

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
OF THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 6th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Jones (3).

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Martha Merrick came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good afternoon. My name is Martha Marak. My address is 285-do I need to give my address? 285 Mount Zion Road Shreveport LA. I am the Executive Director of the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana and with me are two of our board members, our board Chair Lamar Pugh and our Vice Chairman Julie Blewer, and I am here for a couple of reasons. First of all, I want to, of course, thank Caddo Parish for their support over the many years. But I believe later today for your consideration is going to be the authorization of a special resolution recognizing September as hunger awareness or action month and for the work of the Food Bank. I have had the pleasure of being the Executive Director of Food Bank for many years and this year marks our 25th anniversary of providing this service to the community. And we are honored to be able to do this work for, not only Caddo Parish, but for all of northwest Louisiana. Hunger action month is a month that focuses and creates awareness of hunger issues in our community. Many of you know you have worked shoulder to shoulder with me and our team to distribute food in Caddo Parish. We understand the issue of hunger in our community. Many seniors, children, it's all ages suffer from food insecurity. And September we want to bring awareness to these hunger issues. And we're asking citizens of really the whole United States, because all food banks join together to create this focus of food awareness and food insecurity. So, we're grateful for your consideration for the resolution. Just a little more information about the Food Bank. I feel like you all know. I feel like I'm among friends among all of you, but last year we were privileged to distribute 15 million pounds of food that had a retail value of over \$20 million. And a lot of that work is done because of you folks right here who continue to support us and believe in the work that we do. And we do that. A lot of it we distribute ourselves, but we partner with many, many organizations that help us get food to the folks that need it. These organizations are over 150 organizations partner with us. These are soup kitchens, homeless shelters, church, food pantries, even organizations like Shreveport Green who has gotten into the food space by creating mobile markets to get even help us get mobile food out into the community. And really it takes us all working collectively and together to reach all of the individuals. Across northwest Louisiana the Food Bank reaches 75,000 individuals and 42,000 of those are here just in Caddo Parish. So, hunger is real. It's a huge issue and we are so delighted to be able to offer that service to Caddo Parish, not just during the pandemic but beyond. We've got some real challenges. Food is very, very difficult for us to find. What you see in the grocery store is kind of the same challenges we're having, but we're committed to solving hunger and we thank you so much for your consideration.

Richard Friday came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good afternoon you all. My name is Richard Friday. I live at 4645 Rice Road Shreveport LA 71119. I'm here to discuss Rice Road recent addition of a mobile home, a trailer within the last week that was pulled out there. Me and my wife built our home on Rice Road in December 2019. At that time, the realtor that was selling land out there along with the neighbors out there told us that previously they had met in 2014 and it was decided that no mobile homes would be allowed on Rice Road. At this time, there is a trailer out there. The applicant submitted an application for a modular home. I'm an old country boy. I know an old double wide mobile home when I see one. This is not a modular home. This trailer is going to devalue the properties in the area and it takes away from the character of the neighborhood. To me there are two issues. First of all, are trailer homes allowed out there? If the present structure is indeed a modular home. Or why is it indeed a trailer home? I guess what I'm saying they falsified that application which is not to self-procure. I have photos about the trailer. There are blocks under the trailer and there are two tongues under each one of the sections. I guess where somebody could hook up easily and move the trailers. Regardless, why did the applicant apply for a modular home and put a trailer home out there? Again, this does not seem right to me. My proposal, since they got these two tongues where you can hook up and move it, have them hook up and move it. I know that's a little harsh, but what can I say? Again, basically, the presence of this trailer detracts from the neighborhood. Again, I'm in the fourth quarter of my life. I don't want to fight for every dollar that I have invested in this property, but I will do it. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Gregory Turner came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good evening. You guys doing all right? Okay. I'm here for the same reason Mr. Friday's here for. We build a home out on Rice Road. During the time that we purchased the land, we were told about previous problem they had with trying to put up a mobile home park out there. The person that sold

us the land is D. Davis came from her that there could be no mobile homes out there. So, I wouldn't have bought a property that I knew that would have mobile homes across, and in front and a way from my house. But we know its going to depreciate the value of our home. So, I'm here with for that purpose. Thank you guys.

VISITORS

- Final Legislative Session Report
Rochelle Michaud Dugas
Sherri Smith Buffington

Ms. Dugas came before the Commission and gave an update on the 2022 Legislative Session:

The 85-day Regular Session of the 2022 Louisiana Legislature adjourned at 5:34 PM on Monday, June 6th. On the heels of Adjournment Sine Die, Governor John Bel Edwards put Legislators on notice for a Special Session. Lawmakers will return to Baton Rouge much earlier than the next Regular Session of the 2023 Louisiana Legislature which is scheduled to convene on Monday, April 10, 2023. In the final hours of the Session as Legislators were wrapping up, they received news that their congressional redistricting plan was struck down. Federal Judge Shelly Dick found the Legislature's maps limited representation of Louisiana's one-third Black population to just one of its six U.S. House seats. The 157-page ruling details racial discrimination. Moreover, Judge Dick states a new map with at least two minority congressional districts must be redrawn and submitted by June 20th. At his post-Session presser, Governor Edwards announced he would issue a call quickly for the Second Extraordinary Session of the 2022 Louisiana Legislature expressly to redraw the maps as per the decree of Judge Dick. True to his word, by Proclamation No. 89 JBE 2022, Governor Edwards issued a six-calendar day Special Session beginning at noon on Wednesday, June 15th and ending no later than 6:00 PM on June 20, 2022. Lawmakers have already filed an appeal within the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans. Also, on June 6th, Louisiana received a message from the White House in regard the passage of Louisiana's "extreme bill" to criminalize abortion with no exceptions. Senator Katrina Jackson's SB 342 (with 48 co-authors) prohibits and restricts abortion with no exceptions for rape or incest and punishes reproductive healthcare professionals with up to ten years in prison and fine not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000. Louisiana is one of 13 states with trigger laws to make abortion illegal if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe Vs. Wade, and SB 342 adds criminalization. The passage of this legislation leads to the cancellation of the nation's largest OB-GYN organization's conference in New Orleans. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists canceled their annual clinical and scientific meeting for Spring 2023 in NOLA which attracts an average of 4,000 attendees. Many individuals, groups and organizations are encouraging the Governor to veto this measure including U.S. Congressman Troy Carter and sixteen Democratic State Representatives. Laden with controversial issues along with partisan politics, the high note of this Session was the crafting of a transformative state budget. Louisiana's FY 2022-2023 unprecedented \$47 Billion plus state budget ensures that no one-time money will be spent on reoccurring expenses as well as pays down state debt, invests significantly in infrastructure, and funds education and healthcare. Significant efforts made by Lawmakers were made in the budget to pay down debt and address savings including \$500 Million to the Unemployment Trust Fund, \$400 Million to the New Orleans Levee debt, \$226 Million in FEMA Storm Recovery, \$175 Million in Rainy Day Fund and \$79 Million in retirement debt.

A robust investment in infrastructure and transportation was also included in the FY 2022-2023 state budget which begins July 1, 2022. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been earmarked in funding for local roads, bridge repair and construction in parishes across the state. Highlights include \$450 Million in water/sewer system upgrades, \$300 Million for the building of a new Mississippi Bridge in Baton Rouge, \$200 Million for the I-10 Bridge in Lake Charles, \$12.5 Million for the Commuter Rail Project, \$100 Million for I-19 South, \$120 Million for coast projects, road preservation \$100 Million and \$33 Million for Hurricane Ida recovery. Additionally, SB 277 by Senate President Page Cortez steers 75% of the funds from the motor vehicle sales tax to the Construction Sub fund of the Transportation Trust Fund. Much time and effort were dedicated to the restructuring healthcare funding for hospitals across the state. On Sunday evening with only about 24 hours until adjournment Sine Die, Representatives voted 98-0 to concur with the amended version of HCR 8 by House Speaker Clay Schexnayder. HCR 8 provides for the Hospital Stabilization Formula, and authorizes the new Direct Payment Program methodology. With an increase of hospital provider assessments, the State is able to draw down additional federal match funds which begets greater supplemental payments to hospitals without any additional cost to the state. Upon approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) which the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) anticipates, the expanded self-assessment will generate more adequate payments to hospitals. At this time, the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget must then procedurally move the funds to the state budget by BA-7. Legislators focused efforts towards increasing the funding of education. Additional funding will hopefully aid in moving Louisiana from the 48th ranking education. More than 170 education related bills were introduced. Early childhood education received a boost of \$84 Million. K-12 Public School employee pay raises totaled \$14.8 Million including \$1,500 teacher pay raises and \$750 for school support workers. This is the fifth teacher pay raise in Edwards' two terms. Higher education also received new dollars totaling \$159 Million along with dedicated funds for infrastructure and campuses across the State. In addition to their work on the historic

and monumental budget, an array of hot topic items Lawmakers debated include transgender issues, tax reform, gun laws, COVID-19, vaccines, Russian sanctions, abortion, renewable and green energy initiatives, critical infrastructure, broadband access, roads, bridges, rail and transportation improvements, economic development, coastal restoration, human trafficking, litter, industrial hemp, cannabis, and medical marijuana. Over 2300 legislative instruments were introduced this Session. Close to 300 bills have become ACTs by the Governor's action. Several hundred more Senate and House bills remain on his desk for consideration. Over 500 resolutions have passed favorable, and are on their way to the Secretary of State's Office.

Again, this year, legislation to ban transgender athlete participation in sports in Louisiana passed. Senate President Pro Tempore Beth Mizell's SB 44 prohibits schools from disbanding women and girls' sports programs in favor of mixed gender teams in order to avoid excluding transgender athletes. Governor Edwards who vetoed a similar measure last year, chose not to veto SB 44 this year. The governor acknowledged that he feels there is no need for this measure yet the Legislature has the votes to override his veto on this bill, and the measure would become law regardless. SB 44 becomes ACT 283 of the Regular Session of the 2022 Louisiana Legislature. Speaker Clay Schexnayder's HB 681 (Constitutional Amendment) to streamline state and local sales tax collections died on the calendar. The measure to modernize Louisiana's complex local sales tax collection and bring it in line with the rest of the country failed for the second year in a row. Numerous Constitutional Amendments were favorably passed. Due to the large number of pending amendments for voters to consider, the Secretary of State has officially requested that the items be split into two ballots. On the November 8th ballot voters will decide on some of the proposed amendments and on December 10th the remaining will be considered. (More details on the proposed constitutional amendments respective ballot dates upon publication.) Coronavirus and related-matters did not go away, and several members of the Legislature were infected during the Session. Dozens of legislative instruments focused on COVID-19 requirements and vaccine mandates (pro & anti) were introduced. Few of the proposals successfully made their way to final passage. We will watch to see which, if any, Governor Edwards signs and/or vetoes. HB 54 by Representative Larry Bagley creates the crime of discrimination based on vaccination status passed favorably and awaits action of the governor. An increase in gun violence and school shootings prompted much debate and the filing of legislative instruments. Proposals to remove concealed carry handgun permitting and training requirements, increased penalties for crimes committed with firearms, criminal penalties for illegal carrying of firearms, and others were considered. HB 37 by Representative Danny McCormick which proposed to remove training and permitting of concealed carry firearms failed. Therefore, there will be no changes in Louisiana's current permitted conceal carry handgun laws this year. With the latest surge of tragic school shootings, we will continue to see an increase in efforts to address state and federal laws in regard to the 2nd Amendment, gun control, gun safety and other gun-related concerns. Proposed measures to address Critical Infrastructure, Cybersecurity, Homeland Security and Capitol Security were discussed and debated. SCR 14 by Senator Franklin Foil establishes the Cybersecurity Rehabilitation Task Force which becomes effective August 15, 2022. SB 472 by Senator Barry Milligan was amended heavily, and creates the "Transparency in Ownership of Critical Infrastructure Law". Passed favorably as amended, the pending law is similar to recent legislation adopted in Texas and provides for certain prohibitions on contracts with certain foreign-owned companies expressly for critical infrastructure defined as communication infrastructure system, cybersecurity system, electric grid, hazardous waste treatment system or water treatment facility. HB 581 by Representative Vinnie St Blanc, now ACT 52, provides relative to the Louisiana Underground Utilities & Facilities Damage Prevention Law changing the time frame from 4 hours to 2 hours notification for emergency excavation and gubernatorial declared State of Emergency. SB 490 by Senate President Page Cortez creates a new \$2 Million plus Capitol Security Council and provides for enhanced security at the State Capitol.

Louisiana is one of the 37 states in which Medical marijuana is legal. While illegal in Louisiana, recreational marijuana is legal today in 19 states. Close to 30 legislative instruments were introduced in regard to medical marijuana, cannabis products, industrial hemp, decriminalization of possession in Louisiana and a plethora of related drug matters. Many proposals failed yet some measures did survive the legislative process, and have made it to the desk of the governor. HB 697 by House Speaker Pro Tempore Tanner Magee reforms state regulations of medical marijuana including transferring the licensure and regulation from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry to the Louisiana Department of Health. It also provides for additional satellite dispensaries for current licensees. HB 697 is on the desk of Governor Edwards. Industrial hemp and consumable hemp products were addressed in HB 758 by House Speaker Clay Schexnayder. HB 758 provides for the regulation of hemp and its use, and passed. It, too, and awaits the governor's action. HR 269 by Representative Mandy Landry creates the Employment and Medical Marijuana Task Force specifically to study the policies regarding employment and medical marijuana. The findings of this House Resolution shall be submitted by February 1, 2023. We remain on "veto watch" to see what action the governor makes on the bills on his desk. By law, the governor has 10 days to act on bills he received while the Legislature is in Session and 20 days to act on bills he receives after the adjournment of Session. Unless Lawmakers vote this month to cancel the automatic Veto Override Session, they would return to the Capitol on July 16th for such session. Only time will tell if there will be a 3rd Veto Session of Governor Edwards' term. The June 16th meeting of the House Special Committee to inquire into the Circumstances and Investigation of the Death of Ronald Greene which Governor John Bel Edwards and his staff were scheduled to attend has been postponed. The postponement is due to the 2nd Extraordinary Session of the 2022 Louisiana Legislature to redraw Louisiana's congressional districts scheduled to begin on June 15th.

Mrs. Buffington came before the Commission and gave an update on redistricting. Legislators are required to redraw districts according to the census data, and they have to follow mandatory federal requirements based on the Federal Voting Rights Act. Parts of redistricting include majority minority population, communities of interest consideration, meeting allowable variances and population per district, and of course, geographic boundaries, as well as compactness of the district. The 2020 census data showed that Louisiana had a 2.7% increase 2010, and a total population of 4.7 million. However, the growth and population across America increased by 7.4%. During that same decade, Louisiana was the only three states that grew by less than 5% 45 of Louisiana 64 parishes lost population. Significant to the population transnationally rural America lost residents while metropolitan suburbs tended to gain that population. North and central parts of the state saw population fall by 3.7% Since 2010, Caddo parish had an 8.8 population decrease with the Shreveport measure metro area falling by 3%. In sharp contrast, South Louisiana saw the bulk of population increases. New Orleans had the largest increase at 6.9%. Not one Senate District north of I-10 grew in population, resulting in Senate District 37 being moved to the north shore. The takeaway here will be that North Louisiana is going to feel the effects of these losses in direct and indirect ways. The direct impact will be the loss of two districts. Indirectly, that will mean fewer committee assignments, smaller Northwest Louisiana delegation, and these compounds the historic struggle of North Louisiana's competition with South Louisiana for appropriations, capital outlay projects and influence. The population shifts are also expected to affect calculations of federal revenue sharing allocations by the state.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if there was an independent analysis done by the State to give answers as to the population loss. Ms. Buffington said that there are organizations who are tracking these trends. The more important questions to her are: what is the age group that is leaving Louisiana? And why are they leaving?

Mr. Burrell then talked about orphaned wells. He feels that the local governments should have more input in the process, especially since Caddo Parish is one of the parishes with the most orphaned wells.

Mr. Epperson suggested that the legislative priorities be submitted to the lobbyist well in advance.

Mr. Young talked about the Sales & Use Tax. He wanted to know if there is a plan in place for local municipalities to get their fair share of online revenues if it processed in Baton Rouge first. Mrs. Buffington said that this is an ongoing conversation throughout the State and the nation. He then asked if he were to buy something on Amazon and there is a sales tax of \$5, where does that money go. Dr. Wilson stated that it goes to the Parish's Sales & Use Tax. Mr. Young then wanted to know if there has been a decrease in sales tax due to online sales. Dr. Wilson said that he will need to research that and provide the answers at a later time.

What were Caddo Parish's wins, Mr. Chavez asked. Mrs. Buffington said that there were several wins, and they were able to stop a "few little hiccups along the way". Mr. Chavez understands. He also talked about centralized taxes. He said that there has been debate and discussion regarding standardizing and creating a central tax collection place.

Mr. Atkins asked about the Southern University Law Center. Mrs. Buffington said that there is not a great deal of movement regarding this project. She further stated that there were significant investments made in all areas of education, K-12 and higher education. She also cautioned that those monies may not be available next year.

Mr. Atkins encouraged the lobbyists to reach out and work on the Caddo Commission's priorities, then report back on the Commission's priorities. Dr. Wilson understands and suggested to put the list together well in advance. Mrs. Buffington said that it is a timing process. She also mentioned that the Legislature begins in November. She further suggested that the priorities be given to the lobbyist by early fall.

Mr. Burrell talked about broadband. He said that larger providers are now complaining with regards to the grants. Ms. Dugas said that there is litigation involved, so there is little that can be done until the litigation is settled. Mr. Burrell asked that Administration stay on top of this issue.

- Shreveport City Marshal James Jefferson

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to advance Shreveport City Marshal, James Jefferson, to Thursday's agenda for Visitor. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- American Millennium Project
Chris Chandler

Mr. Chandler gave an update on his non-profit, The American Millennium Project, which teaches local history and culture to the local communities. The clubs will be available to middle school and high school students in Caddo Parish. Mr. Chandler will take these students on historical tours through the Parish to learn about the history of Caddo. He is not requesting funding this year. He said that he will prove that this project works.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know if the School Board will allow the students to leave for field trips. Mr. Chandler said that they will be going on two full day excursions throughout the school year.

- Rice Road
Robert Wyandon

Mr. Wyandon came before the Commission regarding a zoning case for a modular home to be put on Rice Road. Mr. Wyandon and the residents of Rice Road do not feel that this type of home meets the character of the neighborhood. They are concerned that it will bring the property values down.

Mr. Epperson wanted to know if he has spoken with Mr. Ward and Mr. Clark. He suggested that he speak with both of these gentlemen and explain in detail the reasons for his concerns. Mr. Epperson also told him to check to make sure they have proper permitting.

Mr. Wyandon also stated that there was no notification where the residents of Rice Road could see it.

Mr. Young wanted to know the address for the property in question. Mr. Wyandon said that it is 4685 Rice Road.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know when the request for the modular was put in. Mr. Wyandon said that it was May 31, 2022. It was issued on June 21, 2022. Mr. Chavez then wanted to know if this is within the five-mile buffer zone.

Mr. Clark stated that he would like to clear up any misinformation. The home is a modular home and was verified by the MPC staff. He also mentioned that if it were a manufactured home on an acre or more land, the property owner has the right to put it on there based on their zoning. He also explained that there is no need for notification nor a neighborhood participation program because of the zoning.

Mr. Wyandon said that the property owner owns thirty acres, and if they were able to put one mobile home on an acre lot, then they could put thirty mobile homes on the property. Mr. Clark said that would require actions by the PZC, and a mobile home park would have to be approved. Mr. Wyandon also said that if the property were to sell each of the acres, those new property owners could put trailers on each of the acre lots because it is a use by right. He is concerned with this affecting their property values.

Mr. Young wanted to know if the mobile home is visible from the road. Mr. Wyandon said that it is.

Mr. Johnson asked for the definition of a modular home and a mobile home, by definition of the UDC. Mr. Clarke said that a modular home follows the International Residential Building Code; a manufactured home follows the HUD Code. Mr. Johnson said that a mobile home is a home that comes in with a hitch on, then it is a mobile home.

Mr. Johnson suggested that the residents draft a covenant to determine which houses are acceptable which ones are not.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if the thirty acres was a part of the subdivision. Mr. Clark said that it is.

- Town of Greenwood Alderman

Mr. Atkins provided the following letter to the Commissioners that he received from the Town of Greenwood's Mayor Pro Temp, Brad Edwards:

Dear Caddo Parish Commissioners,

The Town of Greenwood is in receipt of an email and request to attend the commission meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 from Caddo Parish Commissioner District 13, Ken Epperson. I am unable to attend the meeting today. As I am sure you are aware, the Louisiana Department of Health is the regulatory body which monitors and helps ensure water quality statewide. Please be advised that since the low chlorine issues at two dead-end water pipes which were explained at the last commission meeting, the town of

Greenwood ("Greenwood") has received no notices of violations from the Louisiana Department of Health. Further, Greenwood is in the process of evaluating its water system and exploring possible upgrades which could help avoid the brown water issues it experienced this summer because of the high temperatures and lack of rain, as explained at the last meeting. Please allow this email to serve as the requested update. Greenwood will be in contact with the Caddo Commission once we have completed our evaluation concerning upgrades. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please feel free to give me or Veronica Brown a call.

I am also providng this email to John Atkins to read at the meeting to serve as an update to the entire Caddo Commission. Thank you.

*Sincerely,
Brad Edwardes
Mayor Pro Temp*

Josephine Robinson- District 1, Justin Davis- District 2, Dickie Doughty- District 3, Brad S. Ewardes- District 4, and Jodi Larsen- Alderman At-Large

- Master Plan Update

Mr. Clark said that they are waiting for the Commission's actions for the Master Plan. He said that a permanent board needs to be put in place first. Some of the topics to be discussed is monitoring short-term rentals in the Parish, 18-wheeler parking, etc.

Mr. Young wanted to know if there have been any complaints with regards to short-term rentals in the Parish. Mr. Clark said that there has not been any. Mr. Young then asked who would enforce loud/noisy tenants at short-term rentals in the Parish. Mr. Clark explained that the property owner would be contact first, then it would be the Sheriff's Office. He then wanted to know the cost to register a short-term rental. Mr. Clark said it is approximately \$120 per year.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if 18-wheelers are able to park in subdivisions. Mr. Clark said that they are not. He also mentioned that concrete and asphalt are cost-prohibitive at this time, but there are alternative approaches to doing parking lots that would accommodate the weight and fluid leakage from the 18 wheelers.

Mr. Chavez suggested that the Caddo Parish Commission provide a space, if available, for 18-wheelers to park their rigs. He said that the drivers can sign a hold harmless wavier prior to using the space.

Mr. Chavez then asked about the 500 feet ratio. Mr. Clark said that the 500 feet ratio was put in place to separate the short-term rentals so that there would not be a negative impact on a residential subdivision.

Mr. Jackson said that short-term residentials are essentially a business. Mr. Clark said that there are mixed reviews on that. They do not have to have commercial zoning. Mr. Jackson then wanted to know if these rentals are taxed. Mr. Clark said that there are continuing conversations regarding the short-term rentals and the occupancy taxes.

Mr. Jackson also talked about 18-wheelers being parked in neighborhoods. He said that there is an aesthetic concern, noise concern, as well as an infrastructure concern because the neighborhood streets cannot handle the weights of 18-wheelers.

Mr. Taliaferro wanted to know what the registration fees for the short-term rentals are being used for. Mr. Clark said that it is for the process of registering, monitoring, and ensuring that compliance occurs with the short-term rentals.

Mr. Johnson clarified that short-term rentals are AirBnB's or VRBOs. He then wanted to know if the MPC is looking at other cities who have short-term rentals. Mr. Clark said that they are. He also said that the current ordinance is not restrictive. It just requires that they are registered, not cluttered, and that they follow simple use standards.

He then talked about 18-wheelers. He said that transportation is very important to this economy. Mr. Johnson said that if a person buys a piece of property that is not tied to a neighborhood, then they should be allowed to park their 18-wheelers there. He understands not being able to park in a neighborhood. Mr. Clark said that if a person buys a piece of land and would like to park their truck, then they would need to fill out a rezoning application. He further explained that there has to be adequate space for 18-wheeler parking.

Mr. Clark also said that the MPC has a detailed website with regards to zoning. He further stated that staff is also available to answer any questions.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- *Juvenile Detention*

Dr. Wilson said that there are twenty-two children in the Detention Center; five of which are OJJ. There are nine 17-year olds, and seven children at CCC.

He also said that there will be a capital project at the detention center in the next few weeks due a fire marshal requirement. One pod will be shut down for at least eight weeks.

- *COVID*

Dr. Wilson also mentioned that there were three positive cases within the Caddo Parish agencies. He also said that there has been one positive cases within the Caddo Parish Administration. He also reported zero monkey pox cases.

- *Veterans Center*

Dr. Wilson announced that the Veterans Center has been rebuilt and plans to have a ribbon cutting on September 19. He will provide details as the become available.

COMMISSION REMARKS

- Mr. Young asked for an update on the tranquilizer guns. Mr. Samuel said that the guns are here, and the policies have been drafted. He said that they are in Legal right now to be perused. Mr. Young wanted to know if the guns could be used today. Mr. Samuel said that they cannot be used today because the drugs used in the guns need to be diluted. Mr. Young said that there is a pack of dogs terrorizing people in his neighborhood and would like the guns to be deployed in his neighborhood this week.

Mr. Samuel also said that CPSO and SPD have to be notified prior to being deployed.

- Mr. Burrell said that he submitted a report of a white pitbull on 3329 Sunset Drive where Councilman Bowman ended up breaking his ankle on it. Mr. Samuel said that the dog was at-large and now has the dog contained.

Mr. Burrell then wanted to know if the Food Bank moved. Ms. Merrick said that they have moved to Mt. Zion Road. She also said that the new building increased their refrigeration and freezer space so they can distribute healthier foods. She also said that they are working with Mt. Canaan Baptist Church who is also distributing food to the citizens.

- Mr. Chavez suggested that the Food Bank work with Five Loaves and Two Fish to distribute food.

- Mr. Johnson said that North Lakeshore Drive is splitting. He also asked about the expansion of Roy Road. Lastly, he mentioned that the roads are dirty. He's had six finishing nails in his tires within the past few months. Mr. Johnson asked that the roads be cleaned up.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to englobo and move the following items to Thursday's agenda for consideration:*

- *Zoning Case 22-18-P, in regards to Ordinance No. 6256 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 North Lakeshore Drive, approximately one thousand and seven hundred feet east of Pine Island Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1-7 Single Family Residential Zoning District to R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Zoning Case 22-19-P, in regards to Ordinance No. 6257 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 south side of Kay Lane, approximately eight hundred and seventy-five feet east of Youree Drive, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Rural-Agricultural Zoning District to I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.*
- *Ordinance No. 6258 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to provide an appropriation for Caddo Council on Aging, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

- *Resolution No. 43 of 2022, a resolution supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans in Caddo Parish, Louisiana be moved to Thursday's agenda for consideration.*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition & Appreciation for the TBL National Champions, The Shreveport Mavericks*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Grambling State University President Rick Gallot*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for Northwestern State University President Marcus Jones*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing September as Hunger Awareness Month and appreciating the efforts of the NWLA Food Bank*
- *Special Resolution Recognizing September as National Sickle Cell Awareness Month*
- *Authorize Administration to create a request for proposals for Amazon TIF planning*
- *Authorize Tax Board of Review Presentation from Assessor Charles Henington, Jr.*
- *Authorize Sherron Bihm of Robinson's Rescue as a Visitor for Thursday*
- *Authorize approval of Commissioner travel reimbursement to Louisiana Broadband Summit*
- *Authorize the adoption of the recommendations of the Alcoholic Beverage Committee for selling to underage persons during its September 6th, 2022 Meeting*
- *Authorize discussion of orphan wells*
- *Authorize use of already approved funding for ARP for Jerry Stephens Boxing event to be held in November*

Mr. Johnson wanted to know if keeping the R-1-7 zoning would prohibit the person from putting a mobile home on their property. Mr. Clarke said that they would need to get a special use permit to do so. He further said that the property owners would like their large tract of land to be reverted back to Rural Agriculture. Mr. Clark further suggested that mobile homes in the Parish might need to be by special exception use.

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

COMMUNIQUES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The Clerk of the Commission stated that Thursday's Regular Session will contain an appeal of the recent decision of the Animal Services Board regarding a recent decision which has been appealed by the owners of the animal, the O'Dell.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (Late Arrivals)

CONSENT AGENDA

- *Ordinance No. 6249 of 2022, ordinance amending the 2022 Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Outlay and Oil and Gas Funds and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

- *Ordinance No. 6254 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Oil and Gas Fund to appropriate funds for Remembrance Garden at the Caddo Parish Courthouse and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No 6251 of 2022, an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 6200 of 2022, relative to a Parish Planning and Zoning Commission, to provide for its permanent status and membership, to provide for its authority, to remove the termination date; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6252 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the E Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund for the year 2022 to appropriate funds received from the U.S. Treasury in the amount of \$1,207,096 for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6255 of 2022, an ordinance to close and abandon a portion of the dedication for an unnamed road in the Parish of Caddo and otherwise provide with respect thereto*

At this time, there was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the Commission adjourned at 5:07 p.m.


Assistant Commission Clerk

ADJOURN:

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