials to resolve potential issues or misunderstandings, similar to the ongoing, collaborative efforts made in Bossier Parish to update their noise ordinance, which can be a model for Caddo Parish. The stifling provisions in Resolution 17 would have a crippling economic impact on Caddo parish and on the investments made by the operating companies, driving business and industry investments to other states and even other Parishes with better business environments for economic growth. Unnecessary, burdensome regulations will cause operators and service companies to reevaluate whether or not they continue to do

business in Caddo parish, which would eliminate much needed jobs, tax revenue, and economic activity. While passing this resolution today may not immediately make any changes to the rule of law when it comes to drilling, these actions send a strong signal to the industry that Caddo Parish is closed for business and has no interest in working with oil and natural gas companies. We respectfully request the Commission to vote against the resolution and instead work collaboratively with the industry and the State of Louisiana to resolve community concerns specific to Haynesville Shale activity. Tommy Fauchoux, President, LMOGA Mike Moncla, President, LOGA

To the Members of the Caddo Parish Commission:

It has come to the attention of the oil and natural gas industry, jointly represented by the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association (LMOGA), the Louisiana Oil & Gas Association (LOGA) and the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI), (collectively referred to herein as “the Associations”), that the Caddo Parish Commission has once again proposed a resolution to “urge and request the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources to consider the negative impacts of oil and gas drilling in or near urban areas, implement rules to combat these negative impacts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.” The resolution urges and requests the LDNR to consider implementing changes to oil and gas drilling regulations within the State of Louisiana, particularly within the Haynesville Shale drilling area. The Associations respectfully request the Commission to vote against the resolution and instead work collaboratively with the industry and the State of Louisiana to resolve community concerns specific to Haynesville Shale activity. The provisions outlined in the proposed resolution are unnecessarily restrictive and will create a de facto moratorium on oil and natural gas operations in Caddo Parish. Furthermore, these burdensome provisions will have a crippling economic impact on Caddo Parish and on the investments made by operating companies, driving business and industry investments to other states and even other parishes with a more attractive business climate for economic growth. A de facto moratorium in Caddo Parish is an extreme step that will cause devastating impacts to the Associations’ members and the residents of Caddo Parish. Since 2014, the oil and natural gas industry has annually provided more than 5,000 jobs to Caddo Parish residents with annual total wages of over \$190 million. In addition to paying wages to Caddo parish residents, the industry paid nearly \$100 million in ad valorem taxes directly to the parish from 2015-2019. For many years, the oil and natural gas industry has had a productive working relationship and it is our intention to maintain those relations going forward. Our Associations are currently collaborating with Bossier Parish to update their noise ordinance and we would be happy to do the same with Caddo Parish. The Associations’ members are committed to working collaboratively with Caddo Parish officials and the residents to resolve concerns. Louisiana continues to be at the forefront of responsibly sourced oil and natural gas, and as the global demand for oil remains steady and the demand for natural gas is projected to double by 2050, Louisiana and Caddo Parish stand to benefit. Thank you for your public service and we look forward to collaborating with Caddo Parish.

/s/Stephen Waguespack
LABI President

/s/Lori LeBlanc
LMOGA Interim President

/s/Mike Moncla
LOGA President

Mr. Chavez said that the author was not amenable to adding changes regarding Cross Lake and the \$100 bonds, so he will not be supporting this resolution.

Mr. Taliaferro agreed that the drilling companies should meet with the citizens with regards to their concerns. He also said that everything in this resolution has already been addressed. Mr. Taliaferro said that representatives from the oil and gas industry attended a few of the Commission meetings and “offered an olive branch” to open dialogue with the citizens.

Mr. Burrell said that this resolution is not going to stop the oil and gas industry; it is only showing the concerns that the citizens have.

Mr. Atkins agreed that noise and dust can be a problem, but feels that the industry is working on that. He is concerned that this resolution is going to send a signal to the industry to discourage them from participating in drilling activities in Caddo Parish. Mr. Atkins also pointed out that the industry employs over 5,000 people a year in this Parish as well as the ad valorem taxes that were paid to Caddo Parish. He would like to see them operate in our communities with respect and care for the citizens.

At this time, Mr. Epperson’s motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, and Young (7). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Hopkins, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (5). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

URGE AND REQUEST THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONSIDER THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF OIL AND GAS DRILLING IN OR NEAR URBAN AREAS, TO IMPLEMENT RULES COMBATING THOSE NEGATIVE IMPACTS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, there has been a surge in Haynesville Shale drilling within Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, more wells are being drilled in or near populous urban areas; and
WHEREAS, such drilling is causing a disruption to and diminution of the quality of life for citizens of those areas; and

WHEREAS, more stringent drilling regulations are needed to allow the citizens to peacefully co-exist with this increased drilling activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does urge and request the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources to consider implementing and enforcing the following changes for the regulation of horizontal drilling within the State of Louisiana, within the Haynesville Shale drilling area:

1. Well heads shall be placed a minimum of 1,000-1,500 feet from all areas of the property lines of the property upon which a well is drilled.
2. All horizontal drilling pads shall be required to have sound suppression system installed.
3. All entrance roads to drilling sites shall be overlaid with mitigating products as needed to eliminate or minimize dust.
4. No fracking or noise generating activities shall be allowed between the hours of 10:00pm and 7:00am near organized subdivisions within two (2) miles of a drill site.
5. Drilling companies shall meet with residents within the communities surrounding the drilling site, prior to commencing drilling operations and inform citizens of what to expect during drilling activities.
6. All transmission and distribution pipelines, compressor sites, relief valves located near and in residential neighborhoods shall be prominently identified, labeled with product content.
7. Emergency phone numbers for drilling companies shall be highly visible and posted at the entrance of all drilling sites. Phone lines shall be staffed with personnel to monitor all calls in real time at all times.
8. Drilling companies that are authorized and permitted for their operations in Caddo Parish shall contact the appropriate designated parish department and provide the following information:
 - a. Name of drilling company
 - b. Location of well site/name of well site
 - c. Address of home office
 - d. Contact phone number at well site.
 - e. Contact phone number of home office
 - f. Projected date to start drilling
 - g. Projected date to end drilling
9. All trucks that are supplying resources to support the drilling operations, shall be

display the proper DOTD codes or names of the items that they are transporting. This includes, solids, liquids, etc. (waste water, drilling fluids, machine and vehicle maintenance Fluids)

10. All drillers shall be required to present a restorative plan for the trees, shrubs, and natural habitat for animals, that have been displaced because of clearing entrance roads, and drill pad sites. The drilling companies must begin implementation of such plans within ninety days after drilling activity ends at a well site.
11. Drilling companies that are authorized and permitted for their operations in Caddo Parish shall post a \$100,000.00 bond to mitigate any claims by citizens against the drilling company, and shall agree to settle all such claims via arbitration. Arbitrators shall be chosen on a rotating basis from a list of certified arbitrators located in Caddo Parish.
12. Upon completion of drilling activity on a well site, drilling companies shall install seismometers in strategic locations around the well site, record readings and monitor them for a two-year period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item 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 RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to DNR Secretary Thomas Harris, Governor John Bel Edwards and to the Caddo Parish Legislative Delegation.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that Resolution No. 18 of 2022, a resolution authorizing the Parish Administrator to submit the Lofts at 114 Texas to receive home funds from the Louisiana Housing Corporation, to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Louisiana Housing Corporation, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Jackson said that this is a passthrough.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know if this will commit the Parish to any losses. Mr. Jackson said that this does not the commit the Parish, but it does not prohibit the Parish either.

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).

RESOLUTION NO. 18 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT THE LOFTS AT 114 TEXAS TO RECEIVE HOME FUNDS FROM THE LOUISIANA HOUSING CORPORATION, TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA HOUSING CORPORATION, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, 114 Texas Street has been a long-standing eyesore adjacent to one of the gateways into downtown Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, 114 Texas Street LLC is a minority owned business seeking to put the property back into commerce as a mixed-use development in 2022; and

WHEREAS, that development will generate both temporary construction jobs and permanent business jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Housing Corporation has indicated that it is willing to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Parish of Caddo for the Parish to administer Home Funds for 114 Texas Street LLC; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due,

regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby submit The Lofts at 114 Texas Street to the Louisiana Housing Corporation, for Home Funds to be provided to Caddo Parish to administer to the development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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.

OLD BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that appointments to the Caddo Parish Planning Commission be delayed until after the Attorney General renders their opinion.*

Mr. Young would like to consider this item during the same meeting that the Commission considers Ordinance No. 6168 of 2022.

Mr. Jackson asked that Mr. Carter Bedford be removed from the list since he lives in the town limits of Greenwood. He also mentioned that there are developers who are ready to move their projects along and are stuck in the zoning process. He suggested to appoint the members who are willing to serve to get those citizens who are stuck in that process.

Substitute motion by Mr. Chavez, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that Laura Neubert be appointed to the Caddo Parish Planning Commission.*

Mr. Chavez agreed with Mr. Jackson. He said that this is the most expedient way to get the citizens the help they need. He also said that Ms. Neubert has the institutional knowledge and would make a good appointee to the board.

Amendment by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Kay Proby-Waller also be appointed to the Caddo Parish Planning Commission.*

Amendment by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Kay Proby-Waller, Laura Neubert, Phillis Hart, and Damien Humphries be appointed to the Caddo Parish Planning Commission.*

Mr. Burrell still has an issue with the urban Commissioners who does not have any rural areas in their districts.

Call for the Question by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: Commissioners Hopkins and Lazarus (2). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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

At this time, Mr. Chavez's motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Chavez, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (3). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, and Young (9). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mr. Young's original motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Johnson, and Jones (3). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to reconsider the vote regarding appointing members to the Caddo Parish Planning Commission.*

Mr. Jackson reiterated that there are business owners who are stuck in the zoning process because the Parish does not have a process for them to move forward. He understands that there are some things that need to be sorted out, but would like to "walk and chew gum at the same time".

Mr. Lazarus said that some of the Commissioners have not had the opportunity to add their members yet. He suggested delaying this. Mr. Hopkins agreed.

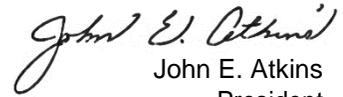
Mr. Jackson withdrew his motion.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Poltavas Black, Fania Roots, and Willie H. Arbuthnot be appointed to the Caddo Parish Broadband Committee. 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).

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk


John E. Atkins
President