

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 7th DAY OF JULY, 2022

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular 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, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (8). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, and Young (4).

The invocation was given by Mr. Taliaferro, and Mr. Burrell led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Nathan Hicks came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I'm here today. On behalf of the industry of video poker. We usually have a big bullseye on our back. We're not always the good guys in things, but I'm here-really-in a much different capacity. We own, my family has owned since 1994, a video poker truck stop. It is the bread and butter of our business. We've been in business in Shreveport since the 70's with a car rental business. Everyone that I know that's in this business in this area is a small business family. The relay stations are owned by the Horn family. LSM is owned by the Roth Family. And what we're asking for is. Earlier this year, as I'm sure you all aware, the State of Louisiana passed a law allowing for a brief open period in which racetracks can put their off-site betting facilities anywhere they want. They have none of the restrictions that video poker has. So, they can be within one mile of a church. One mile of a school. One mile of historic building. One mile of a playground. Anywhere they want to be, essentially, they can be. And what we're asking the Commission to adopt is an ordinance that would at least make the playing field level. We can't put anything within one mile of any of those types of facilities, and if I'm being honest with you, as a citizen of Shreveport and from a family that's been here back further than I can recount, I don't want that. I don't want a betting facility within a mile of betting Virginia Park. I don't want a betting facility within a mile of a church. That's not something that even has to be that way. There are plenty of other places that they could go and put one of those. And quite frankly, if that playing field is not kept level, with the introduction of these new devices called historical horse racing machines, which it would take me much longer than three minutes to explain. We will be at such a disadvantage. That many of the small business operations say for instance, like mine, which is a one stop, I would have to close. Since we've had the smoking ban, which I was totally in favor of, my business has been reduced by 30%. The machines that they'll bring in can do things my machines cannot. They will be able to pay out \$10,000 jackpots, we cannot; and the tax money that comes from our machines, eight of the 32 and a half percent returns to this municipality, this parish. You will be able to multiply their tax revenue by thousands and you will still get zero. They will-it will be the single greatest lateral transfer of municipal funds into private hands in the history of the State of Louisiana. The money that will go that would be going into the coffers of Caddo Parish will go to the Horsemen's Association. Thanks. All right, and I'll be brief. I mean, it's quite simple. I'm just asking for level playing field. We want to be in the same boat with the same restrictions that those folks have, because we can't keep losing ground. Harrah's, or the Louisiana Downs, has every amenity that I can offer. They can also offer smoking. They can also offer table games. They can also offer horse racing. I simply can't compete, and we know that this market has reached maturity, and that there's a reason that Diamond Jacks wanted to leave. There's a finite amount of money in that economy; and by not being able to compete, not being able to have the amenities, not being able to do sports betting, those folks will, in essence, I'm never gifted with words, they'll eat our lunch. It will be almost impossible to continue to operate in the way that we operate. Not to mention, and then also known as 8% go to the Commission. 24% of the collected tax from video poker goes to education. And at a time like this when inflation is increasing, when it's more and more difficult to get to attract educators to attract people into this market, I just don't see how we can continue to grow and develop as a City if that's taken away as well. And again, that revenue will leave. Not if. Not a maybe. It will leave. their machines are not taxed at the municipal level. They do not donate to the State in any specific form other than to the Horsemen's Association; and we're not asking them not to be able to do business here. We're just simply asking for level playing; and that that really is, I mean, if I had to be honest, that's what I came to beg for. I just need help being able to compete in the industry in which I have been in for almost 20 years with a level playing field. I can't win if the other person gets four strikes and I only get two; and that's really why I'm here today. And we'd be happy to answer anyone's questions at all.

VISITORS

- Civil Rights Trail
Dr. Gary Joiner

Mr. Chavez said that he doesn't know the history of the lynching tree, Bloody Caddo, or other Shreveport history. He realized that several of his constituents also do not know the history of Shreveport, so he reached out to historian, Dr. Joiner.

Dr. Gary Joiner thanked the Commission for inviting him to today's meeting. He said that he is a professor at LSUS and the Chair of the Department of History & Social Sciences. Bloody Caddo goes back to the beginnings of reconstruction, he said. Caddo Parish was not the "chief lynching Parish" in the State, but the citizens in Caddo Parish had sort of a "herd mentality" and took justice into their own hands. Dr. Joiner also said that there were huge numbers of people who were lynched, mostly African-

American men, but there were also white men and women who were lynched. He said that Caddo Parish earned its name, "Bloody Caddo" due to the violence in Caddo Parish.

He then talked about the Civil Rights Trail. He said that there are an additional thirty-two sites, with several more to be added. He can create a map where events happened and put a QR code on it to depict what happened at that location during the Civil Rights era. Dr. Joiner volunteered LSUS for this task.

Mr. Chavez thanked Dr. Joiner for coming today and volunteering LSUS for implementing QR Codes along the Civil Rights Trail. He would like to continue this discussion in the Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know how this fit into Critical Race Theory (CRT) where issues like that been politicized. Dr. Joiner said that CRT erases everything that's been taught from the Social Theory, Economic Theory, and Political Theory. He said that it only covers one thing, and that is race. Dr. Joiner said that if the Civil Rights Trail is done correctly, it can depict the history of this Parish. Mr. Burrell said that he never even heard of the CRT until it became politicized. History is history, he said.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Regular Session Minutes July 7, 2022* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Hopkins, Jackson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (7). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson, Gage-Watts, Johnson, Jones, and Young (5).

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to englobo and adopt the following Special Resolutions:*

- *Proclamation Parks & Recreation Month*
- *Special Resolution recognizing the Shreveport Nationals 7U Baseball Team*
- *Special Resolution recognizing the Northwest Louisiana Sickle Cell Softball Tournament*

Mr. Burrell said that he's been chairing the Sickle Cell Softball Tournament for over twenty-five years. This tournament has become one of the largest tournaments in northwest Louisiana and brings over 100 teams to the area. He encouraged all to come and enjoy it.

Mr. Burrell also recognized Mrs. Gage-Watts who has a child with Sickle Cell.

- *Special Resolution of Remembrance & Respect for Shreveport City Marshal Charlie Caldwell*

Mr. Chavez asked if he could be added to this resolution. Mr. Johnson said that all of the Commissioners should be added to this resolution.

**PROCLAMATION
PARKS & RECREATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Parish of Caddo, as these programs promote health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health citizens with access to parks and recreational services; and

WHEREAS, parks & recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourage physical activities by providing space for popular sports and recreational activities, walking trails, and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles, including healthy meals, nutrition services and education; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property

values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs oversee essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change and proves fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 7th day of July, 2022 that it does hereby proclaim July, 2022 as:

'PARKS & RECREATION MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and encourage all Caddo citizens to recognize this month by enjoying services or amenities provided by Caddo Parish Parks.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION
SHREVEPORT NATIONALS 7 & UNDER BASEBALL TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission continues to note with pride and amazement of the incredible feats of athleticism, competitive spirit and perseverance exhibited by the Shreveport Nationals as they placed 2nd in the Dixie League 7u District 4 All Star Game and will go on to represent Caddo Parish in the State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Nationals went into the District 4 All-Star Championship Game with a 3-0 record and while the Ruston Americans, who were also 3-0, may have come out ahead in the Shreveport Nationals qualified for the State Tournament in Tioga, LA which begins later this week and our Nationals have something to prove and have been putting in the work to do just that; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach JW Brookshire, along with Assistant Coaches Taylor Berlin, Steven Moore and Joe Farley have led this group of talented young players through an exceptional All-Star season where they have sharpened their individual skills while focusing on their collective strength knowing that their goal is not to be the best player on the team, but to be the best player for the team; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 7th day of July, 2022, that it does hereby heartily commend and congratulate the coaches and team members of the SHREVEPORT NATIONALS for their District 4 All Star Season success, their devotion to excellence and the - pride they bring to their families and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission does wish the Shreveport Nationals the best of luck and invites all Caddo Citizens to join us in supporting and cheering on the Shreveport Nationals in the upcoming Louisiana State Tournament.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION
NORTHWEST LOUISIANA SICKLE CELL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

WHEREAS, sickle cell anemia is a complex genetic inherited blood disorder characterized by chronic anemia, episodes of debilitating pain and damage to vital organs that mostly affects people of African ancestry, but also occurs in other ethnic groups, including people who are of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern descent; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Louisiana Chapter of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America and Shreveport Public Assembly & Recreation will host the 44th annual Sickle Cell Softball Tournament on July 8th to the 10th at Cargill Park in an effort to raise funds and awareness to address and support those afflicted and effected by sickle cell disease with a goal of eventually breaking the sickle cycle; and

WHEREAS, the Sickle Cell Softball Tournament is the largest softball tournament in the South, known as the "Granddaddy of Them All" and features USA Rule Division C, D & E contests, Governor Games Sponsored Senior Division, a Men's Home Run Derby, a Women's Long Ball Derby, vendors, a Family Fun Zone, Fireworks and plenty of community fellowship, education and uplifting of those impacted by Sickle Cell disease; and

WHEREAS, this storied event would not be possible without the volunteer and professional support of community leaders from Herman Vital, to Mayor Adrian Perkins, our own Commissioner Roy Burrell, and the late Lillie Bradford; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish remains dedicated to improving the public health and awareness of conditions like Sickle Cell Disease and also supports efforts to engage citizens in healthy activities which strengthen our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 7th day of July, 2022 that it does hereby proclaim July 10th, 2022 as:

‘SICKLE CELL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT DAY’

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

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE
SHREVEPORT CITY MARSHAL CHARLIE CALDWELL**

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COMMUNIQES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Johnson provided names of several books on the history of Shreveport from an African-American perspective, *The Blacker the Berry*, *The Black Side of Shreveport*, and *The History of Southern University of Shreveport* written by Willie Burton. He also suggested inviting historian Dr. Michael Hicks to come down to the Commission. Mr. Johnson said that it is “a slap in the face” to him for inviting Dr. Gary Joiner to speak on the history of Shreveport from an African-American perspective. Mr. Johnson said that the history should be “based on the perspective of the people who were impacted the most are the ones who you should listen to, not people who were on the other side that it didn’t really bother”.

Mr. Johnson said that there were two different events that happened on the courthouse grounds. One was hangings, which were legal because a person was convicted of a crime. The lynchings were a mob of people who hung people, convicted or not, from a tree on the courthouse grounds. He said that there are documentations of lynchings, who was lynched, who did the lynching, and the time/date of the lynching. That’s a crime, he said, but those people got off scot free. Mr. Johnson said that he will bring something before the Commission in August regarding the lynching tree.

- Mr. Chavez provided a picture and a video from Poet Laureate Poetic X regarding Juneteenth. The Clerk of the Commission will share the link for the video to all of the Commissioners.

Mr. Chavez also said that he spoke with a person, who was 92 years old, and said that the lynching trees have already been cut down.

- Mr. Jackson said that the trees on the courthouse grounds were also a part of the Homeland Security assessment that was done. Dr. Wilson said that he will have to check and verify that. Mr. Jackson said that the trees keep aerial threats away, add aesthetic character, and helps cool the courthouse.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- COVID Update

Dr. Wilson said that there have been four positive COVID cases within the Caddo Parish organization, and there has been two positive COVID cases within the Caddo Parish agencies.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Atkins understands that Mr. Johnson has issues with Dr. Joiner's visit today. He didn't see any slight of hand of anything that Dr. Joiner said. He implied that there were lynchings, and the majority of the lynchings were of African Americans. Mr. Atkins is supportive of exploring the different perspectives of history, but does not want this to "become a path that divides us instead of bringing us together to move forward". Mr. Johnson understands, but would not have brought a white person in to talk about African-American history and vice versa.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES

The President of the Commission opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the following ordinance:

- Zoning Case 21-39-P, Ordinance No. 6242 of 2022, 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 north side of Wells Island Road, approximately eight hundred feet northwest of Reverse Drive Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single Family Residential District and NA, Natural Areas District to OS, Open Space District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Zoning Case 22-7-P, Ordinance No. 6243 of 2022, 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 north side of Old Mooringsport Road, approximately two thousand three hundred and fifty feet east of North Market Street, Caddo Parish, LA, from Tract A R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District to R-1-7, Single Family Residential District and Tract B from R-A, Rural Agricultural District to R-1-5, Single Family Residential District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

There being no one to speak in favor or against the zoning ordinances and cases, the President closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

The President of the Commission opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the following ordinance:

- Ordinance No. 6240 of 2022, an ordinance to adopt Section 12-27 relative to Occupational Licenses, enacting provisions regarding video poker truck stops, pari-mutuel facilities, and off-track wagering facilities, to prohibit within a certain distance from particular facilities or properties, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

Mr. Chavez wanted to know if there was anything the Commission could do to help the families who are going to be impacted by this legislation. Attorney Bernstein said that the structural differences that Mr. Hicks mentioned are set by State law. He explained that zoning could address the issue or occupational license tax. He said that the occupational license tax would probably be the most effect way to do it.

Mr. Nathan Hicks pointed out that this is the only section in Louisiana that the Legislature did this to. He said that no other parishes were granted this exemption.

Mr. Jackson does not want to do anything that is going to harm existing businesses, but understands that there are some people who are pro-business. We have to find a happy medium, he said. Attorney Bernstein explained that the way that the legislation was drafted does not reference Louisiana

Downs specifically, but that is the only racetrack that fits the legislation. From that standpoint, the next time the Legislature could address this will be next Spring. Hypothetically, this could be a done deal by then, he said.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know if they could add an 8% tax on the occupational licenses for the OTBs to level the playing field. Attorney Bernstein said that the occupational license rates are set by state statute. He said that there is rate for categories, not specific businesses. Attorney Bernstein said that he does not mind looking at it, but does not feel that it will be a fruitful endeavor.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know the distance that is currently established for schools, churches, synagogues, etc. Mr. Hicks said that they cannot be within one mile of those establishments. Attorney Bernstein said that is currently in state statute. He further explained that in the language, these restrictions do not apply to this particular license.

Mr. Hicks said that the exemption from these restrictions would allow racinos to be placed inside the city limits. He said that they cannot compete with the OTBs without the restrictions in place.

Mr. Jackson reiterated that the OTBs are exempt from the distance restrictions. Attorney Bernstein explained that OTBs opened by Louisiana Downs do not have to follow those distance restrictions based on the language in the legislation.

Mr. Jackson would like everyone to be around the table to discuss this. He also said that he would not like local government to lose the control on this matter.

Attorney Bernstein mentioned that this is Senator Mills' bill, Act 92. He further stated that they have until August 1, 2022 to apply for licensing of an off-track wagering facility.

Mr. Jackson does not feel that a state solution will take into consideration of any of the local concerns.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that this applies to the unincorporated areas of the Parish.

There being no one to speak in favor or against the ordinances, the President closed the public hearing on ordinances.

ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to englobe and adopt the following zoning cases:*

- *Zoning Case 21-39-P, Ordinance No. 6242 of 2022, 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 north side of Wells Island Road, approximately eight hundred feet northwest of Reverse Drive Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single Family Residential District and NA, Natural Areas District to OS, Open Space District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
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Mr. Jackson noted that his district is ninety percent or more in the city limits of Shreveport, but the little strip of land concerning Zoning Case 21-39-P is in the unincorporated areas.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6242 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE

ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WELLS ISLAND ROAD, APPROXIMATELY EIGHT HUNDRED FEET NORTHWEST OF REVERSE DRIVE CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM R-1-7 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND NA, NATURAL AREAS DISTRICT TO OS, OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to wit:

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located on the north side of Wells Island Road, approximately eight hundred feet northwest of Reverse Drive, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended from R-1-7 Single Family Residential District and NA, Natural Areas District to OS, Open Space District.

LOTS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, ROSE SUBN. IN SW/4 OF, SECTION 13, T18N, R14W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and FROM NE COR. OF LOT 1, ROSE SUBD., RUN N. 74 DEG. 52 MIN. 40 SEC. E. 58.04 FT., THENCE N. 82 DEG. 56 MIN. 09 SEC. E. 57.95 FT., THENCE N. 85 DEG. 11 MIN. 21 SEC. E. 58.04 FT., THENCE N. 80 DEG. 05 MIN. 30 SEC. E. 58.04 FT., THENCE N. 83 DEG. 40 MIN. 49 SEC. E. 57.91 FT., THENCE N. 0 DEG. 24 MIN. 07 SEC. W. 104.78 FT., THENCE S. 80 DEG. 30 MIN. 26 SEC. W. 115.62 FT., THENCE N. 81 DEG. 34 MIN. 35 SEC. W. 44.08 FT., THENCE S. 27 DEG. 08 MIN. 50 SEC. W. 44.86 FT., THENCE S. 05 DEG. 55 MIN. 17 SEC. W. 60.70 FT., THENCE S. 83 DEG. 52 MIN. 22 SEC. W. 84.77 FT., THENCE N. 60 DEG. 45 MIN. 08 SEC. W. TO A PT. OF INTERSECTION WITH A N'LY EXTENSION OF THE E. LINE OF SAID LOT 1, THENCE S. ALONG SAME TO P.O.B. SECTION 13, T18N, R14W; and FROM NE COR. OF LOT 1, ROSE SUBD., RUN N. 100 FT. LONG A N'LY EXTENSION OF THE E. LINE OF SAID LOT TO P.O.B., THENCE SW'LY ALONG 1995 Highbank AS SHOWN ON MAP ATTACHED TO C.B. 3058-54 TO A POINT 75 FT. N. OF NW COR. OF LOT 1, OF SAID SUBN., THENCE N. 0 DEG. 03 MIN. 23 SEC. W. 51.81 FT., THENCE N. 70 DEG. 10 MIN. 28 SEC. E. 18.05 FT., THENCE N. 73 DEG. 29 MIN. 39 SEC. E. 41.40 FT., THENCE N. 61 DEG. 14 MIN. 34 SEC. E. 116.75 FT., THENCE S. 13 DEG. 15 MIN. 26 SEC. W. 33.43 FT., THENCE N. 89 DEG. 29 MIN. 14 SEC. E. 78.87 FT., THENCE N. 67 DEG. 32 MIN. 43 SEC. E. 53.15 FT., THENCE S. 77 DEG. 47 MIN. 45 SEC. E. 41.67 FT., THENCE N. 82 DEG. 20 MIN. 43 SEC. E. 50.35 FT., THENCE N. 80 DEG. 30 MIN. 26 SEC. E. 66.13 FT., THENCE S. 0 DEG. 24 MIN. 07 SEC. E. 15.61 FT., THENCE S. 80 DEG. 30 MIN. 26 SEC. W. 115.62 FT., THENCE N. 81 DEG. 34 MIN. 35 SEC. W. 44.08 FT., THENCE S. 27 DEG. 08 MIN. 50 SEC. W. 44.86 FT., THENCE S. 05 DEG. 55 MIN. 17 SEC. W. 60.70 FT., THENCE S. 83 DEG. 52 MIN. 22 SEC. W. 84.77 FT., THENCE N. 60 DEG. 45 MIN. 08 SEC. W. TO A PT. OF INTERSECTION WITH A N'LY EXTENSION OF THE E. LINE OF SAID LOT 1, THENCE N. ALONG SAME TO P.O.B SECTION 13, T18N, R14W, Caddo Parish Louisiana.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6243 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VOLUME II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, AS AMENDED, THE CADDO PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF OLD MOORINGSPOUR ROAD, APPROXIMATELY TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED- AND FIFTY-FEET EAST OF NORTH MARKET STREET, CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM TRACT A R-A RURAL-AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT TO R-1-7, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND TRACT B FROM R-A RURAL- AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-1-5 SINGLE- FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to wit:

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located on the north side of Old Mooringsport Road, approximately two thousand three hundred- and fifty-feet east of North Market Street, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below as Tract A, be hereby amended from R-A Rural-Agricultural District to R-1-7, Single Family Residential District and Tract B, hereby amended from R-A Rural-Agricultural District to R-1-5 Single- Family Residential District:

TRACT A: THE METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN 79.6 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, LOCATED IN SECTION 30 & 31, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH – RANGE 14 WEST, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM A POINT OF BEGINNING BEING THE INTERSECTION OF THE SECTION LINE BETWEEN SECTIONS 30 AND 31 WITH THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 49 AT LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE – NORTH ZONE N 767,275.04 – E 2,870,203.12 PROCEED N 89°20'44" W, ALONG SAID SECTION LINE BETWEEN SECTION 30 AND 31, A DISTANCE OF 559.17' TO A SET ½" REBAR AND CORNER AT LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE – NORTH ZONE N 767,281.43 – E 2,869,643.99; THENCE PROCEED S 12°40'56" W, A DISTANCE OF 44.89 TO A FOUND ½" REBAR AND CORNER AT LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE – NORTH ZONE N 767,237.63 – E 2,869,634.13; THENCE PROCEED N 79°59'29" W, A DISTANCE OF 272.16' TO A POINT AND CORNER ON SAID SECTION LINE AND A FOUND ½" IRON ROD AT LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE – NORTH ZONE N 767,284.93 – E 2,869,366.12; THENCE PROCEED S 14°12'07" W A DISTANCE OF 18.74' TO A FOUND ½" REBAR AND CORNER AT LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE – NORTH ZONE N 767,267.63 – E 2,869,360.63; THENCE PROCEED N 74°01'30" W A DISTANCE OF 68.78' TO A FOUND ½" REBAR AND CORNER AT LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE – NORTH ZONE N 767,285.70 – E 2,869,295.39; THENCE CONTINUE N 74°01'30" W A DISTANCE OF 223.29' TO A SET ½" REBAR BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID 79.6 ACRE TRACT AND CORNER; THENCE PROCEED N 01°06'46" E ALONG THE WEST PROPERTY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 2,633.15' TO A SET ½" REBAR AND CORNER AT LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE – NORTH ZONE N 769,979.81 – E 2,869,131.86; THENCE PROCEED N 88°43'07" W A DISTANCE OF 226.24' TO A FOUND ½" REBAR AND CORNER AT LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE – NORTH ZONE N 769,984.87 – E 2,868,905.68; THENCE PROCEED N 00°35'47" W A DISTANCE OF 1,296.43' (TITLE = SOUTH – 1.296.8') TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID 79.6 ACRE TRACT AND A FOUND ½" REBAR AND CORNER AT LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE – NORTH ZONE N 771,281.22 – E 2,868,919.17; THENCE PROCEED S 62°38'14" E A DISTANCE OF 912.05' TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID 79.6 ACRE TRACT ON THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 49 AND A SET ½" REBAR AND CORNER AT LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE – NORTH ZONE N 770,862.02 – E 2,869,729.17; THENCE PROCEED S 09°56'54" E ALONG THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 49, A DISTANCE OF 580.37' TO A FOUND LA DOTD RIGHT OF WAY MARKER, ½" REBAR AND CORNER AT LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE – NORTH ZONE N 770,290.38 – E 2,869,829.44; THENCE CONTINUE S 07°03'52" E ALONG THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 49 A DISTANCE OF 3,038.40' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 79.6 ACRES MORE OR LESS, SAID TRACT BEING LESS AND EXCEPT AN 10.2 ACRE TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SECTION LINE BETWEEN SECTIONS 30 AND 31 WITH THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 49, PROCEED N 89°20'44" W, ALONG SAID SECTION LINE BETWEEN SECTIONS 30 AND 31, A DISTANCE OF 635.76 FEET, THENCE RUN N 07°03'52" W, A DISTANCE OF 613.57 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 120.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 82°56'08" E A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 360.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED S 82°56'08" W A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 110.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 82°56'08" E A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 135.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED S 82°56'08" W A DISTANCE OF 110.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 127.16 FEET, THENCE PROCEED S 89°02'07" W A DISTANCE OF 39.24 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 01°06'46" E A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 47°09'24" E A DISTANCE OF 93.97 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 82°56'08" E A DISTANCE OF 15.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 50°39'36" E A DISTANCE OF 112.36 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED S

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TRACT B: THE METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN 10.2 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, LOCATED IN SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH – RANGE 14 WEST, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SECTION LINE BETWEEN SECTIONS 30 AND 31 WITH THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 49, PROCEED N 89°20'44" W, ALONG SAID SECTION LINE BETWEEN SECTIONS 30 AND 31, A DISTANCE OF 635.76 FEET, THENCE RUN N 07°03'52" W, A DISTANCE OF 613.57 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 120.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 82°56'08" E A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 360.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED S 82°56'08" W A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 110.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 82°56'08" E A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 135.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED S 82°56'08" W A DISTANCE OF 110.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 127.16 FEET, THENCE PROCEED S 89°02'07" W A DISTANCE OF 39.24 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 01°06'46" E A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 47°09'24" E A DISTANCE OF 93.97 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 82°56'08" E A DISTANCE OF 15.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 50°39'36" E A DISTANCE OF 112.36 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED S 82°56'08" W A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 29°41'03" W A DISTANCE OF 65.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 82°56'08" E A DISTANCE OF 15.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 15°33'20" E A DISTANCE OF 65.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 250.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 32°44'04" E A DISTANCE OF 78.10 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE PROCEED S 82°56'08" W A DISTANCE OF 58.14 FEET, THENCE PROCEED N 07°03'52" W A

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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 become effective ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

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

ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that Ordinance No. 6240 of 2022, an ordinance to adopt Section 12-27 relative to Occupational Licenses, enacting provisions regarding video poker truck stops, pari-mutuel facilities, and off-track wagering facilities, to prohibit within a certain distance from particular facilities or properties, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be postponed until the August 4th Regular Session.

Mr. Jackson wants to come up local solutions on this. He would like to give an opportunity to have a conversation on this.

Mr. Hopkins said that there are concerns on all sides. He is willing to postponing this ordinance to the first meeting in August. Attorney Bernstein pointed out that they have until August 1 to apply for an off-track license. Mr. Hopkins wanted to know how the postponement would affect that. Attorney Bernstein said that they may have their license in place prior to the Commission adopting this ordinance.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know if the Commission needs to pass a 90 day moratorium. Attorney Bernstein said that would require legislation, and that is not currently before the Commission to consider. He suggested adopting the ordinance before them, then possibly coming back to amend the ordinance in August.

Mr. Chavez requested a memo from Attorney Bernstein with regards to the Parish "netting zero taxes" on the OTBs and assess that tax to level the playing field.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that Louisiana Downs is in Bossier Parish. Mr. Hopkins said that the off-track betting sites would be in Caddo Parish. Mr. Johnson wanted to know how many OTBs would be in place by August 1. Attorney Bernstein pointed out that it is acquiring the license, not building the building. He further explained that they have until August 1 to apply for the license. Mr. Johnson pointed out that a Special Meeting could be called on the week of July 25.

Amendment by Mr. Jackson to direct the Administration not to accept applications prior to August 1, 2022. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Attorney Bernstein said that if someone applies, Administration has to respond to it. He explained that Administration does not have the ability to refuse to grant the occupational license if someone applies for it. He further explained that Administration does not have the grounds to deny an application. Mr. Jackson disagreed and said that it is an administrative matter.

Substitute motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Ordinance No. 6240 of 2022 be postponed to a Special Meeting scheduled for July 28, 2022.*

Mr. Hopkins said that this will provide an opportunity for the Commission to hear the other side and bring everyone to the table.

Mr. Chavez said that he will not be available on July 28. He also pointed out that the Commission can amend the language of the body of the ordinance.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (7). NAYS: Commissioner Chavez (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jones, and Young (4).

ZONING ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Zoning Case 22-1-CTAP, Ordinance No. 6244 of 2022, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, to extend the notification area for mailed notices, to establish the provisions for the Neighborhood Participation Plan, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Zoning Case 22-11-P, Ordinance No. 6245 of 2022, 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 north side of North Lakeshore Drive at the intersection of Fairlane Circle, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single-Family Residential Zoning District to R-A, Rural-Agricultural Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 6246 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2022 to provide an additional appropriation for Robinson's Rescue and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Work Session Minutes July 5, 2022 be ratified.* Motion carried.

COMMUNIQUES AND REPORTS

- Mr. Johnson requested the funding amount that the Parish gives the Sheriff's Office. He wants to know what is requested from the Sheriff's Office, what is mandated, and what is given to the Sheriff's Office. He requested that this information be from Fiscal Year 2021.

Mr. Johnson also requested the judgement from Stephanie Lynch v. The Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Johnson then talked about guns. He said that the person who killed several people in Highland Park over July Fourth Weekend had several magazines. In Virginia, there were two men who were arrested with assault rifles and over 200 rounds of ammunition. There was also a rolling gun battle on Jewella in Shreveport, which resulted in one death. He said that "people are dying left and right", and something needs to be done. Mr. Johnson does not understand the need to have more than twenty rounds loaded in a gun driving on public roads. He said that the gun violence is getting out of hand, and there is "no bulletproof bubble" in this Parish.

- Mr. Jackson received the documents from CCC. Ms. Rico said that she forwarded the information directly from the Sheriff's Accounting Office.

Mr. Jackson then wanted to know if white nationalists or black nationalists decided they were going to have a demonstration at the courthouse tomorrow, would Administration grant the permit. Dr. Wilsons said that he would have to grant it because he has to follow the law and procedures. He said that

he would grant it as long they are properly permitted. Mr. Jackson disagreed and said that the Administrator has a level of discretion. Attorney Bernstein explained denying one person's permit for doing something on the courthouse grounds and granting another person's permit is the First Amendment. He further stated that the First Amendment overrides the Parish's policies. Attorney Bernstein said that is government violating a person's First Amendment rights.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Late Arrivals)

Brian White came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Thank you, sir. I do want to note something that was said. People will abide by the law. No, honest people will abide by the law. As is already noted, murder is illegal. Homicide is illegal. Automatic fire inside the city limits is illegal. Concealed weapon without a permit is illegal. Drive-by shootings are illegal. Which brings us to the fact that, right now, we are not doing certain things on my property, because we are honest, law abiding citizens. Which, again, brings us to the request to please amend Section 3248. Particularly in front of you right now, with regards to the law, in discharge of firearm Section C is what I would ask to please be removed from this ordinance. And I say that, in particular, because you will note at the bottom, with regards to law, the State Law reference, illegal use of weapons or dangerous instruments, is covered by the Revised Statutes 1494. As you turn to that on the next page, you'll note that the illegal use of weapons or dangerous instrumentalities is punishable based on interpretation of what those illegal, or carrying or discharge of weapons, are quite heavily at the State level. I just want to highlight that. That the punishment for illegal or dangerous use of weapons is already covered by State law. The removal or the penalty for acting irresponsibly is present in State law. The sections ordinance further restricts that beyond simply individual responsibility and puts limits that could be defined as not being necessary. As his noted, honest people will follow the law, and they do whenever that is brought to their attention to include myself. I do want to real quick bring up positive encouragement to your note 6245. I am, in 2022, I am in close proximity to that piece of property and I do support that. And a thank you to Mr. Alan Clark previously for some assistance that he granted to myself and others in navigating the process through the Metropolitan Planning Commission and the Caddo Planning Commission. It is my opinion, as my seconds count down here, that unification not highlighting division must be the theme in all that you do to address the racist problem that you are targeting with many of your events here. Dangerous theories in order to showcase history through can be very dangerous. As an analyst, we are taught and hounded upon to ensure that what we present is as truthful and as clear of bias as humanly possible. Any individual that presents truth from a perspective other than unbiased opinion is not doing his job; and culture and upbringing can taints that view. If you took a doctor who was in the hospital all the time, he would, you know, if you asked him for an opinion it would be that everybody is sick. You have to alleviate yourself from that perspective and gain a wider insight. Truth must simply be that. Truth.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk


John E. Atkins
President