

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 4th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021

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

The invocation was given by Bishop Randall, and Mr. Epperson led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Due to the passage of Resolution No. 19 of 2021, *a resolution to play patriotic music at the start of Commission meetings in February and March of 2021*, Commissioner Cawthorne chose to play Whitney Houston's rendition of The Star-Spangled Banner.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins *to expand the agenda and to approve the consideration of items under La.R.S. 42:17.1.*

At this time, the President of the Commission opened the floor for any public hearings for or against adding this item to the agenda. There was no one to speak in favor or against this agenda addition.

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

CERTIFICATE FOR TELECONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Louisiana has declared a statewide Public Health emergency, inclusive of Caddo Parish, in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor, has further extended that declaration via Proclamations Number 158 JBE 2020 and Number 159 JBE 2020; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 42:17.1 allows members of political subdivisions to participate in its meetings electronically under certain limited circumstances.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the Provisions of R.S. 42:17.1, the presiding officer of the Caddo Parish Commission hereby certifies that this meeting is to address matters that are:

- (a) directly related to the public Commission's response to the Coronavirus Pandemic and are critical to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.
- (b) that if they are delayed will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship.
- (c) critical to continuation of the business of the Commission and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of Open Meetings Law due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the public body.
- (d) critical or time-sensitive and have been determined by the undersigned should not be delayed;*

**consideration of matters under Paragraph (d) will initially require a two-thirds vote of those members present).*

Date: February 2, 2021
/s/Lyndon B. Johnson
Caddo Parish Commission President

CITIZENS COMMENTS

John Settle submitted the following comment:

Congratulations to MPC Executive Director Alan Clarke. The La chapter of the American Planning Association honored Alan with the 2020 Achievement Award for Leadership. This is awarded annually to a professional planner who contributes significantly to the planning practice. Clarke was

recognized for initiating numerous planning related initiatives including the city of Shreveport Historic Overlays District regulations, the Neighborhood Participation Program, New Food Truck Licensing Program, the Residential Mixed Use Village District Regulation, and other initiatives to improve the quality of life for the area. Hats off to Alan!!

VISITORS

- A Moment in Black History
Donovan Stone

Mr. Donovan Stone said that he will speaking about the life and legacy of Jessie Stone, Jr., a Civil Rights attorney whose pioneering litigation helped transform North Louisiana and the entire state. Mr. Stone said the Attorney Jessie Stone, Jr. is actually his great uncle and inspired him to become an attorney as well. "The law is like an endless web that touches every fabric of our society. It touches the life of each individual, as well. It is both the underlying and the unifying force of the American Society," Jessie Stone, Jr. 1975.

Attorney Stone opened a law firm in downtown Shreveport in July of 1950. He graduated from Southern University Law Center and passed the Bar earlier that summer. The Shreveport Sun even headlined the opening of the law firm. Many recognized Attorney Stone as North Louisiana's Thurgood Marshall. He litigated most of the Civil Rights litigation in North Louisiana between 1950-1970. He argued dozens of lawsuits that de-segregated schools in North Louisiana. Attorney Stone also worked directly with Thurgood Marshall and Constance Baker-Motley to protect the property rights of one hundred black citizens who were barred from purchasing homes in what was then considered a white area of town. Along with civil rights cases, Attorney Stone won five criminal jury cases in Caddo Parish while representing black defendants before all white juries and judges. Attorney Stone also became a leading public official and was Co-Chair of Louisiana's Commission on Human Relations, Rights & Responsibilities, which sought to ease racial tensions before disputes became violent. In 1971, he became the Dean of Southern University Law Center. He led Southern University for more than a decade.

Mr. Johnson thanked Mr. Stone for coming today and giving a presentation on Attorney Jessie Stone, Jr.

Mr. Cawthorne mentioned that Jessie Stone was one of the first people from North Louisiana to have an impact in politics and educational matters south of I-10. Mr. Cawthorne said he made such an impact on the whole State of Louisiana and should be applauded for his accomplishments.

Mr. Atkins complimented Mr. Stone on his presentation regarding Jessie Stone. He thanked him for sharing the legacy of Jessie Stone.

Mr. Burrell said it has been a joy to represent Mr. Stone's relatives. He wished him the best of luck on his future endeavors.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to adopt the Regular Session Minutes from January 21, 2021. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Special Resolution of Remembrance for Scott Perry* be adopted. *Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE SCOTT PERRY

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Caddo Parish Commission to give appropriate acknowledgment and recognition to individuals who have rendered invaluable service to Louisiana Parish Government; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott Perry was a lifelong resident of Rapides Parish who graduated from Peabody Senior High School and attended Louisiana College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry dedication to his community & his profession was outmatch only by his dedication to his family and God. He married Doris Lee Perry and their blessed union produced 5 Children, 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Perry has been a member of Newman United Methodist Church in Alexandria where he has served in many capacities including as a member of the

Administrative Board and a Certified Lay Speaker; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry was a self-employed business man for over 47 years during a career that saw him as the owner of Scott Perry, Jr. & Sons Vault Services and Scott Perry, JR. Sanitation Services. His entrepreneurial pursuits were acknowledged numerous times by distinguished awards like Omega Psi Phi Outstanding Businessman Award, Delta Sigma Theta Outstanding Minority Economic Development Award and the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce's Small Businessman of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, dedication to helping his community led to his reelection to his eighth term as a Rapides Parish Police Juror. His service on the Police Jury included serving as President and Vice President and many committees. Perry also serves on the National Association of County Officials (NACo) where he has chaired the Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee since 2000 and is a member of the National Association of Black County Officials; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby convey its deepest and most sincere expressions of gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Scott Perry for the invaluable contributions he made during many years of selfless service to his Parish.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Chief Scott Wolverton

Chief Wolverton said that the Caddo Parish population is at 237,575 people, with Shreveport making up about 182,616 people. Approximately 75% of Caddo Parish's population resides within the City of Shreveport. Chief Wolverton said that all twelve districts touch inside the city limits.

Some of the emergency services provided to the Parish include: receiving all incoming 911 calls for Caddo Parish, dispatch all Caddo Fire Districts (2020—10,738 incidents), complete all Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL) paperwork for Caddo Fire Districts, provide data/voice recordings for all Caddo Fire Districts radio traffic, fulfill public records requests for radio recordings, provides daily radio test for Caddo Fire Districts and morning wake up notifications, EOD disposal "Bomb Squad" for Caddo Parish, K-9 Search & Rescue services, Dive Team Assist with Caddo Sheriff's Office, and Urban Search & Rescue Team for Caddo Parish (LATF3). Chief Wolverton said that their demand for service has increased over the last few years. He also explained that there were 120 times in 2020 where they did not have a medic unit to respond to a call, so they had to call for mutual aid from either Bossier or Balentine Ambulance Service.

Chief Wolverton asked that the Commission consider helping the Shreveport Fire Department. He provided two options. Option 1 costs approximately \$388,414, which would reimburse SPD employee costs for three fire engineer/paramedic for the 11th medic unit. This would be a two-year commitment for FY2022 (\$192,284) and FY2023 (\$196,130). There will be a CEA in which the Commission would reimburse these costs on a monthly basis.

Option 2 costs approximately \$332,000, which would purchase a new medic unit to be utilized at the 11th medic unit (\$260,000) and purchase two new bomb suits to replace two expire bomb suits (\$72,000).

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if those services are uncompensated Parish services that SFD is paying for and the Commission is not. Chief Wolverton said that those are funded by the SFD budget. He also mentioned that Caddo 911 has one call taker position on each shift that they fund. Chief Wolverton also said that he is not aware of any outside funding for their bomb squad response, K9, or USAR.

Mr. Atkins thanked the Chief for his service to the community. He also wanted to know the reason for an increase in EMS services. Chief Wolverton is unsure of the reasons for the increase. He also mentioned that there is a low volume of paramedics right now.

Mr. Taliaferro asked for clarification regarding mutual aid responses. Chief Wolverton explained that they have an automatic mutual aid agreement with Caddo Fire District No. 5. Whoever arrives at the scene first takes command of the scene. The other type of mutual aid is for the Fire Districts to request mutual aid.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if SFD is receiving Upper Payment Limits (UPL) payments. Chief Wolverton said that the UPL payments are about \$7M per year, which goes back into the General Fund. SFD does receive some of that money back to fund their 2% salary increases that are mandated by law. They did receive \$3.2M this year for equipment, which is being invested into three engines and six remount medic units.

Mr. Jackson then wanted to know if the other Fire Districts have been asked to pitch in on the portion of this cost. Chief Wolverton stated that he has not approached them because their millages provide just enough for them to be able to carry out their operations and pay their personnel.

Mr. Jackson also wanted to know more about the bomb squad services. Chief Wolverton

explained that it would come through the 911 center, then they coordinate it with whatever agency requests it. Mr. Jackson wanted to know if he requested funding from those agencies. Chief Wolverton stated that he has not.

Mr. Johnson thanked the Chief for coming today. Chief Wolverton said that if this request is to provide better services to the citizens of this Parish, but understands if the Commission cannot commit to this funding request.

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Epperson recognized Officer Brian D. Sicknick who passed away during the riots on the Capitol. He is interred in the Capitol rotunda. He offered his condolences to Officer Sicknick.

The United States has over 26 million positive COVID-19 cases, with over 451,000 deaths. The State of Louisiana has 406,000 positive COVID-19 cases, with over 9,000 deaths. Caddo Parish is rated number 4 in COVID-19 cases with over 23,000 positive COVID-19 cases and over 628 deaths. Mr. Epperson offered his prayer to those in the medical profession who are combatting the disease.

Mr. Epperson talked about the economic developments that are occurring in District 12. QT Truck Stop will be opening on Bert Kouns and Westport Drive. He also announced that General Electric is hiring. Lube Tech will be applying for an ITEP application. Frank's LLC Investments is in the process of renewing their state of about 118 acres on I-20 and Greenwood Road. Capital One Bank on Pines Road will be closing.

He also said that the MPC conducted their meetings via teleconference yesterday, and it went well.

- Mr. Atkins requested that a brief summary be sent to the Commissioners on what would be allowed and what would not be allowed in regards to Chief Wolverton's request.

- Mr. Burrell congratulated Mr. Alan Clarke for receiving his award.

- Mr. Jackson asked that Administration look into the \$3 recycling fee that the City of Shreveport is charging citizens without recycling services. He also wanted to know if those fees could be utilized to help fund Chief Wolverton's request.

Mr. Jackson also talked about amendments. Every amendment proposed must be germane to the subject of the proposition or the to the section or paragraph to be amended, and an amendment is not in order which is not germane to the question to be amended. This is, basically, a phase of the rule that each proposition have but one subject and that members have the right to vote separately on each question, according to Mason's Legislative Procedures.

According to Robert's Rules of Order, an improper amendment is not in order which is not germane to the question to be amended; or merely makes the affirmative of the amended question equivalent to the negative of the original question; or is identical with a question previously decided by assembly during the session; or changes one form of amendment to another form; or substitutes one form of motion for another form; or strikes out the word Resolved from a resolution; or strikes out or inserts words which would leave no rational proposition before the assembly; or is frivolous or absurd. An amendment of an amendment must be germane to -- that is, must relate to -- the subject of the amendment as well as the main motion. No independent new question can be introduced under cover of an amendment. But an amendment may be in conflict with the spirit of the original motion and still be germane, and therefore in order.

Mr. Jackson said that he has to "constantly jump through hurdles and hoops over basic things, which is uncalled for and unnecessary". He also said that he is here to represent his constituents and would not put the Parish in a predicament or situation that would end up in court.

- Mrs. Gage-Watts asked that Administration provide her with a number for property standards and a demolition list for the City of Shreveport.

Mrs. Gage-Watts also said that several of her constituents have been receiving notices for mineral rights. She asked for more clarification on this. Mr. Whittington said that he is unsure of the companies, but he has heard that there are people leasing in the Pines Road area. Mrs. Gage-Watts wanted to know if its common for people to be on foot knocking on doors regarding mineral leases. Mr. Whittington said that the companies do as much as they can to get everyone in the neighborhood signed up. He also said that the residents would do better collectively.

Mrs. Gage-Watts then wanted to know the process for a citizen to get their animal back after its been confiscated by Animal Services. Dr. Wilson said that Animal Services would only confiscate an animal if its been declared dangerous and vicious to the community. That person would then have to go before the board and state their case. Dr. Wilson said that board meets as needed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Johnson reminded the Commissioners that they have a five minute time limit in regards to discussion on a question, but there is not anything in the By-Laws regarding a time limit on Communiques. He asked that everyone be respectful of everyone else's time on the call.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES

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

- *Zoning Case 20-11-P, in regards to Ordinance No. 6024 of 2021, 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 south side of Greenwood Road at Calderwood Drive, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural-Agricultural Zoning District to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District, C-3, General Commercial Zoning District, and I-MU, Industrial Mixed Use Zoning District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

Tony Hunter submitted the following comment in opposition to Zoning Case 20-11-P:

Dear Caddo Parish Commissioners, I am writing to express my strong opposition to case number 20-11-P, the request for rezoning from R-A Rural Agricultural Zoning District to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District, C-3 General Commercial Zoning District, and I-MU, Industrial Mixed Zoning District. As a taxpayer, a lifelong resident, and an elected official in this community, I share the same concerns as homeowners of Timberline, Deer Creek, Western Hills Estate II, and surrounding areas. I had the privilege to pen my signature to a petition of opposition to case number 20-11-P, joining more than three hundred (300) more citizens signing their signature to this petition of opposition. Also, I was privileged to attend the December 10, 2020 meeting that Timberline Homeowners Association President, Kay Proby-Waller, organized and hosted for residents to meet with the applicants and MPC Staff members. I urge every member of the Caddo Parish Commission body to unanimously disapprove the proposed rezoning request, as I know my opinions are shared by many of this community who were not afforded the opportunity to attend the Metropolitan Planning Commission meeting due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. I will continue to fight for the rights of the citizens in our community, and I would hope that you as taxpayers, and elected officials would do the same! Thank you for your continue service and support of our communities. Constable Tony Hunter.

Carroll & Gwen Michaud submitted the following comment in opposition to Zoning Case 20-11-P:

Dear Commissioners, We live at 7046 Greenwood Road immediately across the highway from the proposed zoning change of the property located at 7115 Greenwood Road (Zoning Case: 20-11-P) from RA to (I-1)and (C-1). We respectfully ask you to vote "NO" for the change. We wish to maintain our neighborhoods as residential so that our property values will not decline and provide a safe, clean place to raise our families." Additionally, we wish to note that there are no city (Shreveport or Greenwood) services (water, sewer, trash removal, ambulance) supplied to that property. Currently water is obtained from water wells. Consequently, any commercial and/or industrial operation on that property that consumes large volumes of water will adversely affect the water levels of the aquifer from which we local residents obtain our water. We strongly object to waste materials being accumulated and piled up on an industrial site. We also object to our air and environment being by polluted by any industrial operation within our residential area. Finally, 7115 Greenwood Road is on a "Blind Curve" in the highway, where many accidents have occurred; some resulting in deaths directly on our property. Heavy industrial traffic in and out of that property will only increase the risk of more traffic accidents and deaths. PLEASE VOTE NO TO THIS ZONING CHANGE!

Carlos Boston submitted the following comment in opposition to Zoning Case 20-11-P:

Dear Caddo Parish Commissioners, I am a three decades long resident of the Timberline subdivision in Shreveport, La. My reason for writing is to express my disapproval and opposition to the proposed zoning change request indicated above, located at 7115 Greenwood Road at Calderwood Drive Shreveport, La. Additionally, I am a former Senior Vice-President in Banking in Shreveport for over 30 years, and I currently own and operate an Insurance and Financial Services agency in our city. I have lived in the Timberline subdivision since 1991, and I have owned two different homes in Timberline over that time span. Therefore, it should be obvious that I love my neighborhood, and I also have an informed professional understanding of the financial impact that certain projects can have on a community. One of my reasons for opposing the project is the increase in risk of safety concerns due to increase in traffic that the project would bring to a primarily residential section of our city. However, my other reason for opposing is the fact that property values in our neighborhood will most definitely be negatively impacted because of the project, which would be so unfair to the residents in our surrounding area. Many of whom have devote a lifetime of investing into their homesteads. And with all due respect, I am certain that you would feel the same way if this project were seeking to be developed in your neighborhood. Therefore, I respectfully request that you

please not allow this development to go forward in our neighborhood. Thank you,

Vee Murray submitted the following comment in opposition to Zoning Case 20-11-P:

I reside in the neighborhood of Deer Creek Estates, Subdivision on McMichael Avenue. I'm expressing a "NO" to the zoning ordinance to zoning case 20-11-P. PLEASE opposed this request for the zoning change as granted by the MPC. PLEASE accept this E-MAIL as a "NO" vote. Thank you.

Kay Proby-Waller called in opposition to Zoning Case 20-11-P:

Good afternoon Commissioners. First of all, I want to thank you for the time you dedicate to make sure Caddo Parish government are officially prospering. You done a great job during this pandemic. However, home ownership featuring, I believe all twelve of you. understand the value of home ownership. Like many of you residents of district 12 have worked hard to invest in the American dream of home ownership. So, I want to state a few facts regards to case 20-11-p. Number 1 several hundreds of home owners have put their signatures opposing this rezoning request. Number 2 home owners met with and members of the staff December 10, 2020. The applicant clearly stated he wants to sell lots and doesn't know what type of businesses, hours of operation and so much more that could be detrimental to the place we call home. Number 3 the applicant has not been a good neighbor. There are photos filed in the records of how disgusting and trashy the property at 7115 Greenwood Road looks at the present time. By our attendance at commission meeting on January 21st, I listened carefully to Commissioner Jackson's comments relevant to case 20-16-p. Commissioner Jackson stated he would oppose case 20-16-P because Commissioner Epperson was elected by his constituents to represent them. And he believed Commissioner Epperson knows his constituents better than he does. And his district he would like the same courtesy extended to him. Furthermore, I recall an email from Commissioner Atkins sent to Miss Witts regarding case 20-16-P. In which, Mr. Atkins stated he would vote with the wishes of Commissioner Epperson because he felt like Commissioner Epperson knew his constituents better. Also, I listened very carefully to Commissioner Chavez remarks relevant to case 20-15-P. Commissioner Chavez stated he would approve case 20-15-P, because there was not one citizen in that district in opposition case 20-15-P and also the new construction would mess the current constructions in that area. Commissioners, several hundreds of residents have signed the petition of opposition to case 20-11-P. Not one, but hundreds signed. Our elected official Constable Tony Hunter of ward 5 and Commissioner Epperson of district 12 have signed petition of opposition. So, I ask you on behalf of homeowners of Timberline, Clear Creek, state two, Columbia Heights and surrounding areas look to the respect of homeowners and the elected officials of our community and you line reject this request. Thank you.

Bart Little called in support of Zoning Case 20-11-P:

This is Bart Little. I own property at 71115. Thank you, Commissioners. I'm asking for this motion for zoning to be delayed primarily these projects have a lot of my neighbors with negative feelings towards it and I'm trying to reach out to several of them. And wanting to make sure we all understand this pro-deal is head of the Timberline Neighborhood Association. And you know if there are some things they would like to have and what we see-not sure of what development its going to be. And I understand their reservations there. And the desire to delay is so that we can make sure we have time to get with all the neighbors to answer any and all questions they have hopefully to remove all reservations to try and come together and work together. To make sure we have a good development that everybody can be behind. Think I spoke to most every Commissioner. I have not been able to get in touch with Mr. Epperson yet. And I'd like to speak with him also if he, Commissioner, where I've had the business for 25 years. Hopefully we can come together and develop a plan that is beneficial for the area and all those that are around. Several of the people in that area, lot of them are elderly and with COVID19 they're apprehensive about coming to a meeting. And, like myself, they're maybe not as technology capable. And so that's another reason I'd like a delay. So that we can maybe get some of the overnight team to subside and hopefully lord willing we can have some meetings with the neighborhood associations with any community groups to answer any questions. Trying to put together some consensus. You know, I've been meeting with the Nexus consulting group. They have reached out to me and we're putting together a plan right now for minority business inclusion for the development. I'm very pleased about this. I think it fits well with where our city is. And I think we can be a model for future developments. The people I've been speaking with Bryan, Jimmy and Carmen, they worked nationwide. They're from Dallas, Washington DC, and here locally. They're very intelligent, sharp young people that really have a vision for Shreveport. And I would like to be a part of that with them. I like to say I appreciate everything that the Commissioners do. What I would really just appreciate is the opportunity for this to be delayed. So that some of the rumors and misconceptions can be dispelled and corrected. And, thank you for your time.

Karmen Rubin called in support of Zoning Case 20-11-P:

Hi I'm Karmen Rubin. Hello, Caddo Commissioners. Just wanted to state how we are suggesting that the vote be delayed at this time as it relate to the ordinance proposed in the west Shreveport area. I'm Karmen Rubin and I was able to meet with Bart Little, who you just heard speak. And I can honestly say that I work contractor on several projects that are related to this type of public private partnership and he does have the community's best interests hand. Working with several non-profits and organizations that come in and they want to do this and support the community, it is important that the community is aware of what we're wanting to do at this time. And he actually reached out to my consulting firm, RLK consulting

group, as well as various other professionals, and he stated the need for the community to get a better understanding of this project. And so, I am proposing that at this time that you do delay that vote in order for those opportunities to happen. It's actually I suggested that he put out some letters in the community. As of today they went out to the west Shreveport alliance and I believe all the neighborhood association presidents. That in itself is a great step towards our future for this project and to just make sure the community is educated on what the plans are and they're a part of the communication process moving forward.

Jimmy Jones called in support of Zoning Case 20-11-P:

Thank you. Good afternoon. This is Jimmy Jones, Shreveport, LA. I am speaking for the development in West Shreveport. I want to speak on my experience with minority inclusion for the past 4 to 5 years. I have specialized in the minority inclusion in areas such as engineering construction, marketing and management. And this project has, in my opinion, we need to get o the community so they can understand the opportunity that it presents. My experience-I worked with the Cosendant Creek where it gained a lot of opportunities for minority inclusion. Another thing I wanted to speak on was me being from West Shreveport. I'm from that area. My parents are from that area. Have an opportunity to develop that area with the land mass it has and with the opportunity we have with Mr. Little. We spoke with Mr. Little on numerous occasions on what we think and what we think is probable make this thing work out. The only thing we are missing is an opportunity to get this out to the public. You know, the public decides 'hey, not a good idea for our area'. You know, we're fine with that. We just want a opportunity to present the information, disseminate it correctly, so they understand the opportunity it includes. We talked about all the type of deed restrictions. The number on thing in deed restrictions are strip clubs, pay day loan companies, low-income housing. From my understanding, there has been a misrepresentation that this project ensues those type of developments. Those are the first things that we have met with Mr. Little and said these are the things that are not applicable to this area. So as far as disenfranchise-anything disenfranchising was the first thing marked off the list. We had some visuals available but we had to call in. But just really want the community, the community to know that we want an opportunity let the community know what this project offers. What this project can do for this area creating an economic boom. And presenting a model across the region. There is no model that exists like this across the southern region. I lived in New York. I worked across many southern parishes-Texas, Arkansas. And again, like I said I've worked from the Cosendant Creek as a property manager. I've managed multi-million-dollar projects. This project has the propensity to deduce major outcomes for the minority community. And Mr. little understands that as well as I can. Thank you.

Brian Abrams called in support of Zoning Case 20-11-P:

Good afternoon this evening Commissioners. Brian Abrams, for the record. Okay, thank you. I am addressing the body. Thank you for your time in reference to Ordinance 6024 to delay the vote to access community needs and their values and to utterly dissipate information. I am Washington DC based lobbyist who has worked extensively on opportunities on projects. In particular, working specifically with the community in order to understand short term, as well as long term, as well as citywide initiatives to make these types of projects more equitable. What we do know is that with the Biden Administration we have the opportunity zones initiatives are going to expand and also provide more equity and under the opportunity zone guidelines. What we are proposing as I am working with Mr. Little, Mr. Jones, as well as Mrs. Rubin, to create an equitable plan for us to go out and access these needs. In addition to that we also are looking to-once those needs are accessed-to build upon what we call legacy project that not only benefits the region in question but also the city as it relates to sustainability around existing projects and new projects that are coming around here, and energy, as well as making sure there are server security infrastructure development are up to standard. As well as expanding the medical corridor into the west Shreveport area. As well as, meeting some other needs around groceries, around retail as well as improving expanding mixed use and residential. In addition to that there is also a national need to create a transportation infrastructure on development project in Shreveport to connect Shreveport to other regional cities in a 5-mile radius. This will also prime west Shreveport to seek full initiative in these new national initiatives that are coming down into Shreveport. This is also a prime example for Black entrepreneurs who are contractors to also be involved and taking part into the minority designation that these sort of projects must have minority leading. So, with all of that I again ask that we delay Ordinance 6024, 6024 excuse me to properly decimate information and then to do more expansive, extensive feasibility study. Thank you for your time.

- *Zoning Case 20-14-P, in regards to Ordinance No. 6025 of 2021, 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 Newburn Lane, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-12, Single Family Residential District to R-1-7, Single Family Residential District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one else to speak in favor or against these zoning cases, the Chair closed the public hearings.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

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

- *Ordinance No. 6026 of 2021, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, to establish R-1-10, Single-Family Residential Zoning District by amending Article 3, Zoning Districts & Zoning Map; by amending Article 4, Zoning District; by amending Article 5, Uses; by amending Article 7, regarding On-Site Development Standards; by amending Article 9, Sign Regulations; by amending Article 10, Landscape & Tree Preservation and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6027 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund for the year 2021 to provide an appropriation to the One Hundred Men of Shreveport for funds remaining at December 31, 2020 to provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6028 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to provide an appropriation of \$21,000 for the Salvation Army's Merkle Center of Hope for funds remaining at December 31, 2019 and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6029 of 2021, an ordinance to amend and re-enact Article III of Chapter 19 relative to Dr. E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund, to provide for the inclusion of grants within funding sources, to provide for applications and award of grants to appropriate recipients, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one else to speak in favor or against these zoning cases, the Chair closed the public hearings.

ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES (final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Zoning Case 20-11-P, in regards to Ordinance No. 6024 of 2021, 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 south side of Greenwood Road at Calderwood Drive, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural-Agricultural Zoning District to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District, C-3, General Commercial Zoning District, and I-MU, Industrial Mixed Use Zoning District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be postponed.

Young: Yes, please. Thank you. I just think we should acknowledge the request of the applicant which seems very reasonable. If there is time for him to discuss this further and make more compromises with his neighbors in a post-COVID environment I think that will be beneficial for everyone in the community. And I hope that we can just vote postpone so that can happen. Thanks.

Substitute motion by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *to overturn the MPC's decision regarding Zoning Case 20-11-P, in regards to Ordinance No. 6024 of 2021, 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 south side of Greenwood Road at Calderwood Drive, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural-Agricultural Zoning District to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District, C-3, General Commercial Zoning District, and I-MU, Industrial Mixed Use Zoning District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*

Epperson: First of all, I would just like to re-emphasize Mr. Carroll Michaud lived directly across from the stated property has been in his family since 1937. He also bought some adjacent property behind him. Whereas, he didn't-it was not-would not been in favor being in negative item coming next to him that would bring detriment to the property. He's been a good neighbor to Timberline. Matter of fact, his property of Butts Lambert in the Timberline subdivision. And secondly, I would just like to state that I am offended by those-the young lady and those two gentlemen that spoke. Because in essence, they are almost telling me that my constituents and the residents in those neighborhoods, that has properties valued from 200-over \$200,000 to almost \$500,000 are ignorant. That is far from the fact. The process is in place. If they want-If that was a given we would not have that process. Every 2 or 3 years we get somebody in and around these neighborhoods that are wanting to put something in that is not compatible. I just wonder why this individual wouldn't want to subdivide that lot and put it under the same parameters as the properties in Timberline and Deer Creek, one acres and above, 2800 square foot homes, making it compatible and conducive with that are? I find it appalling individuals that own pieces of property do not care anything for the people that have paved the way and made those properties what they are. And want to come in and do something for a profit. The levels they would stoop to go out and find individuals and make this a deal about minority participation. I have been

working with zoning issues since 1991. South Highlands. Ellerbe Road. Even work down Ellerbe Road when they zoned a spot in the city to put a fire station before the homes were built on Ellerbe Road. Ellerbe Road sanctioned every spike in cell towers when they was coming. The zoning for that. I have lived in neighborhoods that have seen a transition the same as this. And if you would look on the map. If you would look at the demographics of persons that's in those neighborhoods, these people are looking for good, better places to live. Where they can raise their families or they can live out their lives in retirement and have something of appreciable value to leave toward their children. This is appalling what's happening here zoning case 20-16-P. We agreed upon that the wishes on the constituents is utmost. We have judges. We have lawyers. We have doctors. We have retired military personnel. We have retired Caddo Parish and higher education personnel. All those people are here. They properties is almost paid for now. A beautiful neighborhood if you drive around through here. And we want to stick something right across from it. The Chief stated that there is about 75% of Caddo Parish that was in Shreveport. My God, I would like to tell those 3- that young lady and those two gentlemen- you need to look around Shreveport to see what needs to be redeveloped. What you're talking about now I did this in 2015. I got a comprehensive amount of data, held a community and economic development summit in Caddo Parish. All of the community organizations and businesses were invited, realtors included. There ain't no explicitly where we are looking for out here. We do not need another study. We have a study. And these people that own this property need to make sure that they adhere to the wishes of the person's within those respective communities. It's not in the purview for nobody to delay this. What we need to do is reject this and if this gentleman wants to get with the minority-whatever that is-all of a sudden now. I been out here 18 years and never heard about nobody contracting a minority to do anything out here-a consent decree. The City of Shreveport-

Johnson: Commissioner Epperson your time is up.

Epperson: Okay. Well I thank you. I ask for you to reject that. Vote for my motion to reject that request of the MPC. Thank you.

Johnson: Commissioner Chavez.

Chavez: Thank you President. I had a-I guess- a comment and a point of clarification. The lady that spoke a moment ago in regards to this case 20-11-P, did she state that I stated that there wasn't a single citizen that came out against it when she called in? President do you recall that? Or Mr. Everson?

Johnson: I don't know.

Chavez: I think she was referring to the case over on Paxton Road that was in our work session. We had no citizens call in reference to that. So, I just wanted to make that clear if that was said that I said not a single citizen was against this, that was in regard to the Paxton Road zoning. Not this zoning of 20-11-P. I just want to get that on the record. Secondly. Okay. If we-if this gets remanded back to the MPC or if we voted to I guess overrule their ruling and this gentleman has to go back through the process of MPC and present a different scenario if he chooses to do something else with the land, is it a different application process? Is it different money? Has he already spent money for zoning? I'm just trying to get some clarification on-its apparent he wants to work with the neighborhood. Obviously, the neighborhood does not want this. So, if he wants to go back there and meet with the MPC and formulate something different, I think that's a good idea. I guess, my only question is if we remand it back is it still the same application process? Does he have to spend any additional money if we overrule it and he has to start the process over? Does anyone know the answer to that?

Dr. Wilson: Mr. Clark's on the line. I think he can answer that question.

Chavez: Mr. Clark from a standpoint of this business owner, land owner, no that he understands the citizens do not want what he trying to put out. Is the better way for him to go back to you guys and formulate a different idea of what he may use this land for and then present to the neighborhood? Or would it be better and easier and more streamlined that we overrule the MPC's recommendation and then start all over?

Mr. Clark: I think that in all due respect Commissioner Chavez this was basically speculative zoning that the would allow for many different uses, which he made perfectly clear to the citizens of the area. And with speculative zoning it does not mean that there is a specific use that is in place at the present time for any of the tier zoning that are being proposed by him. With that said, if it is remanded back to the MPC with instructions of consideration of other zoning types or anything else that that could be considered, he would not be out of any additional funds. The MPC would have an opportunity to review everything. Sit down with him. Make suggestions. Possibly, and I stress possibly, in the event that neighborhood-the

neighborhood residents in the area would care to have input in what the development would actually entail all of those things could care with a re map. If you deny or if you overturn the MPC decision, he would have to come back if he desire to rezone the property with the new application which would include the new fees for the rezoning application.

Chavez: I got you. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Clark. Tough situation. I understand there's a lot of people that are opposing it. Commissioner Epperson's against it as well. He's made his stance on it and typically we side with the Commissioner of that district. If the man's willing to work with the neighbors, it sounds like they're going to come with an agreement. So, I appreciate that information Mr. Clark. Thank you.

Burrell: Thank you Mr. President. I only had one observation and comment. I guess this could be directed to Commissioner Epperson because I know how close he is to his district. When I spoke with Mr. Little he asked me what you think that I can do. I said well you need to speak directly to Commissioner Epperson and I asked him had he done that. And he said no. And I asked him why? And he said well I have not been able to reach him or he hadn't got a return call. So, I wanted to ask Ken directly is that the case or is Mr. Little not telling the truth here?

Epperson: Mr. Burrell I treated Mr. Little the same as I do all of my other proponents. I state back and I look and I listen. All the facts that I need to know don't came through the zoning and came through meeting my constituents. No friendship. No kinship. That's the same process I treated all of them. The same with Ms. Woodson and that group at 20-16-P.

Burrell: Okay well that's- when he asked me that I said that doesn't sound like Commissioner Epperson, so. That was just my position to him. So, I don't have a dog in this fight. But it didn't sound like you were not able to talk to him. So that's it, Mr. Chairman.

Atkins: Thank you Mr. President. I want to be respectful of the wishes of the neighborhood. However, I also want to give the guy a chance to try and find a compromise solution if he's still willing to work on it. So, I'd like to-I'd like to pursue that path where there's an opportunity to find a compromise. Thank you, Mr. President.

Substitute motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Zoning Case 20-11-P, in regards to Ordinance No. 6024 of 2021 be remanded back to the MPC.*

Hopkins: Yeah to let the MPC-Send it back to the MPC. Remand it to the MPC so they can facilitate the discussions of what that neighborhood would like to see and one Mr. Little would like to be able to do and move forward from there. What this will allow-this send it back. It doesn't approve it. It doesn't kill it. It lets Mr. Little keep his status in order and then it's in a-it may take one month, it may take 3 months. But if that group out there does not want him in any shape or form then it'll come back to the Commission from the MPC. And at that time then it will probably die. But at least gives him the opportunity. They were wanting to delay. At least give him the opportunity to sit down some more with the various groups out there and at least continue dialogue. Thank you.

Jackson: Thank you Mr. President. I'd like to ask Todd who just made the last motion. What is the 'it' that you referred to? You said 'send it back to'-What is the 'it' you're referring to?

Hopkins: Well we would-Once the MPC meets with Mr. Little and the group-

Jackson: I got you. What I'm saying, what is the 'it'? You said send 'it' back to the MPC.

Hopkins: We're remanding this ordinance back to the MPC. I'm sorry.

Jackson: No, you answered my question. So, you do realize that's an amendment, right? That's an amended motion, right?

Hopkins: Yes [laughs].

Jackson: Okay. I just wanted to be clear that's an amended motion that had nothing to do with the title of this ordinance. Because we don't legislate off of actions. We legislate off of ordinances and resolutions. That's an amendment. That's an amendment. Okay? But I do want to be on the record as saying- One, I hope that someday in Shreveport, Caddo Parish that we, that our zoning planning will not become-and I hope Mr. Clark I don't see him anymore but I hope he will agree with me-that it doesn't become, that we move past the point where if it becomes a zero some game. Where one side is either the winner or the loser. I have always said I'm about consistency, being consistent and making sure that we have a practice and precedence in place. I've always sided with the community on matters of planning. That's just where I am on that particular issue. And so, you know, the residents have voiced their concerns. I really don't know that sending this back to the MPC may help those concerns. I have an issue in my district now about a liquor store. Where the liquor

store, there's some confusion about it. Residents are not aware what's all going on and so I was able to get with Mr. Clark ahead of time and I appreciate getting those things ahead of time like we do now. And myself and the Council lady who represents that area, we were able to get with him and flush some of that out ahead of it going to the MPC. So, again I hope that at some point, you know, our planning and our zoning becomes a little bit more than the zero some game. Because I hate to see us losing development. But if you're looking for space, I can go find some space in District 3 for you to locate. But I don't know if you just a dead hook for ease of access to the interstate. I don't know. It's not my district. And when they called me I asked the same question-have you talked to the representative in the area? When Mr. Little emailed me, he emailed me asking me for a meeting. And my email back to him was-I do not take meetings particularly if you have not talked to the representative for that area. I just don't do that. It is this process Joe Shine, not Joe Shine I'm sorry. Councilman Green taught me very early in my time of being a legislat-being a Commissioner on a legislative body or in politics. Is that this process is circular and not linear. And you can rest assured at some point it's going to circle right around to you. And the last thing you want is your constituents to know is-well, when it was time to do it on this side of town 'let's do it' or 'let's kill it'. But when it came down to their side of the town-your side of the town, and your constituents come up against something and they don't want something. Now all of a sudden, you're forced to say okay you got to come back to the body and say 'please hear my constituents out'. And so that's just-you know-that just the practice. I don't want anybody to think I'm against this project. I'm for. I'm for the neighborhood. I-49. I come down here and I tell it 'I'm for the neighborhood'. So, I just want to be clear that I'm not against anything. I am for the neighborhood. Thank you, Mr. President.

Cawthorne: Thank you Mr. President. I don't have a minute to offer. But I do have a suggestion that may coincide with what we-what's trying to get accomplished here. I clearly understand what the neighbors are doing. I clearly understand Mr. Little's proposal. It looks like where we are classic stances we get here in Shreveport. We challenge between progress and preservation. Everybody wants they home to be intact. Want it to be nice. They don't want anything that's going to be an interruption to years of mortgage payments, years of upkeep and I get that very clearly. It seems to me that we've got a propitious opportunity for development. And it's just a recommendation, if I were Mr. Little I would start with the neighborhood people and asking them if we brought a development out here and in your estimations what that look like feel like and morphs into and start there. And then, even if the project morphs into maybe some more homes and development, then that's a conversation between the developer and the residents out there. Its-and I can't speak for anyone out there. But from what I heard and then the conversations, it sounds like the neighborhood is more amenable to maybe subdividing that land out there and putting some nice homes that are already there. I can't tell Mr. Little what it is to do. What I am trying to convey I think the conversation starts where what's the desires of the neighborhood. And often times when you do well you can do good at the same time. Thank you.

Johnson: All right. At this point I'm a say something. I think that when they do those zoning changes, that there is an opportunity for them to have a meeting with the citizens. And to say at the last minute we'll want them to meet with the citizens that should've been done already. And I just feel that, you know, I think that either maybe one side took one side for granted. And now that there was opposition-because you got to think about the opposition if its close by. If its 10-miles down the road it's totally different. But we talking about people who would be nearby neighbors that are complaining. And so, in that I'm going to have to support people that are nearby neighbors because they're the ones that going to have to live there day in and day out. And see that and deal with that on a daily basis. So, that's how I feel about it. Thank you. Next one is Commissioner Lazarus.

Call for the Question by Mr. Lazarus. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Epperson: I hadn't spoken on the motion. Mr. Hopkins, he spoke. Everybody had a chance to speak on a motion. Okay. Once again everything you all saying has been done. We got Bill Cockrell Gymnasium social distancing for 50 people including the MPC staff and the applicants. Everyone sits there and listen to them. After they gave their spill and their approach. They asked questions. Then we asked them to leave. Then, the community debated and discussed what transpired. And it was still their wishes not to accept it. Now we been talking about time. We been dealing with this since October. October. And you know what happened? I heard that they had a pre-application conference via virtual-via Zoom. But yet and still they wanted the citizens to come down in person. I knew nothing about it. It just accidentally popped up. And what impression does that put on the mind? Of the Commissioner in that district as well as the citizens? I'm a go back a little further. There's an inquire from a Commissioner. I'm not going to call his name. Email me for some reason they won't call me direct. Asking did I live in Timberline and was Timberline in my district and I said yes. So, the alarm went up then and I found out that there is possibly a relationship of the applicant. Then I come down and found out they had a meeting in August of 2020 about this. And Mr. Clark know how adamant I am about zoning in my district. He and I has been in constant communication about anything that's going on here. And I think

he told me that he forgot to tell me about a meeting. Huh? Alan know how long we been working together. He knows when Kirk was there. They know how adamant I am as far as zoning is concerned. All of the things we are saying now has been met. The only thing we should do is vote this down. And if this gentleman wants to start from scratch with his consultants, which he should have done initially, let him do so. But now I reject both of these amendments and I ask that you would support my motion to reject this. Thank you.

Mrs. Gage-Watts removed her second on the original motion; Mr. Lazarus seconded the original motion.

Gage-Watts: This is not the pleasure of Commissioner Epperson or his constituents. So, I would like to withdraw that second.

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, Cawthorne, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Johnson (6). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Zoning Case 20-14-P, in regards to Ordinance No. 6025 of 2021, 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 Newburn Lane, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-12, Single Family Residential District to R-1-7, Single Family Residential District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.*

Mr. Atkins said that this will reconcile some lot size issues in the Long Lake Subdivision. He asked that the Commissioners support this.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6025 OF 2021

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 NEWBURN LANE, CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM R-1-12, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-1-7, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL 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 Newburn Lane, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended **from R-1-12, Single Family Residential District to R-1-7, Single Family Residential District:**

beginning at the northwest corner of lot 204, Lakeside on Long Lake, Unit No. 6, as Recorded in Conveyance Book 8050, Pages 12-14 of the records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana and proceed along the west side of said Unit No. 6 the following 6 courses and distances: South 01°28'15" west a distance of 210.00 feet; south 88°31'45" east a distance of 40.81 feet; South 01°28'15" west a distance of 135.00 feet; south 20°56'27" east a distance of 129.08 feet; South 72°50'59" east a distance of 225.00 feet; South 76°39'49" east a distance of 40.45 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 170, Lakeside on Long Lake, Unit No. 4, as recorded in Conveyance Book 5000, Pages 167-168 of the records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; thence proceed along the west side of said Unit No. 4 the following 5 courses and distances: South 76°39'49" east a distance of 34.71 feet; south

72°50'59" east a distance of 75.00 feet; South 17°09'01" west a distance of 210.00 feet; south 72°50'59" east a distance of 3.26 feet; South 17°09'01" west a distance of 149.77 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 168 of said Lakeside on Long Lake, Unit No. 4; thence leaving said Unit No. 4 proceed north 72°49'19" west a distance of 754.69 feet; thence proceed north 73°02'54" west a distance of 710.80 feet to the shore line of Long Lake; thence proceed along said shore line the following 16 courses and distances: North 54°19'55" west a distance of 6.96 feet; north 60°19'58" west a distance of 36.31 feet; north 30°30'02" west a distance of 72.45 feet; north 59°26'49" west a distance of 48.01 feet; North 56°36'11" west a distance of 58.59 feet; north 59°57'34" west a distance of 45.27 feet; north 25°25'53" east a distance of 44.61 feet; south 78°08'42" east distance of 20.97 feet; south 46°50'38" east a distance of 32.47 feet; south 71°10'49" east a distance of 28.95 feet; north 06°25'50" east a distance of 52.97 feet; north 00°36'57" west a distance of 43.00 feet; north 04°18'15" east a distance of 55.90 feet; north 14°09'48" east a distance of 68.68 feet; north 25°19'41" east distance of 86.17 feet; north 13°24'40" east a distance of 52.59 feet to the south line of Mt. Pleasant Acres Subdivision as recorded in Conveyance Book 450, Page 381 of the records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; thence leaving said shore line proceed south 88°31'45" east along said south line of Mt Pleasant acres a distance of 1103.54 feet to the point of beginning, Sections 21 and 22, T16N, R13W, 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. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *that Ordinance No. 6026 of 2021, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, to establish R-1-10, Single-Family Residential Zoning District by amending Article 3, Zoning Districts & Zoning Map; by amending Article 4, Zoning District; by amending Article 5, Uses; by amending Article 7, regarding On-Site Development Standards; by amending Article 9, Sign Regulations; by amending Article 10, Landscape & Tree Preservation and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6026 OF 2021

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, TO ESTABLISH R-1-10 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3, ZONING DISTRICTS AND ZONING MAP; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 4, ZONING DISTRICTS; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 5, USES; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 7, ON-SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9, SIGN REGULATIONS; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 10, LANDSCAPE AND TREE PRESERVATION, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, on recommendation of the Shreveport-Caddo Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, adopted the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission has determined that certain provisions in that Code should be changed to address recent issues and improve the application and administration of that Code and land use in the Metropolitan Planning Commission's jurisdiction within Caddo Parish;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, having considered the recommendations of the Metropolitan Planning Commission, agrees that such changes are desirable.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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, to establish R-1-10 Single-family Residential Zoning district by amending Article 3, Zoning Districts and Zoning Map; by amending Article 4, Zoning Districts; by amending Article 5, Uses; by amending Article 7, On-Site Development Standards; by amending Article 9, Sign Regulations; by amending Article 10, Landscape and Tree Preservation be amended as follows:

I. Article 3 is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3. - ZONING DISTRICTS AND ZONING MAP

3.1—ZONING DISTRICTS

In order to carry out the purpose and intent of this Code, Caddo Parish is divided into the following zoning districts:

A. Residential Districts

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R-1-10 Single-Family Residential Zoning District

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II. Article 4 is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4. - ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS

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4.2—RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

A. Purpose Statements

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4. R-1-10 Single-Family Residential Zoning District

The R-1-10 Single-Family Residential Zoning District is intended to provide for a neighborhood environment of single-family detached dwellings located on 10,000 square foot lots that reflect the predominant pattern of single-family residential development in Caddo Parish. Limited non- residential uses that are compatible with surrounding residential neighborhoods may be permitted.

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Article 4, Section 4.2 is amended by substituting Exh. B hereto in place of the existing Table 4-1

4.6—SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS

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H. CD Conservation Design Overlay Zoning District

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2. General Requirements

- a. The minimum area required for CD Overlay District is 20 acres. However, the City Council may approve a district of a smaller area if the purpose and objectives of this district can be met.
- b. The CD Overlay District is permitted only in the following residential districts: R-A, R-E, R-1-12, R-1- 10, R-1-7, and R-1-5 Districts.
- c. Lots must be configured to minimize the loss of natural resources, including wetlands, bayous, water bodies, woodlands, and historical resources.
- d. The development must preserve scenic natural views,

including views from roadways.

- e. If agricultural uses are being maintained within the development, lots must be configured in a manner that maximizes the usable area remaining for such agricultural uses with appropriate buffers between agricultural uses and residential structures.

3. Development Standards

- a. There are three levels of conservation design:
 - i. Conservation Design Low Density (CD-L): is intended for areas of low-density residential. CD-L applies to areas zoned the R-A and R-E District.
 - ii. Conservation Design Medium Density (CD-M) is intended for areas of medium-density residential. CD- M applies to areas zoned the R-1-12, R-1-10, and R- 1-7 District.
 - iii. Conservation Design High Density (CD-H) is intended for areas of high-density residential. CD-H applies to areas zoned the R-1-5 District. The CD-H District requires connection to public sewer.

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III. **Article 5, Section 5.2 is amended by substituting Exh. C hereto in place of the existing Table 5-1**

IV. **Article 7 is amended to read as follows:**

ARTICLE 7. - ON-SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

7.1 –GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Number of Structures on a Lot

- 1. In the R-A, R-E, R-1-12, R-1-10, R-1-7, R-1-5, and R-UC Districts there must be no more than one principal building per lot. This does not include permitted accessory structures, permitted accessory dwelling units, or agricultural structures. This also does not apply to educational facilities. In all other districts, more than one principal building is permitted on a lot, provided that it complies with all dimensional standards of the district.

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H. Chicken Coops

Chicken coops as an accessory use do not apply to lots that are in use for agriculture as a principal use.

- 1. The keeping of chickens and chicken coops are permitted in the R-A, R-E, R-1-12, R-1-10, and R-1-7 Districts only.

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V. **Article 9 is amended to read as follow:**

ARTICLE 9. - SIGN REGULATIONS

Section 9.7, Subsection 9.7.A is amended by substituting Exh. D hereto in place of the existing Table 9-2

Section 9.7, Subsection 9.7.H is amended by substituting Exh. E hereto in place of the existing Table 9-3

Section 9.7, Subsection 9.7.L is amended by substituting Exh. F hereto in place of the existing Table 9-4

9.8 - BILLBOARDS

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B. Permitted Billboard Locations

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2. Permitted Locations

- a. Construction of a new static or non-electronic billboard is allowed in the C-4, I-1, and I-2 Districts or where legally allowed within 660 feet of any federal interstate or primary aid highway on land that is zoned commercial or industrial.
- b. Construction of a new electronic billboard is allowed in the C- 2, C-3, C-4, I-1, and I-2 Districts or within 660 feet of any federal interstate or primary aid highway on land that is zoned commercial or industrial.
- c. All static and electronic billboards are prohibited in the following zoning districts: R-A, R-E, R-1-12, R-1-10, R-1-7, R- 1-5, R-UC, R-TH, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-MHS, R-MHP, C-1, C-UC, C-UV, D-1, OR, NA, OS, and IC Districts.
- d. No property may be rezoned to one of the permitted allowable districts for the sole purpose of allowing the erection of a static or electronic billboard.

VI. Article 10 is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 10. - LANDSCAPE AND TREE PRESERVATION

Article 10, Section 10-7 is amended by substituting Exh. B hereto in place of the existing Table 10-2

10.10—RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND USE LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS

A. Landscape Buffer

Buffer yards are located within rear and interior side yards, including the required rear or interior side setbacks, and must be reserved for the planting of material and installation of screening as required by this section. No parking spaces or accessory structures are permitted within the required buffer yard.

- 1. As of the effective date of this Code, buffer yards are required for new construction along interior side and rear yards in the following cases:
 - a. Where an R-2, R-3, or R-4 District abuts a R-A, R-E, R-1-12, R-1-10, R-1-7, R-1-5, R-UC, R-HU, or R-TH District. This does not apply to any single-family - detached or attached, and two-family dwellings.
 - b. Where a multi-family dwelling is located within a R-A, R-E, R-1-12, R-1-10, R-1-7, R-1-5, R-UC, or R-HU District.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall 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. Cawthorne**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that Ordinance No. 6027 of 2021, Ordinance No. 6027 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues &*

Expenditures for the General Fund for the year 2021 to provide an appropriation to the One Hundred Men of Shreveport for funds remaining at December 31, 2020 to provide with respect thereto be removed from the agenda. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Ordinance No. 6028 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to provide an appropriation of \$21,000 for the Salvation Army’s Merkle Center of Hope for funds remaining at December 31, 2019 and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Lazarus stated that he will be abstaining from the vote due to a family member being on the Salvation Army Board.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6028 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RIVERBOAT FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION OF \$21,000 FOR THE SALVATION ARMY’S MERKLE CENTER OF HOPE FOR FUNDS REMAINING AT DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission appropriated \$21,000 in its 2019 budget for the Salvation Army’s Merkle Center of Hope; and

WHEREAS, the Merkle Center provides housing to the homeless; and

WHEREAS, as of December 31, 2019, the Merkle Center had a remaining appropriation balance of \$21,000 and the remaining appropriation lapsed at December 31, 2019 and is not available for spending; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to re-appropriate the remaining \$21,000 for the Merkle Center of Hope; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2021 Riverboat Fund Budget to provide an appropriation of \$21,000 for the Merkle Center of Hope; 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 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Riverboat Fund</u>	
NGO Appropriations	
Salvation Army – Merkle Center	\$21,000
Fund Balance	(\$21,000)

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. 6029 of 2021, an ordinance to amend and re-enact Article III of Chapter 19 relative to Dr. E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund, to provide for the inclusion of grants within funding sources, to provide for applications and award of grants to appropriate recipients, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be amended by striking Sections 19-73 relative to the Housing Trust Fund Technical Review Committee. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-

Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Ordinance No. 6029 of 2021, an ordinance to amend and re-enact Article III of Chapter 19 relative to Dr. E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund, to provide for the inclusion of grants within funding sources, to provide for applications and award of grants to appropriate recipients, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted as amended. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6029 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 19 RELATIVE TO DR. E. EDWARD JONES HOUSING TRUST FUND, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION OF GRANTS WITHIN FUNDING SOURCES, TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICATIONS AND AWARD OF GRANTS TO APPROPRIATE RECIPIENTS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission established the Dr. E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund to facilitate homeownership, mixed used development and encourage private investment and collaborative economic and neighborhood development;

WHEREAS, many organizations and entities offer grants to fulfill those same goals;

WHEREAS, the Parish, through the Dr. E. Edward Jones Housing Trust

Fund, can apply for those grants and leverage the funds to further the goals of the Fund;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend certain sections of the Code of Ordinances to authorize that approach;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Article III of Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Sec. 19-74. - Dr. E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund

There is hereby established a special revenue fund to be known as the Dr. E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund. The fund shall be a fund whose purpose is to help a variety of developers facilitate homeownership, mixed used development and encourage private investment and collaborative economic and neighborhood development through loans and grants as appropriate.

Sec. 19-75. - Application for loan.

An entity may submit an application for funding from the Dr. E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund. The application shall be submitted to the parish administrator and shall include the following:

- (1) Entity name and contact information;
- (2) Type of entity, including current authorization to conduct business in Louisiana;
- (3) Name and contact information for all corporate officers, members, managers, or partners;
- (4) If a for-profit entity, name and contact information for all persons owning five percent or more of the entity;
- (5) Audited financial statement for last three years;
- (6) Summary of proposal with the following elements (a detailed proposal may be attached as an exhibit):
 - a. Number, type and nature of housing to be provided (e.g., 35 single family houses, mixed use development);
 - b. How the development will serve those persons with annual income below 350 percent of the federal poverty level as established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services;
 - c. Description of property to be utilized;

- d. Description of example units;
 - e. Provision for any non-housing elements such as grocery stores or other retail or commercial uses.
- (7) Detailed financial plan, including pro forma financial statements;
 - (8) Verification of financial support;
 - (9) Verification of benefit to residents who are at or below 350 percent of the federal poverty level;
 - (10) Evidence of the entity's ability to initiate and complete the project, including financial, management, and executive elements;
 - (11) Letters of support from knowledgeable persons in the housing industry.

Sec. 19-75.1. Application for Grant.

An entity may submit an application or proposal for funding from the Dr. E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund. The application shall be submitted to the parish administrator and shall include the following:

- (1) Entity name and contact information;
- (2) Type of entity, including current authorization to conduct business in Louisiana;
- (3) Name and contact information for all corporate officers, members, managers, or partners;
- (4) Most recent audited financial statement from their fiscal year;
- (5) Proposal to demonstrate capacity to carry out program of work

Sec. 19-76. - Consideration of application.

On receipt of an application, the parish administrator shall refer the application to the housing trust fund technical committee for its review and recommendation. The trust fund technical review committee shall report within 90 days to the parish commission and parish administrator with its recommendation regarding any application so referred.

Sec. 19-77. - Funding.

The housing trust fund shall be initially funded with remaining funds from completed capital projects not to exceed \$400,000.00. An additional annual appropriation of \$200,000.00 from the economic development fund. The annual appropriation shall be budgeted in fiscal years 2018, 2019 and 2020. The Parish may apply for funding for affordable housing from granting agencies and entities and apply such grants to the housing trust fund.

Sec. 19-78. - Agreements to provide services.

The parish may enter into agreements for services necessary to implement this article.”

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. 6030 of 2021, an ordinance declaring the intent of the Parish under LA.R.S. 47:2236 to acquire full ownership interest in five parcels, namely Lot 5, Block 14, West End Subdivision, Shreveport (GEO No. 171402-052-0005-00); Lot 11, Block 14, West End Subdivision, Shreveport (GEO No. 171402-052-0011-00); Lot 10, Block 14, West End Subdivision, Shreveport (GEO No. 171402-052-0010-00); Lot 20 and the east half of Lot 21, Block 1, Currie Subdivision, Shreveport (GEO No. 171402-021-0020-00) and Lot 7, Block 9, Currie Subdivision, Shreveport, (GEO No. 171402-029-0007-00), and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

- *Ordinance No. 6032 of 2021, an ordinance to accept an additional 375 feet of the dedication of Paxton Road into the Parish of Caddo Road System, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6033 of 2021, an ordinance authorizing the sale of surplus fleet vehicles and equipment owned by the Parish of Caddo and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6034 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$15,000 to provide an appropriation for the NORWELA Council, Boy Scouts of America, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that the Work Session Minutes from February 1, 2021 be ratified. Motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that Resolution No. 21 of 2021, a resolution proclaiming February as “American Heart Month” in Caddo Parish.*

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that Friday is National Red Day. She asked that everyone wear red to raise awareness for cardiovascular disease.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY AS “AMERICAN HEART MONTH” IN CADDO PARISH

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, that it does hereby proclaim February 2021 as:

‘AMERICAN HEART MONTH’

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

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

COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Cawthorne announced that he would like to schedule an Economic Development Committee meeting sometime this month. He also said that he has been in discussion with several organizations regarding economic development.

- Mrs. Gage-Watts encouraged everyone to get tested for COVID-19 even though you do not have symptoms. You need to know your status, she said.

- Mr. Jackson asked for an update on Wells Island Road.

Mr. Jackson also asked that Administration contact Dr. Whyte because he would like to schedule a Pandemic Committee meeting. He also would like to implement the Threat Levels that was adopted last year. Mr. Johnson explained that there was some pushback regarding the Threat Levels. Another meeting regarding it has not been called yet. Mr. Jackson said that if people are not willing to work with the Commission, then "its time for us to use the power of the purse strings".

Mr. Jackson then wanted to know Robert Jump's obligation to the Parish. Dr. Wilson said that the Sheriff is the Homeland Security Director for the Parish, and Mr. Jump works for Sheriff Prator.

Mr. Jackson also pointed out that President Biden's Administration signed an executive order that allows for 100% reimbursement. He asked that Administration look into this.

- Mr. Burrell said that several of his constituents have been calling regarding rental assistance. He asked that the Clerk of the Commission provide a listing of all the organizations that help with rental assistance. Dr. Wilson mentioned that several of these organizations are philanthropic in nature and are subject to the benevolence of the people; some may be getting HUD dollars for that purpose, so they have to follow strict guidelines. Dr. Wilson also pointed out that the Commission does not have oversight on non-profits, aside from those who enter into a CEA with the Parish via the NGO program.

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk


Lyndon B. Johnson
President