

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 4th DAY OF MARCH, 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 Mrs. Gage-Watts, and Mr. Hopkins 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 Alicia Keys' rendition of Lift Every Voice and Sing.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Chavez *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, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Mr. Burrell (1). 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: March 2, 2021
/s/Lyndon B. Johnson
Caddo Parish Commission President

CITIZENS COMMENTS

John Settle submitted the following comment:

Good news on COVID in northwest La. The positivity rates declined in several parishes for the week of Feb. 22—March 1. Caddo Parish had a 2.43% positive test percentage. Bossier Parish had a 4.53% positivity rate. Webster had a 3.49% rate. Sabine was a 3.77% rate. Medical experts have indicated

that a desire for positive test results to be at 5% or lower.

John Milkovich called in with the following comment:

Yes, this is John Milkovich. 7570 Timber Ridge, Louisiana. Madam chair and members of the Commission. I want to thank you for the work that you've been doing and all the challenges that you've been facing and with great intrepidity. We thank intrepidity-we thank you so much for your efforts. My concern is really, Commissioners, this really isn't my-something that I have achieved on my own but I have obviously very interested in our community and a number of conversations with peace officers, citizens, and juvenile judges. And I'd like to address something that we've been talking about for a while and, of course, that's the crime problem. As you all know better than I do a recent survey showed that Shreveport ranked 154th out of 182 cities home and community safety, meaning that we earned about the last 10-12% of communities in America for safety. Know that over the first three four-first three quarter of 2020 our homicide rate was up 117% and Chief Raymond was very correct when he said that those numbers were quote off the charts unquote. We are aware also that a Louisiana voice published some statistics on July 25, 2020, which says that Louisiana has 61 violent crimes per 1000 residents. Higher than Baltimore, Detroit, Philadelphia, Washington DC, and Atlanta according to that statistical assessment. And in the first three-quarters of 2020, we-there was 50 murders. And, of course, listen, I know y'all are dealing with challenges every day. I again, thank you. And we understand too that not just that there is a problem with crime we're very sensitive to the juvenile component. For example, in July 23, 2020 the Shreveport Times ran the article documenting that three teenagers were indicted for the March 29, 2020 murder of Calvin Malcolm Cooper and another 20 year old was charged with attempted armed robbery the same victim the same day. We know that in the summer of 2020 three 17 year olds and two 19 year olds were slain in our city. So, and, this is I think maybe forcing us to look at some things in a very concrete and authentic way. Judge Paul Young obviously a very highly esteemed former Caddo Parish Juvenile Judge stated that quote Caddo Parish maintains the smallest juvenile detention center of any southern metropolitan area period. Not per capita smallest end quote. And of course, we know too from Clay Walker who does an outstanding job in juvenile justice that 120 use in 2017, he said that 120 youths account for a majority of juvenile crime in Shreveport. So, listen Commissioners I did not mean to disrespect your position. I know that y'all are dealing with these issues every day. I guess I'm saying in the limited amount of time that I have that I'm emerging as a citizen of Caddo Parish and after the citizens, peace officers, juvenile judge- really people across the community- I'm hoping that we will relook at examining the number of juvenile detention beds. Clay Walker says 120 used up for the majority of juvenile crime if we are able to place young people in detention, we're not only protecting the community, we're protecting them from them. One of the judges told me today that I've been-that I've known for years said look the results of us have a 24-bed juvenile detention center, really, it's dangerous for the kids. Because if they get the concept there's no repercussions for what they do he says that's quote disastrous unquote because they're learning the wrong lessons and we have to try to redirect them. And I think of course my first concern is that you know crime is a very poor form of discrimination. It really-it disproportionately victimizes the- Commissioners I really thank you for the work that you've done on this issue. Again, I've certainly acknowledged that you've looked at this issue from every which way and I'm simply saying I know even though we can't afford it I guess I'm saying I think maybe we're at a place where we can't afford not to. Thank you, Commissioners for taking the time to listen to my concerns on behalf of their members of the community and thank you for the hard work you've continuing to do on behalf of all of us. Thank you.

VISITORS

- A Moment in Black History
Fred Moss, IV

Mr. Moss conducted a presentation regarding the history of Southern University. J.S. Clark Elementary School was named after Dr. Joseph Samuel Clark, the founding President of Southern University. Leonard Seabourne Stadium, located at Booker T. Washington, was named after Dr. Seabourne, the longest serving Chancellor at SUSLA. Mr. Maurice Moody, Sr. was the found of the Caddo Parish Teachers Federal Credit Union. Green Oaks High School is located on a street named after the first principal at Green Oaks, Mr. Thomas Power. Dr. Jesse Stone is one of SUSLA' Law School's first graduate and has a lecture hall named after him on Southern University's campus. Dr. Isaac Ben Greggs, band director, was from Shreveport. Dr. Leon Tarver currently sits on the SUSLA Board of Supervisors. The Jackson Building on SUSLA is named after Representative Alphonse Jackson, Jr. Author and professor, Willie Burton served on the Caddo Parish School Board and is the author of "The Black Side of Shreveport" and "The Blacker the Berry". Hilry Huckabee, III, Avenue was named after an attorney and four-time Councilman who was responsible for progressive government in Shreveport. Carl Pierson was the founder of the Krewe of Sobek and served on the Caddo Parish Police Jury, Caddo Parish Commission, and the Caddo Parish School Board. Tabitha Taylor, Ron Lattier, Judge Sheva Sims, Assistant Parish Administrator Erica Bryant, and many other men and women in this community are graduates from Southern University.

- Southern University Law Center's Off-Campus Instructional Site (OCIS) Team

Professor Deleso Alford thanked the Commission once again. They are establishing a pathway for increasing legal education capacity in the Shreveport/Bossier Region. She introduced the OCIS Leadership Team: Chancellor Pierre, OCIS Director Deleso A. Alford, OCIS Facilities Angela Gaines and Rufus Jackson, OCIS Library Adrienne Shields and Phebe Poydras, and OCIS Technology Gregory

Speyrer.

Currently SUSLA's OCIS Team is at Phase 1: Semester in Shreveport. The pilot is designed for third year students. Students can earn sixteen credit hours or less. There are regional learning, employment, and relocation opportunities. This Off-Campus Instructional Site will establish partnerships and relationships, leverage SULC main campus for applicable processes/resources, establish a physical location, and establish course instruction.

OCIS status to date. The architect is layering and coordinating with Library, Facilities, and IT. They are also waiting on quotes regarding recorking windows, replacement of ceiling tiles, and carpet replacement on the third and fourth floors. They met with interested third-year students participating during Phase I of the pilot who expressed concerns regarding available short-term housing in Shreveport for Spring 2022, beginning January-May.

Anecdotal evidence ascertained from informational meetings indicate students were interested in areas of intellectual property law, judicial clerkships, legislation, public interest, employment law, family law, tax law, corporate law, criminal law, and financial institution/banking.

Chancellor Pierre encouraged the Commissioners to attend the next SUSLA Board of Supervisors on April 16, 2021 for an additional update on the OCIS and its progress.

Mr. Jackson thanked Chancellor Pierre and Professor Alford for all of their hard work and their energy for bringing this endeavor into fruition. He said that the long-term goal for this endeavor is a vibrant and robust opportunity to offer legal education in Caddo Parish.

Mr. Jackson also mentioned that the Shreve Memorial Library has put up funds to repair the roof and install LED lighting on all of the floors of the library.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Cawthorne**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to adopt the Regular Session Minutes from February 4, 2021 and Special Session Minutes from February 22, 2021. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Burrell (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Cawthorne**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Special Resolution Honoring Local Pioneering African-Americans in Law Enforcement be adopted. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Burrell (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Cawthorne introduced Mr. Marshall Nelson to the Commission. Mr. Nelson thanked the Commission for recognizing African Americans in law enforcement. He talked about the gentleman in the photograph and recapped their contribution to the police force. Mr. Nelson also gave an account of a peaceful demonstration he had to work downtown when Stan's Record Shop was boycotted.

Mr. Cawthorne thanked Mr. Nelson for his service and the history he provided to the Commission today.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION HONORING LOCAL PIONEERING AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission notes with great interest and satisfaction those milestone events that occur in the lives of citizens of Caddo Parish, and particularly when those individuals have led lives of commendable service to this community; and

WHEREAS, the members of law enforcement agencies of Caddo Parish play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, through bravery, perseverance, faith, and resolve—often in the face of incredible prejudice and hardship—local African-American law enforcement officers served this community with valor and pride abiding to its creed to “serve and protect”; and

WHEREAS, routinely working 12-hour shifts, relegated to patrolling only black neighborhoods, working with limited equipment, training four to a unit with restricted access to police facilities, these Shreveport Police Department officers answered the calls of robberies, domestic disputes, traffic accidents, and all crimes in between with excellence and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, these Shreveport Police Department officers recognized their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation by performing community policing, "walking the beat" in local neighborhoods, and by serving as security at high school sporting events; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 4th day of March, 2021 that it does hereby recognize Officers _____ Marvin Thomas, Jimmie Lynch, Emmett Patterson, James S. Jackson, Robert Lewis, John Davis, T.C. Tisdon, Joe Johnson, Sr., Dennis Kinchen, Larry Williams, Roosevelt Richardson, Marshall Nelson, K.R. Jackson, Reginald Nicholas, Murton Edwards, Eddie Clark, Roy Johnson, Robert Cawthorne, Sr., William Hines, and Willie J. Whitaker, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to this community and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby call upon all citizens of this Parish to share in the sense of pride, distinction, and honor that this attainment deserves.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *that Special Resolution of Appreciation & Recognition for Hall Builders, Inc.* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Johnson said that Hall Builders has been instrumental in the commercial and residential remodeling and building throughout the Ark-La-Tex. They were also responsible for the facelift at St. Vincent Mall. He thanked Hall Builders for all of their hard work throughout the community.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION HALL BUILDERS, INC.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is desirous of extending recognition and congratulation to groups and organizations which contribute much to the strength and well-being of the community and the Parish; and

WHEREAS, such an organization is Hall Builders, Inc., which was founded by Rickey R. Hall in 1984 in the State of Louisiana and incorporated as a General Contractor in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Hall Builders, Inc. is committed to the growth and development of their company through the core values of integrity, team work, commitment, and craftsmanship. They demonstrate professionalism through high quality service and great customer satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the company's primary business is to perform new construction and renovations on commercial and residential buildings, as well as government municipality projects; and

WHEREAS, one of the major accomplishments for Hall Builders is being on the 2012-2019 Program Management Team for the Consent Decree Rehabilitation for the City of Shreveport's Clean Water Project. Some other accomplishments include restoring U.S. Postal Offices affected by Hurricane Katrina, providing all repairs for Barksdale Air Force Base's housing and dormitory upgrades, completing development for the Lake Development Corporation, Section 8 Housing Rehabilitation of Post 525, and providing inspection for the northwest region for Louisiana Housing Finance Agency.

WHEREAS, Hall Builders provides a shining example of a business that started from humble beginnings performing residential and commercial repairs, but grew into a multi-million-dollar company that now features a second generation poised to continue that impressive growth trajectory; and

WHEREAS, the company has a commitment to Christian values and a family atmosphere amongst its highly respect workforce and a broad range of clients because of their proven talent for building relationships and building structures; and

WHEREAS, Rickey Hall has received numerous awards and recognition for his accomplishments including Outstanding Achievements as Minority Businessman of the Year, Louisiana Pacesetter Award, the National Association of Minority Contractor's Contractor of the Year, Louisiana Economic Development's CEO Recognition of Achievement and Phi Beta Sigma's Business of the Year among other honors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 4th day of March, 2021 that it does hereby extend its most hearty expressions of appreciation to Rickey R. Hall and his staff at Hall Builders, Inc.

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Special Resolution of Appreciation & Recognition for CNC Oilfield Services and Bulldog Oilfield Services* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked CNC and Bulldog Oilfield Services for providing water during a difficult time.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION
CNC OILFIELD SERVICES AND BULLDOG OILFIELD SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to give appropriate recognition to those men and women of Caddo Parish who serve the community, and who, in doing so, reflect favorably and positively upon themselves, their families, and all the citizens of this Parish; and

WHEREAS, CNC Oilfield Services and Bulldog Oilfield Services moved quickly during the 2021 Caddo Parish Winter Storm to help with the local water situation; and

WHEREAS, knowing hospital officials were in a panic due to the City's water system being down and a water source was necessary to keep the hospitals boilers going, CNC Oilfield Services and Bulldog Oilfield Services braved the wintery weather and dangerous road conditions to provide much needed water to the local hospital systems; and

WHEREAS, 18-wheelers were directed to Christus Schumpert, Ochsner LSU Health, Willis-Knighton Pierremont, Willis-Knighton North, and Progressive Care Center in an effort to deliver water during this time of need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 4th day of March, 2021 that it does hereby extend its heartiest expressions of appreciation and commendation to CNC Oilfield Services and Bulldog Oilfield Services for the dedication they displayed in assisting the citizens and hospital systems during the 2021 Caddo Parish Winter Storm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby call upon all citizens of this Parish to share in the sense of pride, distinction, and honor that this attainment deserves.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *that Special Proclamation for Ernestine Thompson* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Johnson said that Ms. Thompson had a drive-thru birthday party. She was overjoyed and thanked the Commission. Mr. Epperson also mentioned that Ms. Thompson cooks the best peach cobbler and gumbo.

**PROCLAMATION
ERNESTINE THOMPSON**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission notes with great interest and satisfaction those milestone events that occur in the lives of citizens of this Parish; and

WHEREAS, such acknowledgement and recognition are due in abundant measure to Mrs. Ernestine Thompson of Caddo Parish, who celebrated her 84th birthday on February 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson, affectionately known as Ms. T to the community or Mama Stine if she fed you. She is an extraordinary woman with lots of love to give; and

WHEREAS, Ms. T is known by many, current and past associates and friends as a woman with a hardworking and helpful spirit, as well as a strong and purposeful resolve to make a difference on behalf of her neighbors and community by being actively involved for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, among the many accomplishments she's had, Ms. T also helped organized an AARP Chapter in the Cooper Road Community as well as serving as one of the first board members for the David Raines Community Health Center; and

WHEREAS, Ms. T was also recognized in Washington D.C. as an Income Tax Preparer for Caddo Parish. For over 40 years, she provided free tax preparations for the citizens in the MLK Community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. T is a pillar in the community and has mentored hundreds, maybe thousands of young people. In doing so, she has passed on her wisdom and provided them with training opportunities and skill sets that have helped them obtain jobs. Many of those who have worked for Ms. T have moved onto become managers, successful business owners, and leaders in the community. The saying goes, “*If you work for Ms. T, you can maintain a job anywhere*”; and

WHEREAS, the passing of the years has slowed, but not stopped her activities. She enjoys cooking and sharing meals with others. She is also a faithful member of Lake Bethlehem Church where she serves in the Sunday School department; and

WHEREAS, Ms. T has been a blessing to all she has come in contact with over the past eighty-four years, and is joined by family and friends today to celebrate this exciting milestone in her life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby proclaim, Thursday, February 25, 2021 to be

‘MRS. ERNESTINE THOMPSON DAY’

in Caddo Parish, and wishes Mrs. Thompson a very happy 84th birthday, and prays that she will be blessed with a continuation of life, health, happiness, and contentment for the rest of her days.

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Johnson pointed out that Communiques refers to an official announcement or statement, especially made to the media.

- Mr. Epperson reported that there are over 28M cases of COVID in the United States, with the death rate of over 500,000. Louisiana has over 400,000 positive cases, with over 9,000 deaths. Caddo Parish has over 24,000 positive cases, with over 600 death. He encouraged all to continue to wear masks and practice social distancing.

Mr. Epperson also compiled an informational packet regarding information for help with natural disasters. He offered it to anyone who would like a copy.

He also asked Administration for their updates to be conducted at each meeting, not just during the Work Session. Mr. Epperson asked for an update on the Confederate Monument. Dr. Wilson said that the verbiage has been completed, and the RFP for the relocation should be completed by April 2021.

Lastly, Mr. Epperson thanked Administration and all of the Caddo Parish employees who helped out during last week’s winte storm.

- Mr. Jackson understands that we are moving to a modified Phase 3, but we are not out of the woods just yet. He encouraged all to continue safe practices, such as social distancing and wearing masks, because we are still in a pandemic.

Mr. Jackson also requested that Administration provide an updated list for the legislative priorities.

He also talked about economic development issues and how the Parish can be more competitive in economic development. He suggested sealing those opportunities until decisions are made.

- Mr. Hopkins announced that the Policies & Procedures Committee will meet on Thursday, March 11 at 3:00 PM to discuss By-Law changes.

- Mr. Cawthorne offered condolences for Vernon Jordan, who passed away this Monday. Mr. Cawthorne gave a brief history of Mr. Jordan’s life. He was an American business executive and civil rights activist prior to becoming a close advisor to President Bill Clinton. He was also a part of a team who desegregated the University of Georgia. Mr. Cawthorne played a sound clip of Mr. Jordan, “W.E.B. Dubois said that the problem of the 20th century is the problem of the color line. Fifteen years into the 21st century, I see the problem in America in the 21st century remains the problem of the color line.”

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Johnson thanked Administration, Public Works, Facilities, and all of the other Caddo Parish employees who worked hard during the inclement weather. He said that the citizens were appreciative.

Mr. Johnson also formed an ad-hoc committee regarding the COVID-19 Memorial. The committee members consisted of Taliaferro, Chavez, Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, and Johnson, with Commissioner Gage-Watts as the Chairperson.

He also updated the Commission that there are still citizens without water.

Mr. Johnson asked that the Economic Development Chairperson schedule a meeting next week regarding Bayou Classic funding and LSU request.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

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

- *Ordinance No. 6030 of 2021, an ordinance declaring the intent of the Parish of 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 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*

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

ORDINANCES (FOR FINAL PASSAGE)

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Ordinance No. 5961 of 2020, an ordinance amending and re-enacting Sections 4-61 and 4-61.1 and enacting Sections 4-63, 4-64, and 4-65, all of Chapter Four of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, pertaining to Permits for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages and Alcoholic Beverage Handling Cards, and otherwise pertaining thereto be adopted.*

Mr. Hopkins explained that the intent of this ordinance is to set up a committee of the whole and make a recommendation to the full body. He did edit the fines for the businesses because he feels that the “bite has been too tough on the business owner, and not tough enough on the person actually making the illegal sale”.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if the meeting would be subject to Open Meetings Law. Mr. Hopkins said that they would, and the meetings will be open to the public.

Mr. Epperson said that it was to knowledge that they could not obtain a quorum for the Alcohol Hearings. He feels that this should come before the whole body, not a committee of the whole. He is also against reducing the fines.

Mr. Johnson is also concerned with reducing the fines. To his knowledge, the Commission has only suspended the license of one business, and it was in his district. This business is close to a school, and the business was caught selling to minors on several occasions.

At this time, Mr. Hopkins’ motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Hopkins, Jackson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (7). NAYS: Commissioners Cawthorne, Epperson, Gage-Watts, and Johnson (4). ABSENT: Commissioner Burrell (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 5961 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTIONS 4-61
AND 4-61.1 AND ENACTING SECTIONS 4-63, 4-64, AND 4-

65, ALL OF CHAPTER FOUR OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, PERTAINING TO PERMITS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HANDLING CARDS, AND OTHERWISE PERTAINING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission finds that changes in the handling of hearings for violation of parish ordinances regarding alcoholic beverage permits would be in the best interest of the public, permit holders, and the Parish Commission;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission finds that changes in the penalties for violation by holders of alcoholic beverage permits is warranted; and

WHEREAS, creation of an Alcoholic Beverage Committee to conduct hearings and make recommendations for penalties would improve and streamline the process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened that Section 4-61 and 4-61.1 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances be amended and re-enacted and Sections 4-63, 4-64, and 4-65, of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances be enacted to read as follows:

I. Section 4-61 and 4-61.1 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 4-61 – Suspension and revocation.

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(b) Before any alcoholic beverage permit is suspended or revoked, the holder thereof shall be entitled to a hearing. The hearing may be held before the Alcoholic Beverage Permit Committee which may make findings of fact and recommendations to the full commission. No permit shall be revoked unless a hearing has been held and a majority of the parish commission votes for such suspension or revocation.

(c) A notice shall be served by certified mail, or in person, by an officer or employee of the parish commission, upon the permit holder or his agent or employee. The notice shall state the time and place of the hearing to be held, which shall be not less than ten calendar days from the date such notice is given. The notice shall enumerate the cause or causes for suspending or revoking the permit.

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Sec. 4-61.1. - Revocation or suspension not exclusive; other penalties.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter to the contrary, the commission may in lieu of or in addition to revocation or suspension of a permit issued under the authority of this chapter, impose the following schedule of fines to be paid into the parish treasury for:

- (1) The first offense, \$250.00;
- (2) The second offense which occurs within one year of the first offense, \$500.00; and
- (3) The third offense which occurs within one year of the first offense, \$1,000.00.

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II. Section 4-63, 4-64, and 4-65 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 4-63. – Creation of Alcoholic Beverage Permit Committee.

The Alcoholic Beverage Permit Committee of the Parish Commission is hereby created. The committee shall consist of five members of the Parish Commission appointed by the President of the Commission. The purpose of the alcoholic beverage permit committee shall be to hold hearings and recommend penalties for violations of parish ordinances on alcoholic beverage permits and to consider and make recommendations for changes in the alcoholic beverage ordinances of the Parish.

Sec. 4-64. Powers of the Alcoholic Beverage Permit Committee

The Alcoholic Beverage Permit Committee shall have authority:

- a) To conduct hearings regarding violations of the provisions of this chapter or any parish ordinance, relative to alcoholic beverages, and to make recommendations to the parish commission as to the suspension or revocation of permits issued to retail dealers of alcoholic beverages under Sect. 4-61 or levying of fines under Sect. 4-61.1.
- b) To conduct hearings regarding the substance and content of the alcoholic beverage ordinances of the Parish and make recommendations to the Parish Commission for changes in those ordinances.

Sec. 4-65. Proceedings.

The hearings before the Alcoholic Beverage Permit Committee shall be conducted as follows:

- a) Before any alcoholic beverage permit is suspended or revoked, the holder thereof shall be entitled to a hearing before the Alcoholic Beverage Permit Committee. No permit shall be revoked unless a hearing has been held, a recommendation has been made to the entire parish commission, and, after considering the findings of the committee and recommendation of the committee, a majority of the parish commission votes for suspension or revocation.
- b) A notice shall be served by certified mail, or in person, by a law enforcement officer or employee of the Parish, upon the permit holder or his agent or employee. The notice shall state the time and place of the hearing to be held, which shall be not less than ten calendar days from the date such notice is given. The notice shall enumerate the cause or causes for suspending or revoking the permit.
- c) The permittee shall have the right, personally, or through counsel or his agent, to appear and present evidence relevant and material to the issues involved the same as a judicial proceeding.
- d) The committee shall consider the evidence and argument of the presenting law enforcement agency and permittee. Should the committee find, by a majority vote of those committee members present, that a violation occurred, the committee shall make a recommendation to the full commission of the appropriate penalty under Sect. 4-61, Sect. 4-61.1, or both sections.
- e) The recommendation shall be promptly placed on the agenda of the full commission. The commission may accept, reject, or modify the recommendation. The permittee shall be permitted to address the commission on both the finding of a violation and the recommendation of a penalty.

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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 immediately 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. 6030 of 2021, an ordinance declaring the intent of the Parish of 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 be adopted.*

Mr. Jackson explained that People of Praise rehab homes and clear out abandoned lots.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES:

Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Burrell (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6030 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

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

WHEREAS, People of Praise, Inc., has applied under Section 19-51 of the Code of Ordinances to acquire certain property adjudicated to the Parish for unpaid property taxes;

WHEREAS, People of Praise, Inc., meets the requirements to acquire those properties by donation;

WHEREAS, those properties are adjudicated to the Parish for unpaid property taxes;

WHEREAS, the Parish is required to take full ownership interest in those properties prior to transferring them to People of Praise, Inc;

WHEREAS, taking full ownership interest under La.R.S. 47:2236 requires the Parish to duly adopt and record an ordinance declaring the Parish's intent to acquire full ownership of the subject properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that, pursuant to La.R.S. 47:2236, it does declare its intent to acquire the full ownership interest in the following described properties:

- a) Lot 5, Block 14, West End Subdivision, Shreveport (Geo. No. 171402-052-0005-00), Municipal Address: 1435 Harvard Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71103
- b) Lot 11, Block 14, West End Subdivision, Shreveport (Geo. No. 171402-052-0011-00), Municipal Address: 1407 Harvard Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71103;
- c) Lot 10, Block 14, West End Subdivision, Shreveport (Geo. No. 171402-052-0010-00) Municipal Address: 1415 Harvard Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71103;
- d) Lot 20 and the East Half of Lot 21, Block 1, Currie Subdivision, Shreveport (Geo. No. 171402-021-0020-00) Municipal Address: 1912 W. Gary Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71103; and
- e) Lot 7, Block 9, Currie Subdivision, Shreveport (Geo. No. 171402-029-0007-00) Municipal Address: 1937 Walnut Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71103,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish Administrator or his designee is directed to comply with the requirements of La.R.S. 47:2236, including but not limited to recordation of this ordinance, giving of notice in accordance with the statutes, filing of notice, and filing of the affidavit in accordance with the statutes.

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. Lazarus, *that Ordinance No. 6032 of*

2021, an ordinance to accept an additional 375 feet of the dedication of Paxton Road in to the Parish of Caddo Road System, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Burrell (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6032 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

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

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received a request to accept an additional 375 feet of the dedication of Paxton Road, into the Parish of Caddo road system;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has received and reviewed the plats showing a dedication to the Parish of Caddo; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo finds that the acceptance of the additional 375 feet of the dedication of Paxton Road into the Parish of Caddo system is in the best interest of the Parish of Caddo.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Parish of Caddo hereby accepts into the Parish of Caddo road system an additional 375 feet of the dedication of Paxton Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana as shown on the attached plat marked as "Exhibit A".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of this ordinance, with a plat of the additional 375 feet of the Paxton Road dedication attached thereto as "Exhibit A", shall be filed in the conveyance records of the Parish of Caddo.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be effective ten days after publication in the official journal.

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. Atkins, *that Ordinance No. 6033 of 2021, an ordinance authorizing the sale of surplus fleet vehicles and equipment owned by the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Burrell (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6033 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS FLEET VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT OWNED BY THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo owns the following equipment as described in Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, that equipment is no longer being used; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo no longer needs the above equipment and said equipment should be deemed surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is authorized to dispose of supplies, materials and equipment determined to be surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo desires to dispose of the above listed equipment, by public auction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the property is no longer needed for parish public purposes and is declared surplus property which is to be disposed of, by public auction.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the items described above are being offered on an "as is" basis, without warranty of title or recourse whatsoever.

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

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

EXHIBIT A

	Year, Make, Model	License	VIN	Mileage
TK534	2002 International 4700 Dump Truck	PP180200	1HTSCABRX2H553666	155423
PC-047	2003 Ford Taurus	PP166307	1FAFP53243A210105	112099
PU-101	2005 For F-150	PP190306	1FTRX12W25FA37159	146332
RO-117	2004 Mack Rd690s Roll Off Truck	PP186342	1M2P264C24M034676	299367
PU-107	2005 Ford F-150	PP190424	1FTRX12W05NB30977	169925
PC-146	2002 Chevrolet Impala	PP166086	2G1WF52EX29311449	124074
TK-813	1999 International 4900 Dump Truck	PP159055	1HTSHAAR5YH246174	86053
TK-537	2006 International 4200 Dump Truck	PP139394	1HTMPAFN86H326437	109458
DP-7020	2006 Duraco Dura Patcher 125-Djt		14134	2607
PU-025	2006 Ford F-150 XL	PP183266	1FTRX12W56NB32824	182276
PU-125	2007 Ford F-250 4X4	PP184134	1FTSX21527EA47280	186492
PU-130	2007 Ford F-150 SUPERCAB	PP202329	1FTRX12W57NA68219	212726
PU-128	2007 Ford F-150 SUPERCAB	PP202337	1FTRX12W17NA68217	149418
PU-121	2007 Ford F-150 SUPERCAB	PP202333	1FTRX12W17NA68220	158163
PC-031	2007 Ford Fusion	PP202348	3FAHP07117R251414	116429
PC-111	2008 Ford Fusion	PP210291	3FAHP07118R230676	117797
PU-038	2008 Ford F-250	PP210397	1FTSF20R38ED85893	143166
PU-056	2008 Ford F-250	PP210396	1FTSF20R58ED85894	184616
PC-021	2008 Ford Fusion	PP210705	3FAHP07159R100630	146287
PC-804	2008 Dodge Durango	PP211068	1D8HD38N68F155087	183540
PC-801	2007 Ford SPORT TRAC	PP202015	1FMEU53817UB01782	122045
PU-065	2011 Ford F-350 Super Duty XL	PP226525	1FDRF3G60BED08398	204116
PU-052	2011 Ford F-250 Super Duty XL	PP226511	1FT7W2A64BED08399	190977
PU-276	2016 Ford F-350 XL Super Duty Regular C	PP244700	1FDRF3G60GEC73045	66809

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that 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* be adopted as amended. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Burrell (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6034 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND 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

WHEREAS, the Norwela Council, Boy Scouts of America (the "Norwela Council, BSA") has been chartered since 1923 to deliver the program of Scouting to the youth of Northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Norwela Council, BSA is to prepare young people to

make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law; and

WHEREAS, the Norwela Council, BSA annually serves nearly 3,200 youth and 1,000 adult volunteers with a full-time staff of 16; and

WHEREAS, the Norwela Council, BSA would like to obtain funding from the Caddo Parish Commission to continue to support Scouting in low-income and rural areas through their ScoutReach program; and

WHEREAS, the funds will greatly assist the Norwela Council, BSA by helping to keep their commitment of making sure all young people have an opportunity to join Scouting regardless of their circumstances, neighborhood, ethnicity, or economic background; 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>	
Allocation to Other Entities	
NGO Appropriations	
Boy Scouts of America, Norwela Council	\$15,000
Fund Balance	(\$15,000)

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.

ZONING ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Zoning Case 20-22-P, in regards to Ordinance No. 6037 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 northeast and southeast corners of Dixie Shreveport Highway and I-220, Caddo Parish, LA, from 1-2, Heavy Industrial District, and NA, Natural Areas District to OS, Open Space District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 6031 of 2021, an ordinance declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus and to authorize the Parish Administrator, or a designee, to sell the Parish of Caddo's tax interest in certain surplus adjudicated properties, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6035 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to provide an appropriation for the Betty & Leonard Phillips Deaf Action Center and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6036 of 2021, an ordinance amending the 2020 Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to reduce the appropriation for Riverboat Revenue by \$300,000*
- *Ordinance No. 6038 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2021 to provide an appropriation of \$250,000 for mental health agencies and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6041 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund and Oil & Gas Fund in the amount of \$30,000 to provide an appropriation to Northwest Louisiana Food Bank and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6042 of 2021, an ordinance adopting the Budget of*

Estimated Expenditures for E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

- *Ordinance No. 6043 of 2021, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2021 to appropriate funds received from the U.S. Treasury for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *that the Work Session Minutes from March 1, 2021 be ratified. Motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Resolution No. 28 of 2021, a resolution supporting the American Rescue Plan and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted.*

Mr. Atkins explained that the American Rescue Plan is the propose \$1.9T that has been passed by the House and is working its way through the Senate. He said that the plan will bring aid to the community at large. While there are several good items in the plan, he feels that too much money is being put into the economy too quickly. Mr. Chavez agreed with Mr. Atkins.

Mr. Jackson said that this resolution is supporting what NACo is asking local governments to do. He also said that Caddo Parish needs relief dollars for rental assistance, mortgage assistance, providing broadband to the rural areas, etc.

Mr. Cawthorne mentioned that the \$15 minimum wage was removed as well as some of the infrastructure projects.

Mrs. Gage-Watts went through the resolution and said that each of the items listed are needed in Caddo Parish. Mr. Hopkins agreed that some of the items in this legislation are needed in Caddo Parish, for that he will be supporting this resolution. Mr. Burrell agreed as well.

Call for the Question by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, and Lazarus (9). NAYS: Commissioner Atkins, Taliaferro, and Young (3). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN RESCUEPLAN AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, COVID19 is a national pandemic in the United States; and WHEREAS, many jobs have been permanently lost as a result of COVID19; and

WHEREAS the National Association of Counties urges local jurisdictions to encourage their members of Congress to support the American Rescue Plan; and

WHEREAS the American Rescue Plan will do the following:

- Provide critical funding to support vaccine development and distribution
- Increases COVID-19 testing and contact tracing
- provide state and local aid needed to help local governments respond COVID-19 and economic effects
- Provide much needed direct payments to struggling low income and middle-class families
- Provide additional \$25 billion Rental Assistance
- Provide \$10 billion Mortgage Assistance to homeowners
- Encourage and fund Safe School Reopening
- Start the process of repealing the Medicaid Exclusion that will save dollars on inmatehealthcare costs

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission supports the American Rescue Act and urges the federal delegation representing Caddo Parish to do the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to all members of the federal delegation representing Caddo Parish, including both Louisiana senators.

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

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

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 29 of 2021, a resolution submitting to Governor John Bel Edwards a name for appointment for membership on the Red River Waterway Commission* 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).

RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS
A NAME FOR APPOINTMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE RED RIVER
WATERWAY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 34-2303, the Caddo Parish Commission as the governing body of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, is authorized to submit to Governor John Bel Edwards the name of a nominee to serve as Caddo parish's representative on the Red River Waterway Commission; and:

WHEREAS, Mr. Ron Lattier is known to the Caddo Parish Commission as a person who has built an outstanding record of public service over many years, and whose knowledge, experience, and dedication has proved him to be an invaluable asset of the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened this 4th day of March, 2021, that it does hereby submit the name of Mr. Ron Lattier as a nominee for appointment on the Red River Waterway Commission.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Young, *to englobo and confirm the following appointments:*

- *Reappoint Sarah Walton and Lorraine Guerrero to the Caddo Parish Animal Services Board. Term to expire January 1, 2025.*
- *Appoint Constance Griffin to the Caddo Parish Animal Services Board. Term to expire January 1, 2023.*
- *Appoint Bryan Molitor to the Caddo Parish Animal Services Board. Term to expire January 1, 2023.*
- *Appoint Robert Fowler to the Lakeview Waterworks Board.*

Mr. Chavez wanted to know if the reappointments on the Animal Services Board volunteered to be reappointed. Dr. Wilson stated that they did.

At this time, Mr. Hopkins' 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. Cawthorne**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to authorize the Parish Administrator to draft a letter of support for Project C.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cawthorne, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Johnson mentioned that there still an appeal from the Animal Services Board at the end of the agenda.

- Mr. Atkins said that he would have voted Yes on Resolution No. 28 if it read, “supporting some aspects of the American Rescue Plan”.

- Mr. Jackson wanted to know if a letter could be sent to the courts to postponing evictions because the ERAP is almost up and running. Attorney Frazier said that Dr. Wilson could send a letter, but they are not required to take that into consideration. She also mentioned that District Court does not handle evictions.

Mr. Jackson is also concerned with the mass vaccination site at the CenturyLink Center being that it is geographically located nearest to the south east part of Shreveport.

- Mr. Chavez announced that the Long Range Planning Committee will meet on March 10 at 10 AM.

- Mrs. Gage-Watts wished everyone a Happy Women’s Month. She also thanked everyone who helped during the winter storm. Mrs. Gage-Watts also announced that Oschner will have testing and vaccinations throughout Caddo and Bossier parishes. She encouraged all to be safe and practice social distancing and wearing of masks, even if you are vaccinated.

Mrs. Gage-Watts also wanted to know if there was a specific place or number citizens could call to assist with busted pipes.

- Mr. Burrell wanted to know when the ERAP would be implemented. Dr. Wilson said that it should be up and running within a week or so.

Mr. Burrell also requested a special resolution be drafted for Dr. Jain and his research on Vitamin D.

CADDO ANIMAL SERVICE BOARD APPEAL CASE NO. C06106204—ALLEN

Commission
Clerk:

Okay that brings us to Caddo Animal Services Board appeal for case no. C06106204. I believe Mr. Allen is on the line and what we will do- this is you know, for the public and you know for those who may be interested for a recap. This is an appeal that we received from- directly from the Caddo Animal Services Board when a determination has been made that a dog is deemed a dangerous dog by code an appeal can be made to the Animal Services Board. And if that- if the person does not agree with their decision it can be appealed directly to the Commission, which is where we find ourselves today. And so, on the agenda is a linked summary of the case following the dates listed on that summary, animal services held a board with the Animal Services Board representatives on February 9- 2021 deeming the dog in question dangerous. The dog in question is at Caddo Parish Animal Services until a decision is made. The owner of the dog in question has the right to appeal the decision of animal services board and they have appealed that decision deeming the dog dangerous. And that’s why we are here. It’s now up to the Commission body to rule on the dog in question. We will start with the Appellant who will have up to 10 minutes to present his-

Johnson: Jeff. Jeff. Jeff. I want to turn it over to Kelvin for him to go over it and then we’ll turn it over to those. Mr. Samuel is you on? Okay, I see you.

Samuel: Okay, so. The case that you all have with you Commissioners. That is a particular case I’ll kind of break it down a little bit and give you more of a visual. So, on the first I would say on the first of case. The first case the actual animal that’s in question. She was actually running at large at another resident. So, the resident now that’s in question this report that you all should have, which is 2809 Alkay drive. And what happened, if you read the report,

you know, it was a dog attack. The dog in question is a female that's here at the shelter. Her name is Lola and it was a male dog which was Foot. They somehow ended up in the adjacent neighbor's yard and attacked their dog. Okay. Lola was on the back end of the citizen's dog and Foot was on the front. Okay. Two shots was fired by the complainant, you know, hoping that the dog would release. So, he tried to shoot and ricochet off the ground to scare the dogs, but he ended up hitting Lola. Lola ran back under the fence back into the yard that, you know, that she belongs to. Foot leg go, but, according to the report and from you know the animal services board, Foot proceeded to attack the complainants. And a shot was fired with a .45, which actually killed Foot on spot. So, from all the actions the actual Board was called and you know the Board was called and they deem Lola dangerous as well. So, when Lola was deemed dangerous the actual owners of the dog has 3 days to appeal. The Appellant goes to the Commission Clerk. The Commission Clerk now has the actual case and this is where we stand now. So, once he appeals it goes to the Commission body. Now may I mind you that Lola is pregnant. She's about in the third trimester. So, I want that piece of information to be out there as well. So, now it's in the Commission body hand to rule your hearing on this particular animal once the case is read. You know just coming from a medical standpoint she did-she did end up with a URI here and she was treated with Clavomox. So, I mean that doesn't injure the fetus but you know if whatever decision is, we would like for the animal to be removed from the shelter-whatever the decision is from the commission body. So that she can have her puppies because we're not manned here 24 hours in case there's some type of complications from the pregnancy. So, I just wanted to put that out there as well.

Johnson: Okay. Say that recommendation again Mr. Samuel.

Samuel: So, yes. Yes sir. So, Commissioner Johnson, I recommend that whatever you all rule on Lola, I would recommend that Lola goes to a private veterinarian of the owner's choice to have her puppies. For the simple fact that we're not manned here 24 hours in case she faces dystocia, which is complications of birth. And that tends to happen with bully breeds because the size of their heads. So, if she goes into any complications you know our contracted veterinarians will not be here on site. So, whatever your ruling is whether you all continue with the dangerous, you know, she'll have to come here and get all the requirements for the dog being deemed dangerous. You know, and they're armed with everything that goes with that. All the equipment. They'll have to come here, you know. We'll provide that to them, you know, if that's what you all, you know, deem Lola. So, it's in y'all's hands now. You know, but like I said I got different stories about the case. Lola was at large. You know, Lola and Foot they were at large. This is the second time that they were at large. We have no say so on what the Board deems. We just facilitate it, provide the case and it is up to the Board which is ran by Dr. Brad Everson. And so-

Jackson: Brad Everson?

Samuel: Yes, Brad Everson. So that's what they can tell you. We deem the dog once we hear about the case, the severity of it. We initially deem it then we call the Board, which he had the Board. And they stood with what we said by deeming it dangerous. And so now the appeal went forward to you all and so now it's up to you all to vote on Lola for staying dangerous or whatever decision you all think is best.

Johnson: We'll hear from the Allen's?

Appellant: I don't know when the appeal came-I mean the board came about they had witnesses come that I know nothing about. And so, the people that we had to-that I had that was there when the stuff happened between Lola and Foot, they didn't tell me anything about it. So, that was like me coming by myself with the Lola-with the other the other person that's over Lola too. It's only us who came. I had other videos also. So, the story that they told they never got my side of the story. Even when the officers came out they never got my side of the story. So, the whole decision was like I feel like they didn't ever get my south side feel like it was unfair. Lola never been dangerous to the like the community or noth-Lola never been dangerous at all. Like in her being large. She's a large dog but she never been dangerous. I have-I have four kids. So, I'm not going to raise no dog that's aggressive around four kids. So, I-I don't know where they get here saying she's dangerous or whatever. And then she never got into other person yard but like I said no one never got my story or my statement. So, it's like whatever. Whatever my statement was it didn't matter.

Johnson: Okay. We got a couple Commissioners that want to ask some questions starting with Commissioner Jackson.

Jackson: How many times-was this the first time the situation took place?

Samuel: No, so the first time she was at large was uh 2019. She was young, yeah so-

Jackson: Hold on ma'am. Hold on ma'am. Okay, go ahead Kelvin.

Samuel: Yea so the last time she was at large was 2019. So, I think at that particular time was Brookwood Drive. She was a young puppy at that particular time. So, we also discussed that. But she didn't do anything for as, you know, any bites or anything like that. She was just at large.

Jackson: But there seems to be a pattern of the dog getting out. Or being loose at large. There's never charging anybody but there seems to be a pattern of the dog not adequately being where its supposed to be. Is that correct?

Samuel: Well this is the second time. But this particular time it just happened to injure. You know, someone's dog got injured in the process.

Jackson: So, so. You gave them the benefit of the doubt the first time. The second time somebody got hurt. Is that correct?

Samuel: Yes, someone's dog got attacked. Yes, sir.

Jackson: Oh, somebody's dog that-did the dog that was attacked die?

Samuel: No, it didn't die. It incurred a vet bill. It was, you know, she-she had a couple of cuts. Cuts to the head and to the back leg so.

Jackson: I mean you know I'm just and I have expressed and it's no secret. I have expressed about dogs being loose. And I'm open to honest mistakes and things in that nature. And when I hear people say well my dog not dangerous. I don't know your dog from Adam and your dog don't know me from Joe. And so, the way dog enter-kelvin-the way dogs interact, interact with people in general I mean can we can we give a wholesale category of you know somebody that says 'well my dog when my dog is with me they fine'. But is that is that normal when they see somebody else they may just go haywire or berserk?

Samuel: Well the key thing you know when deeming a dog dangerous the keyword is provoked unprovoked. But if no one was on scene you know it could have been a host of things. The neighbor's dog could have been in heat. You never know what caused that. But you know it's hard it's hard to say what actually set this particular attack off. You know, they were at large. I don't know how they got into the neighbor's yard, but that was the case. Like I said she could have been-and dogs run on a pack mentality. You know depending on what was going on with the neighbor's animal. They run as a pack. So, I don't know who was leading the pack. Who attacked first. All they know is that they heard a lot of commotion a lot of noise. And the neighbor adjacent went and alerted the owner of the dog that was being attacked.

Jackson: I just got a couple notes. I'm just curious. What is the dog-is the recommendation of the board for the dog to be put down or is the recommendation of the board-

Samuel: No.

Jackson: to contain the-it sounds like the recommendation of the board is to do the most humane thing possible to me. Am I missing that?

Samuel: No sir. So, no you're not missing it. So vicious. Vicious is a category that the dog will automatically you know that's the driving force to be put down. But Lola is deemed dangerous. And when an animal is deemed dangerous there's stipulations that goes along with that particular animal being deemed dangerous. That means you know the owner of the dog, you know, of course, have to abide by following mandates within 30 days. If you all classify that dog as being dangerous.

Jackson: But y'all not-they not recommending putting the dog down.

Samuel: No. No.

Jackson: And if I heard you correct. It sounds like y'all are providing the owners with the equipment. Did I hear you say that?

Samuel: Yes. There is an annual fee if your dog is deemed dangerous by the Commission body. There's a collar that's provided, you know, Animal Services will provide a collar to be worn at all times. She will be computerized microchipped at C-Paws at the owner's expense. The owner should immediately notify animal control center when the dangerous dog is loose or unconfined or has bitten a human or attacked another animal. The dog has to wear a muzzle. There's a certain confinement requirement that are provided depending on

you all's decision. And the owner shall you know promptly display a sign you know to the animal control center at the owner's expense on his premises or her premises at all interest entry points warning that the dangerous dog is on property. So, all that stuff is here at our facility.

Jackson: Okay. It just seems like it's the most humane, at least in my opinion, it sounds like they tried to come up with the most humane. But at the same time the most reasonable thing to do. I mean if you got a dog that can that is getting out again. And I understand when you're with your owner I mean and I'm not comparing people to dogs. I definitely wouldn't do that. But you know you take a fourth-fifth grade classroom when the teacher is away and substitute there ain't no telling what might happen. So, I just want and last question did the person who shot the dog were they arrested or anything.

Appellant 2: No

Jackson: I'm talking with Mr. Samuel hold on. Were they cited or was there no-?

Samuel: No, so in that particular situation hearing from that particular individual that shot the dog they was fending for their life when foot attacked. That's-that's what we received from the board.

Jackson: And SPD would have, would have been a part of that process?

Samuel: SPD and CSO was on scene.

Jackson: Okay thank you. That's it for me Mr. President thank you.

Samuel: Now, now with the situation you know its mandatory, you know, in the ordinance if your animal is impounded a second time you know mandatory spay neuter is required. You know. You know and so like I said keep in mind that she is pregnant. You know that's part of the hearing I wanted to you know kind of inform you all of that as well. She's in a third trimester, meaning she could actually have these puppies maybe in a week or so, two weeks. We don't have an X-ray machine but she's-

Jackson: I'm sorry, Mr. President he prompted another question so what happens if the puppies are had. The puppies are had and then we can't control the puppies. I'm just trying to figure out what can we do now? Because now instead of one problem you got three or two or three or four problems at that point.

Samuel: Now we can encourage. It's still their property but I recommend like we did before at the Board that Lola after she has the puppies which I recommend the puppies not be born at Caddo Parish Animal Services facility. Like I said, due to complications that may possibly happen. But after the puppies-and then after she has the puppy I recommend she is spayed. I mean after at their own veterinarian clinic and provide that paperwork to us after that procedure takes place. Now my recommendation for the puppies, you know, that's their property. I recommend spay neuter for the puppies. That's just my recommendation and you know once we reach that portion we can discuss that as well.

Johnson: Mr. Chavez.

Chavez: Thank you President. Samuel is this the same house that I that I went over to?

Samuel: You went-you, you went to the house in 2019 absolutely.

Chavez: So, these are the same dogs?

Samuel: Yes, she was a puppy at that point.

Chavez: Okay. Mr. Samuel and I actually went up. This is in my district. I went on this fall I wasn't sure if these were the same dogs. I received videos of them tearing up the neighbor's fence and ultimately the neighbors had to get me involved to go over there, for ACO to go over there to confiscate these dogs. Director Samuel so the dogs were confiscated but then they were-they got the dogs back?

Samuel: We had to conduct a fence inspection for them to get the animals back.

Chavez: Okay, okay. That's and then-and then they moved to a different property like-?

Samuel: Yes.

Chavez: Okay that makes sense. And the-the current, the real the reason for this appeal is they're

appealing the board's decision. And the board's decision is not to euthanize but rather to deem dangerous correct?

Samuel: Correct.

Chavez: Okay so now coming to the Board, I'm sorry to the Commission Board, well Commissioners I- I wanted to guarantee that this was the same dangerous dog that I encountered before and I'm sorry that this happened to these individuals. But I've had many, many, many calls from different neighbors addressing these animals. I can't make a motion now but my motion if it does come back around will be to uphold the, the board's decision. Thank you. Thank you, President.

Johnson: Mr. Taliaferro.

Taliaferro: Thank you Mr. President. So the report that I have before me is this the same report that we're looking at the one established on 1/15/2021 11:10 hours?

Samuel: No, I you look-yes you should just have the one that is actually. You should have the one on Alkay.

Taliaferro: Okay. You know one of the questions I'm leading off with is additional info says the two dogs are running at large attacking elderly man.

Appellant 2: Oh, wow!

Appellant 1: Shh!

Taliaferro: And it says SPD the neighbor shot both dogs and both dogs are now deceased. IT doesn't sound like we're talking about the same case. Just want to be clear.

Appellant 2: Right.

Samuel: No, if you're looking at the report from Alkay. The case number the last three is 204?

Taliaferro: Yes, sir. It was the one attached to the latest to the agenda. 2809 Alkay drive single family dwelling animal impounded Shane McDonald 120 or 21 at one pm 1300 hours.

Samuel: Yes, with the back page showing three animals?

Taliaferro: There's a back page.

Samuel: One animal died in that particular incident. That's the male. The female is alive. Then the photo of the brown animal with the blood spot on the back leg. That's the complainant. That's the owner of the dog that was attacked. That's the dog that was attacked.

Taliaferro: Oh, okay. All right. We have one dog that was attacked and that's the one that was shot in the left hip by accident of course.

Samuel: Yes

Taliaferro: Okay and then we have two dogs that were shot and deceased.

Samuel: No. Actually the one that's at the bottom, Lola, the one that we're talking about that's pregnant. She's the gray and white.

Taliaferro: Okay.

Samuel: And the one that's then of course the top left of course that's the one that was shot with the .45. That's the one that died on instant shot.

Taliaferro: Sure.

Samuel: Yes. But the one at the bottom was shot with the birdshot 6 gauge shot gun.

Taliaferro: Okay but its not deceased.

Samuel: No, it's here in the shelter.

Taliaferro: Okay that's the one we're talking about.

Samuel: Yes.

Taliaferro: Okay I just was puzzled because the narrative that I read saying that both dogs are now deceased because both dogs are shot according to SPD. That's all. I mean. I have other questions. Okay just a couple of questions. You know basically the dog in your opinion the dog's demeanor is typical of a female getting ready to deliver-no signs of aggression right now?

Samuel: Well I mean with humans she's great. I mean she give the vet team-She gives the vet team no problems.

Taliaferro: Sure. And everyone that owns more than one dog knows that, you're right, they are a pack mentality and they will turn on each other depending on the stimulus.

Samuel: Absolutely.

Taliaferro: Okay. And we all understand and I appreciate you explaining because I think everybody was going to well we're supposed to put this dog down? What's our recommendations? And you have articulated that there are procedures you know obviously having the dog sterilized not taking the dog out of the city or the country. Notifying obviously c-pass you know of any travels or anything of that nature. And then that special license which typically is more expensive than a regular license. If I'm correct?

Samuel: You are correct.

Taliaferro: And that you know keeping the dog in the lock and closure and it goes on and on and on of course. So you know and also as I understand that this is the second time that this dog got out. And the first time was when the dog was a puppy. But at that time obviously the puppy was probably not getting dangerous. And so, I want to make it clear and for everybody's understanding that all we're doing is labeling the dog dangerous which you know sets in motion stipulations that the owners must abide to-to keep the dog correct.

Samuel: That is correct.

Taliaferro: All right.

Samuel: There's a lot of emotions of course was tied up in the particular case of course you know. You know I hate that an animal had to get shot you know like that in front of you know a child witnessed it and everything. So, there's a lot of emotions flaring but like I wanted to make it clear like you stated Commissioner Taliaferro this is not to make a decision to euthanize Lola. This is to make-And the recommendations and its in the ordinance second at large offense you know its that animal control's discretion to have the animal spay neutered. You know you can read a lot of studies that says spay neuter actually calms animals down. And she I haven't had a chance to witness her around other animals. Because she's in the bite quarantine. So, they are in a single facility by themselves. So, you know, I don't know what her aggression is to other animals.

Taliaferro: Yes, I understand. I just want o make it clear that obviously anybody that does have multiple dogs knows or if they've ever broke up a fight between their own dogs then they're very lucky. For sure. And then one, one thing that I'd like to know from the owners is that of course you know we have a decision to make regarding those puppies and that's not- I don't think that's our decision- but I was just curious what the intentions are for the puppies being born from Lola?

Appellant 1: Lola-Lola's-okay can I speak now?

Taliaferro: Yes ma'am. I was just listening.

Appellant 1: Okay Lola's not an outside dog. We keep Lola in the house. So, when the puppies do come I tend on giving them away.

Taliaferro: Mmm. Okay.

Appellant 1: So, we not going to be able to keep-we not going to be able to keep puppies because I go to school and I work at a hospital. So, we not going to be able to keep puppies.

Taliaferro: Yeah well that's unfortunate we didn't think about that prior to all this coming about you know with a female and a male. And I guess that's a bridge we'll have to cross when we get to it but that's all I have Mr. President I appreciate it, thank you.

Johnson: All right. I make a motion to deem Lola dangerous by the Board's recommendation and also our Animal Services recommendation and to help her to be at a veterinarian when she is going to have those puppies. And that those puppies once they are born will be turned over to the owners.

Chavez: Second.

Johnson: Moved by the chair second by Chavez. Okay Commissioner Chavez thanks for the second. Commissioner Jackson you got a question on the motion?

Jackson: I just would like to add a friendly amendment that whatever and for-whatever that whatever requirements as per the ordinance is enforced. The ordinance. I think Kelvin said that there are some things in the ordinance that once its deemed dangerous that has to take place like the spay and neuter thing. I'm asking that we-

Johnson: Yes, yes. I mean once you say it's dangerous-

Jackson: Okay I want to make sure that

Johnson: -it's dangerous then.

Jackson: -he seemed to say-he seemed to suggest that there were some discretion. I'm saying lets take the discretion out and lets go to work.

Johnson: Is there a discretion Mr. Samuel or is it once you be deemed dangerous you have to do these things?

Samuel: Yes.

Jackson: Sir I thought you said the spay and neuter part was discretion?

Samuel: Yes, so the spay and-

Johnson: That was on the puppies.

Samuel: On hers as well.

Jackson: Okay I'm clear on that. I'm clear on that.

Johnson: Okay. So, I would add that Lola be spayed after she have the puppies.

Jackson: Thank you.

Johnson: I'll add that in. Any other questions?

Taliaferro: One more for me Mr. President is that-I'm sorry it's kind of my recommendation and I'll refer to Mr. Samuel is that obviously the puppies will stay at the owner's house or where the veterinarian of their choice until they're weaned or what's-what's our time frame on that.

Samuel: So, like I mentioned earlier sir, my recommendation is for the owners to take Lola to their private veterinarian. Like I mentioned before, in bully breeds you know there's a lot of cases where dystocia kicks in and like I said we don't have a veterinarian here 24/7 in case she goes into labor and has complications. I recommend a private veterinarian once she has the puppies at that particular veterinarian clinic however long it takes to pick their puppies up tp have the puppies weaned. But at some point, like Commissioner Lyndon B. Johnson said, you know, the biggest thing is second offense is mandatory spay neuter.

Taliaferro: I agree with that whole heartedly. My concern now is going to be for those puppies and my suggestion is that we make every effort to look for this particular breeds you know rescuers that actually deal in this particular breed rather than just kind of put them in general population, if you will. Because I'm sure that these puppies will definitely be able to cry better you know in a home in a home that's actually geared to this kind of a mixed breed or pit bull breed.

Samuel: Yes, I agree with that. I agree with that.

Jackson: Uh. Last one. I promise. It's still light outside. Mr. Samuel, if I'm correct, so what happens does this does this label follow the dog or does this label follow the owner.

Samuel: This label follows the dog. If they sell Lola they need to contact the department.

Jackson: Okay.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to deem Lola as "dangerous"*.

Friendly amendment by Mr. Jackson to ensure that all requirements per the Code are enforced and Lola is spayed after she has the puppies. Mr. Johnson agreed.

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, and Hopkins (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



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