

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 14TH DAY OF MARCH, 2022

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Work Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Atkins, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1).

The invocation was given by Mrs. Gage-Watts, and Mr. Hopkins, led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Young, *to expand the agenda and add the following items under New Business:*

- *Authorize Special Resolution of Remembrance for former Commissioner Ron Webb*
- *Authorize Introduction of Ordinance No. 6220 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Health Tax Fund for the year 2022 to provide an appropriation for the acquisition of additional equipment to aide in protecting the public from vicious animals and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Authorize Special Resolution of Recognition for March 18, 2022 as Retired Teacher's Day in Caddo Parish*

The Chair opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against this agenda addition. There being no one to speak for or against the agenda addition, the Chair closed the public hearing.

Mr. Johnson asked for additional information regarding potential Ordinance No. 6220 of 2022. Mr. Young said that suggested adding this item to the agenda because of the long gap between this meeting and the next meeting. He also participated in the capture of a pack of vicious dogs in the South Highlands Neighborhood, and the equipment the ACOs use are not as effective as he thinks they should be.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know if Animal Services has tranquilizer guns for dogs. Dr. Wilson said that they have been used in the past. Mr. Travis Clark, Director of Animal Services, explained that they did have tranquilizer guns in 2008, but have only successfully captured one dog using it. Some of the issues with the gun is that these are DEA monitored drugs, so if that dart falls out of the dog and it cannot be relocated, a report must be submitted to the Board of Pharmacy to account for those drugs and that dart. Also, Animal Services will be medically responsible for the dogs who are tranquilized. He gave an example of a tranquilized dog running into traffic and causing an accident; the Parish would be liable. Mr. Clark also said that the apparatus that was being used was a .22 rifle that projected the darts out. He is not sure if that is still in the locker.

Mr. Johnson then wanted to know what is currently being used. Mr. Clark said that they use catch poles, snappy snares, and live humane traps. He also explained that aggressive animals, not fearfully aggressive dogs, are easier to catch with catch poles because they'll try to attack the poles. Fearfully aggressive dogs will bark then run off. He also explained that traps are not immediately effective as a net gun because of outside cats, TNR cats, raccoons, or other animals getting in the trap before a dog does.

Mr. Clark also said that if an animal is shot with a dart gun, they will not sit there. He said that they will more than likely run or flip around or crawl under a house.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if there is a mechanism in place to retrieve a dart that has been shot into a dog. Mr. Clark said that it is projected and not connected to the dart gun in any way.

Mr. Young said that the dog he was trying to capture would have been easier to hit him with a taser and could have terminated this hunt more quickly. He also said that this particular dog killed a cat, and there are risks with not catching them rapidly to prevent future harm.

Mr. Young wanted to know if they could conceivably fit this tool in the toolkit of Animal Services. Mr. Clark said that there are only three officers currently certified in chemical capture of an animal, so it would need additional training. He also said that he would need to research another gun or apparatus because they haven't been updated since 2012.

Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that each agenda*

addition be voted on separately. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Jones (2). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, the Commission voted on *expanding the agenda to include Special Resolution of Remembrance for Commissioner Ron Webb. Motion carried,* as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, the Commission voted on *expanding the agenda to include introduction of Ordinance No. 6220 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Health Tax Fund for the year 2022 to provide an appropriation for the acquisition of additional equipment to aide in protecting the public from vicious animals and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. Motion failed,* as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: Commissioners Epperson and Johnson (2). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, the Commission voted on *expanding the agenda to include Special Resolution of Recognition for March 18, 2022 as Retired Teacher's Day in Caddo Parish. Motion carried,* as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Sherry Beth Madewell came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

My name is Sherry Beth Madewell. I own MBD Motorsport Promotions and Productions Company. I was issued a road closure to close a road and do a production in the Caddo Parish area. We had our road closure. Everything went well. I think there were a few complaints of noise. We addressed that issue and saying we would change our time of filming if that would help the community. We picked the area that we picked to film, because there's very little business, very little residential activity, very little road that needed to be closed down that would affect traffic. I will say that the first night that we filmed, in my opinion, I spent three months here researching illegal street racing in the City of Shreveport. It's quite an epidemic here. We do not illegal street race. In fact, what we do is we film a production that is for a television show on the Discovery Channel. Comes on every Monday and Tuesday night. We have EMTs, Fire Department, all safety equipment. You're safer racing on a street that I have closed down than you are going to your local race track. We do it legally. We provide insurance releasing Caddo Parish, a \$5 million policy. Every safety and liability is covered. I was given the opportunity to do this and then it was taken because of complaints. And, to issue those comp-to address those complaints, I wasn't given the opportunity to try to clarify that. I will say that the night that we filmed 56 cars that would normally race illegally into oncoming traffic in the City of Shreveport did not do that. And I have contracts with them that they will not do that as long as they are allowed on my set. I also have four teenage boys that go to local high schools that were given a senior project to go out illegal street race, do donuts in the road, film it and do a project on it for their senior project. Who have all agreed that they will not do that as long as I just let them on set to watch. I produce a program that will deter all illegal street racing in your city. Plus, on a national level, give Shreveport recognition. I will tell you that in Wyoming, Casper, Wyoming, in 2020, I was there five weeks with my team and we produced \$1.8 million in revenue for Casper, Wyoming's City. We come because we don't want to anybody to get hurt. I oppose illegal street racing, but it's going to happen and there's nothing anybody can do to stop it. You can arrest them. They're still going to go do it. But what I'm proposing is that we do it in a way that its safer, its economically better off for everybody because your police officers and your safeties, you know, EMTs, fire departments, all of that, they're less likely to get called out because no one's hurt. And, all I'm asking is that that permission that you gave me, whatever the issues are, you let me try to resolve them in three races and if I can't I will acknowledge that I failed and walk away. But I know that 56 cars, three weeks ago, did not illegal street race in the City of Shreveport. And I took those cars from streets like Airport, Clyde Fant, GM Blvd. These are places where people are going to do this, but given an opportunity and tell them for 5 seconds that they're going to be a part of something bigger. I came here to develop a team of 10 cars and I have 120 local people, that are street racing in your streets, that have signed on to want to be a part of what I'm doing that agree they will not illegal street race as long as I let them be involved. This is better than what's already happening and I'm only asking if you give me three races. We do it every-I film every three weeks until we get to a certain point of production and then we have to change that. I am in the process of dealing with a local facility at Gillam. It's a racetrack. We normally never film there on a racetrack. I'm in dealings with the owners of that David Strong Hollis Webbington to see if I cannot procure that and try to change that situation, because they've had a very rough past. But here's what I know, if I don't get these guys to come do what I'm doing, I'll never get them to come to that track and you're going to have a sever illegal street racing problem. Four, six weeks ago, I stood on a street down by the local airport, they call it AP when they go street racing. I saw people drag racing into oncoming traffic that people were trying to get into a neighborhood. Cars lined all the way down both sides. We don't allow that. I put on the safest event that you could possibly put on with local fire department, EMTs, police officers all on staff. We have paid security besides the police officers. My goal here is to develop a team out of Shreveport and put Shreveport on the map of what we do. New

Orleans is already on that map. Black sheep mafia is out of Monroe. They are nationally recognized and you want to know what they all do? They don't-none of them-race on the street anymore illegally. No team on our show actually goes out ever again and races illegally on the street. They don't have to. Because the way we do it is safe and it's legal. And they're not going to risk their \$300,000 cars to do that. I'm proposing a safe environment to do this. To take them from the street to that racetrack out there. My son is here. He does this. He's on the show. I will not allow him to illegal street race. I never have. Any requirement, any noise ordinance, any complaint we will address and do everything in our power to change that and make it okay. But I know that what I'm doing is good for the community because I've done it in a million other communities. I just hope that you all can see that this is better what we're doing now and give me an opportunity and I only ask for three races to prove it.

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

Two positive things. One, I wanted to commend Stormy for sponsoring the Doorbell Ring Program. I think the application opened at 9 and by 11:30 they had more than a thousand. So, that's very successful. I'm looking forward to those being installed and, hopefully, we can give some coverage to that. Saturday, I went to a great event that was sponsored by the Parks and Recreation. They sponsored a Tiny Tots Concert featuring the Shreveport Symphony and this was at LSUS. And I believe they had a second one somewhere else. Didn't they? Okay and was that Saturday, also? Okay. Anyway, I went to LSUS with my granddaughter and it was a very, very nice program. They had Parks and Recreation there with a live owl, face painting, and then they had over 100 parents in there with kids and backpacks and strollers. And my little four-year-old was dancing the aisle and everything to the symphony and I thought it was a real nice event for Saturday afternoon inside had a lot of people that were from different backgrounds. And I doubt seriously that Amelia's going to remember hearing symphony music, but it was a good start. So, I wanted to commend Parks and Recreation for this program. I believe it's the first time they've had it and I sure hope they'll have more. I would be happy to support them. I did give some publicity to it and I'll help on other ones. Thank you.

COMMISSION REMARKS

- Mr. Burrell said that he is having an issue with an at-large dog across the street from his home. He said that the dog constantly gets loose and has charged his daughter.
- Mr. Jones thanked Animal Services for handling the complaints that he's had in his district. He also mentioned that there has been an uptick between Wyngate and Linwood regarding stray pitbulls.
- Mr. Young also thanked Animal Services for all of their hard work in capturing that pack of vicious dogs in his district, especially Officer Babs.
- Mr. Johnson wanted to know if Animal Services has funds to purchase equipment and training. Mr. Clark said that they do, depending on the equipment and the training.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Confederate Monument Relocation
Dr. Wilson said they are still working their way through a couple of loopholes on the contract. He said that it has been a very tedious legal review of the contract. It is constantly in progress, he said.
- U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program
Mrs. Barnett said that they did receive the reallocation of \$5.2M from the U.S. Treasury and will begin sending out payments to the tenants and landlords today and will continue until the funds have been exhausted. She does not anticipate the monies lasting more than three or four weeks, so there will not be any additional applications at this time.
Dr. Wilson noted that the Parish of Caddo distributed \$40M to the citizens who needed help.
Mr. Atkins wanted to know if Finance will be responding to the landlords, or should the Commissioners respond to them. Mrs. Barnett said that she will respond to them.
- Juvenile Detention
There are sixteen juveniles in the Detention Center; four of which are in OJJ. There are also eleven juveniles in CCC.
- COVID-19 Infection Data
There have been no reported cases of COVID in the past few weeks.

- February, 2022 Financial Reports

Dr. Wilson provided the Commissioners with a copy of the February 2022 Financial reports.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Lazarus**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Ordinance No. 6210 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2022 Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an additional appropriation for Fire District No. 4 and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's Regular Session for introduction.

Mr. Johnson asked for a breakdown of the cost of each set of bunker gear.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that Ordinance No. 6211 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2022 Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for Sewer District No. 7 and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's Regular Session for introduction.

Mr. Johnson said that this sewer district will be using these funds to improve infrastructure.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Jones**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that Ordinance No. 6212 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for Community Healthcare Solutions and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's Regular Session for introduction.

Mr. Jones said that this is much needed and will help out the juveniles.

Mr. Johnson said that the organization came and gave a presentation before the American Rescue Plan Committee, and this is an established program.

At this time, Mr. Jones' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: Commissioner Johnson (1). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Ordinance No. 6213 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund for the Juneteenth events, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be postponed to the next Work Session meeting.

The Clerk of the Commission said that this discussed during the Economic Development Committee with favorable consideration.

Mr. Burrell said that Mr. Jackson would like to be present during this vote, so he asked that this be postponed to the next Work Session.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Ordinance No. 6214 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$7,500 to provide an appropriation for Basic Necessities and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's Regular Session for introduction.

Mr. Young said that Basic Necessities is a new organization in District 4 that provides diapers and feminine hygiene products.

He also said that there was uncertainty last year of whether this organization serves Caddo Parish citizens, so funding was not granted. Since then, he has communicated with the organization, and Mrs. Barnett said that an agreement can be drafted to restrict the funding to only Caddo Parish citizens.

Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Ordinance No. 6214 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund*

in the amount of \$7,500 to provide an appropriation for Basic Necessities and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be remanded to the Appropriations Committee.

Mrs. Gage-Watts wanted to know if this is a time sensitive request. Mr. Young said that he is not sure, but they need funding to purchase new supplies.

Substitute motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Ordinance No. 6214 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$7,500 to provide an appropriation for Basic Necessities and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's Regular Session for introduction and remanded to the Appropriations Committee.

Point of Clarification by Mr. Johnson if the title changes during Committee, the process would have to start over again.

At this time, Mr. Young's substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: Commissioners Epperson and Johnson (2). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Ordinance No. 6215 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$3,000 for Lady Bass Anglers Association and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's Regular Session for introduction.

Mr. Hopkins explained that the Lady Bass Anglers Association did a tournament four years ago on Caddo Lake, and they would like to come back. He said that the Economic Development Committee met today to vet this organization and review the economic impact study. Mr. Atkins mentioned that study showed a recoup of costs.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know if the Committee recommended the same dollar amount. Mr. Atkins said that they did.

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

It was **moved by Young**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Ordinance No. 6216 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$6,500 to provide an appropriation for Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation of Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's Regular Session for introduction.

Mr. Young said that the Animal Services Committee reviewed this application. WERLA handles all of the wildlife for CPAS, and it comes to about \$50 per animal.

Substitute motion by Mr. Burrell, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Ordinance No. 6216 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$6,500 to provide an appropriation for Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation of Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's Regular Session for introduction and remanded to the Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know the fund balance in the Riverboat Fund. Mrs. Barnett said it is about \$600,000.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Ordinance No. 6217 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to provide an appropriation for Shreveport Green and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's Regular Session for introduction.

Mr. Chavez said that Shreveport Green didn't put in an application last year. He reached out to them last week regarding supplies, but was told they didn't have any supplies on hand. Mr. Chavez explained that this funding would allocate funds to them so they could restock their supplies.

Mr. Johnson mentioned that the American Rescue Plan set aside \$700,000 for green infrastructure. He wanted to know why is this funding coming from the Riverboat Fund. Mr. Young explained that ARP funds can't be used to pick up litter; it is for the creation of infrastructure that captures and controls stormwater as a pass across the landscape.

Substitute motion by Mr. Chavez, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that Ordinance No. 6217 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to provide an appropriation for Shreveport Green and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's Regular Session for introduction and remanded to the Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Hopkins mentioned that there are funds through the Lt. Governor's Office for trash pickup. He suggested that Administration look into that as well. Mrs. Gage-Watts said that it is the Keeping Louisiana Beautiful Campaign.

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

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Ordinance No. 6218 of 2022, an ordinance to amend Section 50-26 of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances relative to Exemptions & Exclusions from Sales & Use Taxes in order to exempt diapers and feminine hygiene products for individual and personal use and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's Regular Session for introduction.

Mrs. Gage-Watts explained that this would be a tax exempt for feminine products and diaper products.

Mr. Taliaferro believes there are plenty of programs for financial assistance to help women who are unable to purchase diapers and feminine hygiene products. He pointed out that the Commission just voted to move forward with an ordinance who distributes feminine products and diapers to citizens who cannot afford them.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know the time limit for this ordinance. Mrs. Gage-Watts said that there is not a termination date attached to this ordinance.

Mrs. Gage-Watts spoke to Mr. Taliaferro's point. She explained that organization distributes these types of products to citizens who qualify for them. She also said that these products are expensive and exempting the taxes on these hygiene products would help someone who cannot afford them.

Attorney Frazier said that the State of Louisiana is giving this same exemption starting July of 2022. There is also a repeal limiting the time that a local municipality could pass this ordinance, so there is no longer a state requirement that has a time limit.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: Commissioner Atkins (1). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Ordinance No. 6219 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund for the year 2022 to provide an appropriation of \$25,000 for the Shreveport-Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's Regular Session for introduction.

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that this organization hosts several events throughout the year, and this funding would help them put on events such as the Minority Business Expo. She also mentioned that the economic impact study is available for anyone who would like to review it.

Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Ordinance No. 6219 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund for the year 2022 to provide an appropriation of \$25,000 for the Shreveport-Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's Regular Session for introduction and remanded to the Economic Development Committee.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Resolution No. 23 of 2022, a resolution urging the United States Congress to improve the United States Postal Service's reliability and timeliness of its deliveries, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda.

Mr. Epperson said that so many of the senior veterans receive their medicines through the USPS.

Mrs. Gage-Watts asked to be a co-sponsor to this resolution. Mr. Epperson agreed.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, and Young (10). NAYS: Commissioner Taliaferro (1). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Resolution No. 24 of 2022, urge and request the State of Louisiana to pursue any legislative solutions or improved enforcement of existing prohibitions to minimize the occurrences of and negative impact to the public associated with drag racing on public roads and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda.

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that drag racing is a nuisance in this community. She also said that it is a dangerous sport and "should not be tolerated on our streets".

Mr. Young would like the resolution to include the permanent forfeiture of the vehicle. Attorney Frazier said that this is a resolution, so the resolution could ask the State to pass whatever penalties the Commission would like.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to englobe and advance the following items to Thursday's Regular Session:*

- *Resolution No. 24 of 2022, urge and request the State of Louisiana to pursue any legislative solutions or improved enforcement of existing prohibitions to minimize the occurrences of and negative impact to the public associated with drag racing on public roads and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition & Appreciation for Huntington High School's Boys & Girls' Basketball Teams*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance for former Commissioner Ron Webb*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for March 18, 2022 as Retired Teacher's Day in Caddo Parish*
- *Authorize five appointments to the Caddo Parish Temporary Planning & Zoning Commission. Candidates: Kay Proby-Waller, Phillis Hart, Laura Neubert, Jake Brown, Chris Kracman, Damon Humphrey, Bart Little, and Lauren Marchive*
- *Authorize appointments to the Caddo Parish Broadband Committee. Candidates: G. Frith, Brian Wilson, Tracy Calloway, Rickey Jones, Glenn Moore, Kamesha West, and Mario Marks*
- *Authorize People's Promise Youth Division as a Visitor for March 17 Regular Session*

Mrs. Gage-Watts, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Burrell would like to be added as co-sponsors to the Special Resolutions to the Special Resolution for Huntington High School. Mr. Jones would also like to be added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. 24 of 2022.

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

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Young invited everyone to attend the Broadmoor Neighborhood Association's meeting at Broadmoor Presbyterian Church tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. Sheriff Prator will be there to discuss the millages that are on the upcoming ballot, along with Judge Marcotte and Judge Wadell.
- Mr. Jones announced that there will be a Stop the Violence Rally at Hattie Perry Park on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Mr. Chavez commended Mrs. Gage-Watts' for being the keynote speaker at the recent Women's Award Ceremony.

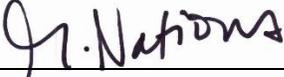
CONSENT AGENDA

- *Ordinance No. 6204 of 2022, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter relative to Section 3-07. Commission Meetings & Rules*

for presentation to the electorate, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

- *Ordinance No. 6205 of 2022, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter relative to Section 3-07. Commission Meetings & Rules for presentation to the electorate, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6206 of 2022, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter deleting Section 5-05.2. Department of Fleet Services for presentation to the electorate, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6207 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to provide an appropriation for Friends in Unity, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6208 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund for the year 2022 to provide an appropriation for a water line extension in Blanchard, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6209 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to provide an appropriation of \$20,000 for Louisiana Urban Gardening, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

At this time, there was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the Commission adjourned at 5:00 p.m.


Assistant Commission Clerk