

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 22nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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, Epperson, Jackson, Johnson, Hopkins, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Gage-Watts, and Jones (3).

The invocation was given by Dr. Wilson, and Mr. Epperson led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Alton Fields, Sr. came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I want to thank you for this opportunity to be before you guys and ladies. I'm here on behalf of Rice Road. What is going on with the property with the trailer that was being moved on the property? Are you familiar? We have a group of people that are here who also have an opposition against such and we have a couple of concerns. The first concern being what was done May-I'm sorry-November 12, 2014. There was a council, that was present, made a vote that there was not to be a trailer house moved on the street. There was a notification that was given to everybody that was on the Rice Road at the time, to do so, to come in and oppose to such. Nothing was given since then. And, if I'm understanding how the council works and how the council operate, then the council was supposed to inform them before anything change. And the prior council has already made it clear that it did not meet the standards of what was there prior to. And as such, nothing has changed since then. All the houses on Rice Road is still the same brick homes. Matter of fact, they have added a couple of new homes, which have exceeded what is there present. And that, within itself, when you bring in someone that's going to be putting up a piece of property, and this is two years old, grass is overgrown. Shed is there. Lawn mower just sitting outside. And if nothing has been done in two years with this piece of property, what's going to happen with this piece of property in three years? It's going to devalue. Now, our my real concern is this particular piece of property is allowed to bring a trailer home. Zoning was given to permit for a modular home, and according to this permit, it says it was issued. Applied for May 31 2022, and on 6/21 they gave the permit for a modular home. Are we understanding what a modular home is? So, let me give you what according to Google, what Google says. A modular home is a home that is built prefab and brought in and placed on a foundation. The definition of a mobile home is something that is built on a metal frame, placed, brought in by a truck on a trailer with an axle. On the end of August, I was visiting my mom and I saw the truck when it came in. Upon the arrival of the truck getting there, I asked Mom. Said, y'all letting a mobile home move here? She said, no baby, they gonna put a modular home there. I said, Mom. I said, that truck that just got here has a little tractor in the back. I know those tractors move trailer homes. On cue, two 18 -heelers pull side by side, a double wide. At the end of the day, the real definition of a modular home and a trailer home is as far and wide Shreveport is to Bossier across the Red River. There's no definition that can be defined any clearer on what a modular home is versus what a trailer home. Now I would say to the to the panel, to the to the council, I would be rather upset. Simply because eight years ago, seven years ago, eight years ago now, this very same family came before you all. Seven years on 2014, this very same family came before you guys or before the Parish and it was denied. They said that it was going to bring down the value. It did not fit. And I can I can read it as to what it says. The home will not fit within what's already there. And they said that they would build a home in five to ten years to be 37- or 3800 square footage. Once again, this is the grass from two years ago. This is today, this is what's current. This is only going to bring the property down. And if you look at Rice Road, all of the citizen they're pretty much retired. They have been there for years. Law abiding citizen doing the right thing, living a life in retirement, and want to have the basic value of their home not be depreciated because it's not being spent in the right direction when someone else moves into the neighborhood. For that reason, I would wish that this council would resend that offer that this modular home which is not a modular home. Which I don't know who in the City goes out and inspect, but if the if the City worker, whoever goes out does the inspection, will go out, they will see that this is a trailer house. Not a modular home, by the definition. No doubt about it. And if you gave a permit for a modular home, then it should be a modular home. Not a trailer home. It's already devalue the property just being moved there. And the only thing that can help us is that it'd be removed. And that is what our request is to the City Council.

Robert Windham came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Robert Windham 4740 Rice Road. I'm here on two agenda items. The first one is the resolution 44 of 2022. We are in favor that. I'm representing the Rice Road, and we're in favor. Hoping that you will pass this resolution and also the appointment of Miss Green. The Rice Road is in favor of her appointment to the planning board

Constance Greene came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

It is such a beautiful day to be in Shreveport, Louisiana, and to be amongst some great, great community servants that we have here in our city. I'm so happy to be here, and I'm so happy to see all of these smiling faces and everyone that is interested in seeing our city becoming one of the best cities in the world. So again, on behalf of the city, and the parish, and just Shreveport, and just Louisiana. I

remember back, I think it probably was about maybe 40 years ago, and I know I don't show much of that. So that's okay. We did this commercial. We did this commercial, and it says, Shreveport, Louisiana. Oh, yeah. So I'm going to say it again. Shreveport, Louisiana. Oh, yeah. Well, I've lived here all my days. Raised my kids, and they're wanting to come back home and see that thriving community again. So, you have something in front of you, today, that will give you a great opportunity to expand your community presence. This is where I was educated. This is where I just had a great, great time. But there's a scripture that says, I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day. For the night cometh, which all of our works will be over. You will have an opportunity in just a little bit to decide another committee member. And there's this scripture that in John that says that, that I quoted parenthetically. I'm asking you, if you're looking for someone that's a servant, and a servant to the people, and a servant to this Shreveport, Louisiana, and just a servant as well, that I don't think you need to look much further. So, I hope that you find that Constance L. Green can represent this Planning Parish Commission Board in a way that would uplift and bring such wholesome and greatness to this thriving city, parish and community. I, Constance L. Green. Thank you.

Connie Williamson came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Thank you, sir. Thank you for that. I'm Connie Williamson. I live at 4894 Dixie Garden Loop in Shreveport, and first, I want to play some audio for you. This is what my house normally sounds like we hear the birds singing there's some traffic noise because we're right near 70th Street. I know. Believe me, I will never complain about that again. This is what it is, and this is what it sounds like when they're fracking. Fracking. That's our front yard. This is at night. Sounds like this. you can hear this. They just recently stopped, and I just want to play you this because you will hear me talking. This is what our house sounds like. Now, nothing. but I want you to hear what the last thing I said. About 11:35 totally quiet outside, but it's enough quieter to feel like you got a home again. And that's what I want you to hear. It's like having home again. But the threat is that they're going to drill six more wells by my house, which will be months and months of that noise, which is torturous. I'm gonna read this so I don't get off the topic, but I live in a quiet, working class neighborhood backed up to Broadmoor Terrace. They can hear that sound all the way into Broadmoor Terrace. We walk our dogs and we go down into Broadmoor Terrace and you can hear it just as loud in their yards. This is destroying the quality of our life. I call Caddo Parish and the Public Works sent a guy down with a decimal meter. Conveniently, they were not fracking at the time. He didn't know that I was a Senior Tech Specialist for the City of Shreveport in IT. And so, he tried to convince me that I did not know the difference between the sound of wind and the sound of fracking. It was asked to take his meter, leave and come back when we had, you know, when they were actually fracking, but we never saw him again. We reap no benefits from this. The companies are not local. They leave and they take their profits with them and they sell our natural resources to the highest bidder. Right now. It's Europe. It was Asia. They make our electric companies bid on our own Natural Resources, and that is why our bill has tripled. I know this industry is not regulated. They were actually cited for the noise in our neighborhood, but it did nothing. It was like a slap on the wrist. It changed nothing in our neighborhood. It's still loud. Isn't it time we make regulations about who can come into our neighborhoods? Who can do whatever they want to our citizens? Isn't it time we change our reputation, and Caddo Parish, lead us into a new era on how we can care about our environment and about the rights of the citizens of Shreveport? That's all I had. I just want you all to know that that's going to continue and it's going to. If you read anything about urban drilling, and how much it affects the lives of the people. How much it depreciates the values of their homes. This, you know, it's, it's like a monster came into our neighborhood, and can scream and yell at us all night long. And we can, there's nothing we can do except endure and hope that they stop. We didn't complain when they first started, because we were hoping they'd stop soon, but it went on for weeks. So, imagine what it's like to live in a place where it's like constant noise all the time. And you're just trying to live your lives. And, I'm fixing to retire from the City and it makes me sad that I'm gonna go home to a place like that. Where all I hear is that and I can't enjoy my yard. I can't play frisbee with my dog. You know, I can't sleep at night. So, I'm just asking if y'all can consider regulating these people. I know they have no regulations now, but that's, we can make regulations.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that Regular Session Minutes from September 8, 2022 and Special Session Minutes—Tax Board of Review from September 19, 2022* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Epperson, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Jones (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

COMMUNIQUES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Epperson spoke about the drilling issues that one of the citizens came to speak about. He said that this is not a new issue. He encouraged her to “continue the fight”. Mr. Epperson also suggested that Mrs. Williamson contact the Department of Natural Resources, her Senator, and her State Representative. He also asked the Clerk of the Commission to forward the resolutions and minutes to Mrs. Williamson with regards to drilling issues.

Mr. Epperson wanted to know who prints the ballots. Dr. Wilson said that the Secretary of State's Office does. Mr. Epperson further stated that the Registrar needs to come before the Commission and address the citizens with regards to this mistake.

He also asked Public Works to provide a dumpster for the Timberline and Deer Creek Annual Fall Cleanup, which will be held on October 7-October 8. Mr. Epperson also said that the residents of Rice Road would like to participate in the event this year.

Mr. Epperson also talked about the heavy commercial truck traffic between Hwy 169 and Buncombe Road. He wanted to know if there was a weight limit on the road. Mr. Weaver explained that LA 169 is a State Road. He also pointed out that there is only one CVEU Officer for the entire Parish.

Mr. Weaver also mentioned that there are currently twelve drilling rigs just in Caddo Parish.

Mr. Epperson also announced that the Veterans Affairs Committee met today to discuss different events that are happening leading up to Veterans Day.

- Mr. Johnson asked about the ballots that were mistakenly mailed to the wrong addresses. He wanted to know what corrective actions were taken with regards to this. Mrs. Bryant said that the Registrar's Office has a mechanism in place to ensure there are no duplicate ballots submitted.

- Mr. Young asked that Dr. Wilson reach out with Georgiana Violet with the Department of Natural Resources regarding enforcement for drilling companies.

- Mr. Jackson thanked Patrick Wesley and Krystle Beauchamp for the work they did to ensure the Parish was represented at the Grambling vs. Northwestern Game. He said that it went on without a hitch. Mr. Jackson does have concerns with the absence of a director at the Sports Commission. It is his belief that the law to create the Sports Commission was that it was a free-standing organization dedicated every day to sports and economic development. Mr. Jackson has received several complaints from teams about the lack of support and coordination for the game. He is not sure if there is a sunset for the hotel/motel tax, and believes that they are not "getting the best bang for their buck". He said that everyone benefits from the tax, but Caddo Parish and feels that this should be revisited.

Mr. Jackson also requested that Administration provide an update on the Wheelchair Ramp program at the next Work Session.

He also requested setting up a ride along with Animal Services.

Mr. Jackson then talked about the inmates being overcrowded at CCC. He asked for information regarding nonviolent misdemeanors. Dr. Wilson spoke with Chief Deputy Long, who advised that there are no misdemeanor cases being held at CCC. Dr. Wilson also requested that he specifically address the questions that Mr. Jackson asked, so that information will be forthcoming.

Mr. Jackson then talked about the situation at 114 Texas Street. He said that the development is going forward, just not as a preservation project anymore. Mr. Jackson also said that the State Office of Community Development did commit resources to stabilize the building, but now has moved towards clearing it out.

Mr. Jackson also responded to Mrs. Williamson's concerns with drilling. He said that it is unfortunate to hear what she is going through, and he empathizes with her. He said that there are people who do not believe that certain situations should be regulated, and "that's how we end up with our neighborhoods being disproportionately affected". Mr. Jackson is concerned that local governments do not have "a seat at the table" to protect the citizens and their neighborhoods.

- Mr. Burrell is concerned with the incorrect ballots that were sent out from the Registrar of Voter's Office. Mrs. Bryant said that each voter that was sent an incorrect ballot will be sent a corrected one indicating that the first ballot is no longer valid.

- Mr. Johnson responded to Mr. Jackson's comments regarding the Sports Commission. He explained that there were several changes within Grambling's administration and Northwestern State's administration. A committee was formed and the game was planned, then the committee was dissolved. The City then took over. Mr. Johnson also explained that the Sports Commission has restructured its staff, but there are still a couple of issues that need to be worked out. He also mentioned that the Sports Commission advertising outside the city limits because they want people to come and stay in hotels. He further explained that it does no good to advertise inside the city limits because they will not receive any hotel tax.

Mr. Jackson responded back to Mr. Johnson. He said that he does not need a clarification on what the Sports Commission does, but has concerns on the way it is currently operating. He believes that the Sports Commission is operating outside of what was agreed upon. We need to do what we voted on—that we would do as support with those tax dollars, he said.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Atkins explained that this is the last quarter of the year, and it is extremely busy as they

wrap the year up. He encouraged all the Commission members to attend as many committee meetings as possible to ensure a quorum is met.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES

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

- Zoning Case 22-18-P, regarding 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, regarding 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

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 ordinances:

- 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

Ms. Monic Wright came before the Commission and gave the following comment in favor of Ordinance No. 6247 of 2022:

Good afternoon, everyone. I want to thank the Commissioners and everybody with the Parish for supporting Caddo Council on Aging. And I'm hoping that you all will approve the audits on the book today. Our seniors really appreciate the funding from the Commission, how it helps us to extend our Meals on Wheels program, and the employees in the Board are also thankful for your assistance.

There being no one else to speak in favor or against this ordinance, the President closed the public hearing.

ZONING ORDINANCES & ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Zoning Case 22-18-P, regarding 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 be denied.*

Mr. Johnson said that he will not be supporting anything within the five-mile area to be converted to R-A until a policy is put in place by the Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) where it is set case by case.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know the process for the applicant if the Commission denies the zoning change. Mr. Johnson said that the applicant starts over.

Mr. Young wanted to know how the property was zoned initially as R-1-7. Mr. Clark said that it was inappropriately zoned as R-1-7 because it is rural in character. He also explained that the MPC allows for restoration rezoning for land owners, whose property has been inappropriately rezoned through the UDC, at no charge to those applicants. Mr. Young explained that he will voting to grant this change, rather than deny it, because it was mistakenly changed in a computer mapping system to a more restrictive zoning category.

Mr. Johnson understands, but explained that this property owner could subdivide his property into one acre lots and put trailers on those lots. He said that this is ahead of the process. Mr. Johnson said that he is not against changing it back to R-A zoning category, but would like a policy to be in place to take these types of changes on a case by case basis.

Mr. Hopkins asked for clarification on how the property is currently zoned. Mr. Clarke, MPC Executive Director, explained that they can have one structure, without subdivision. Mr. Hopkins then asked how many structures could the property have if it is zoned for R-A. Mr. Clarke said that they still could only have one structure, unless they subdivide the property.

Mr. Clarke also appreciated the Commissioners for using the term “mobile home” versus “trailers”. He said that trailers were substandard, and that industry has improved itself tremendously. He also pointed out that the ordinance does allow for modular homes, if they have been verified by the Louisiana Manufactured Home Association. He also said that there now lies a situation that wasn’t considered with regards to subdividing large tracts of land and placing modular homes on them. Mr. Clarke further stated that this vote today is to allow the property owner to have the rights to his land that he’s had for many years.

Mr. Taliaferro then wanted to know how long has the property been zoned for R-1-7. Mr. Clarke said that it became R-1-7 in 2017 when the Caddo Parish Commission adopted the Unified Development Code.

Mr. Young asked about manufactured home subdivision requirements. Mr. Clarke explained that manufactured home subdivisions requires that the land is subdivided into at least a minimum of one acre lots. He further explained that the developer would need to come before the MPC and the come before the Commission.

Mr. Young then wanted to know if there was already a structure or dwelling on this property. Mr. Clark said that it is vacant land, and there was not a desire to do anything with the land. He said that the property owner was insulted that he was restricted to the 7,000 square foot designation, but he has 74 acres of land.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if this was an appeal. Mr. Clarke said that this is a rezoning application because the property is currently zoned incorrectly. He further stated that the PZC unanimously voted to recommend approval for the R-A zoning.

Attorney Frazier said that the Commission can either rezone it or not. She also cautioned that if the Commission does not rezone it, the applicant could come back and sue the Parish.

Mr. Atkins wanted to know if the applicant could back through this process, if the Commission decides to deny his application. Mr. Clark said that he could in a year. He also pointed out that action could be deferred.

At this time, Mr. Johnson withdrew his original motion.

It was then **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Zoning Case 22-18-P, regarding 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 be deferred until legislation is put in place that makes manufactured homes zoned in R-A a Special Use Permit.*

Mr. Johnson wanted to ensure that the Commission members understood his motion. He explained that Zoning Case 22-18-P would be deferred until an ordinance is put in place that allows for manufactured homes in a R-A zoning district if a Special Use Permit is granted. He further stated that this satisfies all of the concerns that the Commissioners voiced.

Attorney Frazier explained that the Caddo Parish Commission has asked that the PZB review the ordinances that allows manufactured as a use by right in certain districts. She said that they may recommend that the Commission does not change that. Attorney Frazier pointed out that there is no guarantee that Use By Right will change at this point.

Mr. Clark said that it is good zoning practices and principles to protect the integrity of the outlying areas of the Parish.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know why the zoning change is needed. Mr. Clarke explained that the property was erroneously zoned R-1-7, and it should be -A.

At this time, Mr. Johnson’s motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Epperson, Jackson, Johnson, and Taliaferro (5). NAYS: Commissioners Hopkins, Lazarus, and Young (3). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, and Jones (4). ABSTAIN:

None (0).

It was **then moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Young, *to reconsider Zoning Case 22-18-P, regarding Ordinance No. 6256 of 2022. Motion could not be revisited due to Mr. Atkins not being on the prevailing side.*

Point of Clarification from Attorney Frazier, who explained that the motion was not to adopt the motion, but to simply defer it to a later time. She stated that the motion carried.

It was **moved by Mr. Taliaferro**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that Zoning Case 22-19-P, regarding 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 adopted.*

Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to englobe and adopt the following ordinances:*

- *Zoning Case 22-19-P, regarding 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*
- *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*

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

ZONING CASE 22-19-P, ORDINANCE NO. 6257 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 SOUTH SIDE OF KAY LANE, APPROXIMATLEY EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY- FIVE FEET EAST OF YOUREE DRIVE, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-A RURAL AGRICULTRAL ZONING DISTRICT TO I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONING 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 South Side of Kay Lane, Approximately Eight Hundred And Seventy Five Feet East Of Youree Drive, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended from R-A Rural Agricultural Zoning District TO I-1 Light Industrial Zoning District:

3.797 Acs. M/L-The S. 300 Ft. Of E. 226 Ft. Of Lot 17 & W. 25 Ft. Of N. 315.5 Ft. Of E. 226 Ft. Of Lot 17 And The S. 300 Ft. Of Lot 18, Kay Acres Subn. Section 1, T16N, R13 W, Caddo Parish, LA

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. 6258 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RIVERBOAT FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR CADDO COUNCIL ON AGING AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Council on Aging administers the Meals on Wheels program in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Council on Aging was appropriated \$100,000 in 2021 to provide over 28,000 meals to senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Council on Aging did provide the meals through the Meals on Wheels program but only obtained \$50,000 of the 2021 appropriation; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2022 Riverboat Fund Budget to provide an appropriation of \$50,000 to the Caddo Council on Aging; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Riverboat Fund</u>	
NGO Appropriations	
Caddo Council on Aging	\$50,000
Fund Balance	(\$50,000)

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 take effect upon adoption.

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

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 6259 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund and the Oil & Gas Fund to provide an additional appropriation for the Safe Summer Program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that the Work Session Minutes from September 19, 2022 be ratified. Motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to englobo and adopt the following resolutions:*

- *Resolution No. 42 of 2022, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to consent to the annexation by the Town of Blanchard of a certain right-of-way within the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 44 of 2022, a resolution to urge and request the Caddo Parish Planning Board to review and make recommendations regarding the placement of mobile homes as a Use By Right in R-A zoning district, and to otherwise provide*

with respect thereto

- *Resolution No. 45 of 2022, a resolution authorizing the Parish Administrator to execute on behalf and in the name of Caddo Parish a contract for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Administrative Services*

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, and Taliaferro (6). NAYS: Commissioners Lazarus and Young (2). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, and Jones (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Resolution No. 42 of 2022, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to consent to the annexation by the Town of Blanchard of a certain right-of-way within the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, and Jones (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 42 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CADDO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO CONSENT TO THE ANNEXATION BY THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD OF A CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the following described property is currently located within the Parish of Caddo, to-wit:

The right-of-way for Wasson Road located in Sections 26, 27 and 34, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard has received a petition requesting the annexation of several tracts of land adjoining the above described right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the annexation of the Wasson Road right-of-way will enable the said tracts of land into the town limits of Blanchard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Administrator or his designee be and it is hereby requested and authorized to consent to the annexation of the Wasson Road right-of-way from the existing Blanchard town limit to its intersection with Louisiana Highway 538 Caddo Parish, Louisiana and as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Resolution No. 44 of 2022, a resolution to urge and request the Caddo Parish Planning Board to review and make recommendations regarding the placement of mobile homes as a Use By Right in R-A zoning district, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Johnson said that this resolution would need to go to the PZB for review, and they make a recommendation to the Caddo Parish Commission. He further explained that this would affect the five-mile buffer zones, i.e. suburbs and subdivisions. Mr. Johnson said that those citizens moved just outside the city limits to have bigger lots and build bigger homes. He does not feel that it is right for them to have those homes and a manufactured home right next to them to diminish their property value. Mr. Johnson further explained that this resolution would just put a process in place for the Commission to review applicants who desire to put a manufactured home in a R-A zoning district.

Mr. Hopkins disagreed. He does not feel that it is right to "mess with people's rights or property"; however, he will be in support of moving this to the PZB because that is what they are in place

to do.

Mr. Young said that banning mobile homes in the Parish seems to be penalizing the citizens, especially those who are impoverished. He said that mobile homes are affordable. Mr. Young then wanted to know if there was a fee for someone to apply for a manufactured home in the Parish, and if it would be refundable. He then asked about the criteria that would be used for approval for the special use permit. He said that if the mobile home doesn't fit with the other houses around it, whether it be "relatively rich" or "relatively poor" amounts to economic segregation. Mr. Young does not feel that government should engage in economic segregation as a matter of policy and law that is normally management by covenants between neighbors. He said that he doesn't support this resolution.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that the Commission has to vote on mobile homes in R-1-12, R-1-10, R-1-7, and R-1-5. He suggested doing the same for R-A. Mr. Johnson pointed out that the areas that he's speaking about is in the five mile radius, which is suburban, not rural.

Mr. Atkins said that the PZB was put in place to discuss these types of issues, so he will be voting in favor of this resolution to discuss this matter.

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, and Taliaferro (6). NAYS: Commissioners Lazarus and Young (2). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, and Jones (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Resolution No. 45 of 2022, a resolution authorizing the Parish Administrator to execute on behalf and in the name of Caddo Parish a contract for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Administrative Services* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (8). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, and Jones (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 45 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF AND IN THE NAME OF CADDO PARISH A CONTRACT FOR LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish intends to apply for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) funds in order to make public facility improvements; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish is in need of the services of an experienced administrative consulting firm to develop the LCDBG application and to provide administrative services in connection with the grant if the application is selected for funding; and

WHEREAS, The Coordinating and Development Corporation, the regional planning and development district for Northwest Louisiana, has submitted documentation of its extensive experience in developing LCDBG applications and providing administrative services for LCDBG projects; and

WHEREAS, The Coordinating and Development Corporation has provided a summary of the direct and indirect charges for LCDBG administrative services, including the basis on which the charges were calculated, and these charges have been found to be reasonable and acceptable, and based upon the above, chosen through competitive negotiation; and

WHEREAS, The Coordinating and Development Corporation will be paid the contract amount not to exceed \$45,000 paid entirely out of local funds for LCDBG administrative services; and

WHEREAS, The Coordinating and Development Corporation will be paid a \$6,000 application fee, regardless of funding status; and

WHEREAS, The Coordinating and Development Corporation will be paid the remaining balance of \$39,000 only if the application is selected for funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Caddo Parish that the Administrator is authorized to execute on behalf of Caddo Parish, a contract for LCDBG application development and LCDBG administrative services with The Coordinating and Development Corporation.

CERTIFICATE

I, Jeff Everson, Caddo Parish Commission Clerk hereby certify that the above constitutes a true and accurate copy of a Resolution, which upon the motion of Mr. Todd Hopkins, and seconded by Mr. John-

Paul Young, was adopted by the following Yea and Nay vote:

YEAS: Commissioners Atkins, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (8)

NAYS: None (0).

ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, and Jones (4)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

and the same was declared adopted by the Administrator this 22nd day of September, 2022.

/s/Jeff Everson
Clerk, Caddo Parish Commission
Caddo Parish, Louisiana

OLD BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Ordinance No. 6222 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for the Ring Doorbell Pilot Program in Caddo Parish, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be remanded to the American Rescue Plan Committee.

Mr. Johnson explained that the American Rescue Plan Committee is still working on the first batch of doorbells, and some issues need to be worked out in committee.

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

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that the approval of Ternium USA to participate in the ITEP program at 2500 Ron Bean Boulevard, Shreveport* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Epperson, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (7). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, and Jones (5). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to englobe and adopt the following items:*

- *Appoint Constance L. Green to the Parish Planning & Zoning Board*
- *Appoint Jake Brown to the Parish Planning & Zoning Board*

At this time, Mr. Atkins' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Epperson, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (7). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, and Jones (5). ABSTAIN: None (0).

The Commission then moved onto the next New Business item, *adopt a moratorium on enforcement of Ordinance No. 6240 of 2022, relative to occupational license requirements of off-track betting establishments.*

At this time, Mr. Atkins asked that Attorney Frazier bring clarity to this matter. Attorney Frazier said that the Parish has been sued with regards to an ordinance that was passed limiting the placement of off-track betting establishments, in conjunction with several other parishes in the State of Louisiana. She said that the other parishes have agreed on a moratorium on enforcement of local ordinances until a ruling from the court is rendered. She is asking that Caddo Parish do the same.

Mr. Young wanted to know if the moratorium ended when the lawsuit ends. Attorney Frazier agreed. She also explained that it would also depend on the ruling of the lawsuit. Mr. Young understood.

Mr. Jackson respects the counsel that the Legal Department has offered to the Commission, but does not agree with it. He feels that State "has shown over and over and over again, and they weaken our authority, if we let them". I do not trust the State, he said. Mr. Jackson further stated that if the OTB come in and set up wherever, the video poker money will be gone. He reiterated that he respects the guidance and counsel the Parish Attorney's Office has provided, but he cannot support this.

At this time, the vote to adopt a moratorium on enforcement of Ordinance No. 6240 of 2022

failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (3). NAYS: Commissioners Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, and Young (5). ABSENT: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Gage-Watts, and Jones (4). ABSTAIN: None (0).

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Epperson thanked Mrs. Barnett, Finance Director, for explaining the millages for the Parish on his teleconference call this morning.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk


John E. Atkins
President