

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 17th DAY OF MAY, 2021

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Long Range Planning Committee Meeting, on the above date, at 1:00 p.m., in the Government Plaza Chambers Conference Room, with Mr. Chavez, Chairperson, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Chavez, Hopkins, and Johnson (3). ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson and Young (2).

The invocation was given by Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Lazarus led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Committee and moved to the first New Business item, *Discuss proposed Ordinance No. 6071 of 2021, an ordinance to establish a Parish Planning & Zoning Commission, to provide for its memberships, to provide for an effective date, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.*

Mr. Hopkins said that he brought this forward to set up a Parish Planning & Zoning Commission with five members to make decisions on issues related in the unincorporated areas of the Parish. He pointed out that the members of this board will need to come from the unincorporated areas of the Parish to make decisions on the unincorporated areas.

Mr. Chavez reiterated that this is to establish the board, not the zoning.

Mr. Chavez also wanted to know if someone who lived in the five-mile buffer, but outside the city limits, be eligible to serve on this Commission. Attorney Bernstein stated that they would so long as they reside in the unincorporated areas of the Parish.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know the reason for the number of members on the board. Mr. Hopkins said that State law said five members.

Mr. Johnson then wanted to know about the five-year term. Attorney Bernstein said that it is easier to stagger the terms for five-year terms, so there is a rotation on the planning commission. Mr. Johnson would like to see a four-year term, like the Commissioners, instead of a five-year term.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know if the members from the MPC would be only people who reside in the City of Shreveport as of January 1, 2022. Attorney Bernstein agreed.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know if those members who are on the MPC would roll over to the Parish Planning & Zoning Commission. Attorney Bernstein said that those members would have to be reappointed to this Parish Planning & Zoning Commission. Mr. Hopkins said that would also provide institutional knowledge on the new board.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded to Mr. Johnson, *that Ordinance No. 6071 be moved favorably to the full body. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Chavez, Hopkins, and Johnson (3). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Jackson and Young (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

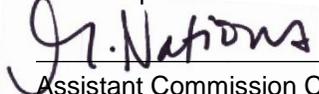
The Chair then moved to the next New Business item, *Discuss Intergovernmental Committee.*

Mr. Chavez said that he puts this on the agenda because he hears of several complaints from citizens about the governmental entities not communicating with each other.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that there is an Intergovernmental Committee. Dr. Wilson believes that it is either the City of Shreveport or the Caddo School Boards' turn, but the Commission could call one. Mr. Johnson stated that he would like to call one for June. Mr. Chavez suggested that maybe the Mayor, President of the Commission, and Chairperson of the School Board form a sub-committee and get together to make this Parish and City better as a whole.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned

at 12:59 p.m.



Assistant Commission Clerk