

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2021

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Long Range Planning Committee Meeting, on the above date, at 11:00 a.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Mario Chavez, Chairperson, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Chavez, Hopkins, Young (3). ABSENT: Commissioners Jackson and Johnson (2).

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donald "DJ" Gaut came before the Committee and gave the following statement:

Commissioner Chavez for the invitation. Citizens and Commissioners, I speak this morning on the subject of the use of mobile surveillance cameras. To the citizens of Shreveport and Caddo Parish, I ask the public commission how will you define their purpose? I will ask how will you communicate to the citizens how the city will be made safe by the use of the mobile surveillance? I will ask you, will you invite more input from citizens and neighborhood associations before you place them and point them? I will ask how will you monitor the system? I will ask you commissioners, how will u catalog and capture evidence of crimes and suspected criminal activity? Please tell us why law enforcement believes this is a good idea or not? How will you keep the citizens up to date? How will you keep the citizens up to date of the effectiveness of the use of mobile surveillance? As you consider these, is this one option to make our city safe? I will ask that you consider these questions that I have posted. Thank you for the invitation.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chair moved onto the first New Business item, *Discuss Ordinance 6077 of 2021 Regarding Surveillance Trailers.*

The Clerk of the Commission played a video review of the surveillance trailer attributes and benefits.

Mr. Chavez discussed that the trailers would be used within the Parish in high risk and remote areas to be rented to the local police department to help with the staffing shortage issue and potentially deter activity in high crime areas. He explained that there was positive feedback from the Sherriff's Office and proposes that the police department uses the trailer for its 24-hour monitoring with data uploaded to a cloud and is vandalism proofed. He exemplated that the trailers could be strategically placed at events and within communities.

Mr. Chavez gave the floor to Chief Robert Jump from the Sherriff's Office. Chief Jump explained that the Sherriff's Office lacks technological infrastructure and expressed interest in the trailer's applicability.

Mr. Chavez acknowledged that he intends to install a few trailers to test their affectability to the Parish.

Mr. Hopkins agreed the trailer's benefit to helping the police department and reducing the crime. He cautioned the placement in neighborhoods for privacy reasons.

Mr. Young discussed that the trailers act as a neighborhood watch and could deter illegal activities if placed in a public area of neighborhoods. And spoke favorably for the trailers as long as there is transparency of its use, its location, and the time period that the trailers would remain in an area.

Mr. Atkins expressed favor of the surveillance trailers and referred to the Attorney regarding private property. Mr. Bernstein acknowledged that the trailer would be public record if used by the Parish, and that the surveillance would have more protection operating under a law enforcement agency. He advised the Commission to take that into consideration.

Mr. Chavez explained that they will draft legal documents to allow law enforcement agency to have access to the data not to be accessible to the Parish and that he intends for the Parish to purchase the trailers then rent or lease them out. Dr. Wilson acknowledged that law enforcement can protect citizen's privacy and that they have a similar project focused on surveillance cameras focused on construction sites.

Mr. Atkins suggested that the Committee study the effectiveness and privacy protection of a pilot project using fewer trailers initially.

Mr. Chavez referred to Chief Long and Chief Jump on whether they would use the trailers should the Parish purchased them. Chief Long acknowledged that they should do more research before deciding.

Mr. Chavez recalled his preference for vandalism and crime against the police to occur on trailers.

Mr. Young wanted to know if the Parish could sale the trailers after they acquire them and that the citizens in his district are favorable for having the trailers. Mr. Bernstein acknowledged the trailers would need to be appraised and priced at fair market value.

Dr. Wilson explained that the City of Shreveport has considered using shot detection technology. Mr. Chavez acknowledged that the shot detection technology costs millions of dollars compared to the tens of thousands of dollars for a trailer. And from his experience, technology could be a valuable resource in finding

Dr. Wilson explained that the Parish appropriates funding for to the Police Department for equipment historically and could be a great method for having them in law enforcement. Mr. Chavez was very amenable to the idea.

The Chair then moved to the next New Business items, *Welcome and Initial Charge to Citizen's Advisory Committee to Study Planning and Zoning* and *Continue Discussion on Parish Wide Zoning*.

Mr. Chavez thanked the volunteers to be on the commission and requested that they stand and introduce themselves.

Mrs. Jessica Tullis, Mr. Gabriel Banderas, Mr. Chris Kracman, Mr. Ray Tindel, Mr. Judge Paul Young, Mr. Loyd Thomas, Mr. Marty Wooldridge each stood and introduced themselves and which district they are from.

The Clerk of the Commission advised the Committee the other appointed committee members have sent written notice that they will not be in attendance but are looking forward to serving on the committee. He also read aloud Resolution 42 of 2021:

RESOLUTION NO. 42 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE TO STUDY PLANNING AND ZONING IN CADDO PARISH AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Long-Range Planning Committee of the Caddo Parish Commission is reviewing the issue of Planning and Zoning in the unincorporated areas of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Long-Range Planning Committee would like to have citizen input in the matter and asserts that the best mechanism for gaining such input is organizing a citizen advisory committee to make recommendations to the Long-Range Planning Committee on this issue; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does establish a Citizen Advisory Committee to the Long-Range Planning Committee to assist the Committee regarding the following:

- a. Review historical issues related to Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning.
- b. Review the fiscal impact of proposed actions in regard to the standing up of anew parish department or utilizing the Metropolitan Planning Commission for administration and enforcement.
- c. Review the impact of action to be taken in regard to Planning and Zoning in areas not currently being zoned by current ordinances.
- d. Review any other issues so deemed by the advisory committee to be relevant to the Planning and Zoning in the unincorporated areas of the parish.
- e. Make written recommendations regarding the issue of Planning and Zoning to the Long-Rang Planning Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Subcommittee shall consist of up to Twelve (12) members who shall reside in the unincorporated areas of Caddo Parish appointed by the Caddo Parish Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Subcommittee will be dissolved without further action upon presentation of its written recommendations to the Long-Range Planning Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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.

Mr. Chavez discussed that the Advisory Committee will have the resources of the Caddo Parish Commission and that any incurred administrative costs and tasks will be done through the Caddo Parish Commission. He asked that they have their professional pictures taken and emails assigned. He reminded them that they represent the people in the unincorporated and rural areas of the Parish.

Mr. Atkins recommended that the Advisory Committee review the current Metropolitan Planning Commission as a framework to get started and find solutions.

Mr. Hopkins advised the Advisory Committee that their meetings must be public, review other Parish's zoning and planning commissions, and that they plan to use their zoning and planning next year.

Mr. Young agreed that the Advisory Committee that they are representatives between the zoning and planning of the rural areas of the Parish and within the City limits. And that the Committee should be making a simple approach to make changes over time with a view for longevity and thanked the Advisory Committee for being a part of the process.

Dr. Wilson suggested that the Advisory Committee set their chairman and co-chairman as well as a schedule of meetings.

Mr. Chavez informed he Committee that they have lunch delivered for everyone.

The Clerk of the Commission requested the Advisory Committee members present in the meeting to provide him their contact information.

Mr. Hopkins requested if the Committee members have any questions to address to come forward. Mr. Chavez acknowledged.

Mr. Chris Kracman voiced disagreement with the current unified development code and requested the Commission to have Mr. Clarke to complete the UDC Lite ordinance. Dr. Wilson acknowledged.

Mr. Hopkins advised that the current ordinances established for the 5-mile area will be in effect starting next year, and starting off with a simple layout will help cut out the nit-picked items.

Mr. Chavez pointed out that the citizen's feedback will be reviewed before the Commissioners can vote on it. Dr. Wilson acknowledged that the Advisory Committee's recommendations will move forward to the zoning and planning commission.

Mr. Hopkins discussed that they should set the planning board or it would be delayed for 30 days in the Committee. And that the Advisory Committee's recommendations would be considered by the planning and zoning board then presented to the Commission to be adopted. He warned that the process is not as simple as it sounds.

Mr. Young recommended the Advisory Committee review the zoning of the I-49 corridor for guidance.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.


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