

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COURTHOUSE ANNEX, 206 EAST MULBERRY STREET, AMITE, LOUISIANA –

T.P. Ordinance No. 16-01- An ordinance to abandon the dedication of Audubon Trace of Robert Subdivision, District No. 2, Tangipahoa Parish Louisiana- No one from the public wished to speak on the foregoing item.

MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL

January 25, 2016

The Tangipahoa Parish Council met on the 25th day of January, 2016 in Regular Session and was called to order by Mr. Bobby Cortez, Chairman, immediately following the public hearing held at 5:30 P.M.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Louis Joseph and the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Lionell Wells

The following members were present: Trent Forrest, James Bailey, Louis Joseph, Carlo Bruno, Buddy Ridgel, Lionell Wells, David Vial, Harry Lavine, and Bobby Cortez.

Absent: Joey Mayeaux

Item No. 5 - Cell Phones - Please Mute or Turn Off.

Item No. 6 - Adoption of Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Forrest to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated January 11, 2016 and requesting that they be dispensed and published in the Official Journal. Roll-call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)

Not Voting: None

Item No. 7 - Public Input - Anyone Wishing to Address Agenda Items which were not on Public Hearing -
None

Item No. 8- Parish President's Report

a) Approval of Bids-

1) End of Year 2015- A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Joseph

to approve the low bid for all items as presented by Mr. Miller. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)

Not Voting: None

2) Ponchatoula City Hall Hazard Mitigation- A motion was made by Mr. Lavine and

seconded by Mr. Vial to approve the low bid of \$376,000.00 by Wainwright Construction, Inc. The only other bid received was from Brunt Construction for \$412,500.00. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)

Not Voting: None

b) Approval to Purchase Vehicle for Planning Department- A motion was made by Mr.

Joseph and seconded by Mr. Vial to approve the purchase of a Chevrolet Traverse from Bill Hood Ford for a price of \$25,790.86. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)

Not Voting: None

c) Approval of Appointment of Directors and Salaries-

1) Personnel Director- A motion was made by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr.

Bailey to approve Mrs. Virginia Baker as Personnel Director with a salary of \$69,488.90. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 8 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)

Nays: 1 (Bruno)

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)

Not Voting: None

2) Director of Public Works- A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by

Mr. Joseph to approve Mr. Dewayne Grace as Director of Public Works with a salary of \$79,221.40. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)

Not Voting: None

3) Director of Finance- A motion was made by Mr. Ridgel and seconded by Mr.

Bailey to approve Mr. Jeff McKneely as Director of Finance with a salary of \$98,880.08. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 7 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Cortez)
Nays: 2 (Bruno, Lavine)
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

* Mr. Bruno would like for the record to show the he had no objection to the Personnel Director.

The financial report was presented.

Item No. 9- Adoption of T.P. Ordinance No. 16-01- An ordinance to abandon the dedication of Audubon Trace of Robert Subdivision, District No. 2, Tangipahoa Parish Louisiana- A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Joseph to adopt T.P. Ordinance No. 16-01. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

T. P. ORDINANCE NO. 16-01

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON THE DEDICATION OF AUDUBON TRACE OF ROBERT SUBDIVISION IN DISTRICT 2, TANGIPAHOA PARISH, STATE OF LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, a request has been made to the Tangipahoa Parish Council requesting that the dedication of said property, not needed for public use, be hereby abandoned:

AUDUBON TRACE OF ROBERT SUBDIVISION IN DISTRICT 2, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
TANGIPAHOA PARISH

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Council is of the opinion that the servitude and easement for said Audubon Trace of Robert Subdivision in District No. 2 is not needed for public purposes.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government, governing authority of Tangipahoa Parish, State of Louisiana, acting in accordance with LA R.S. 33:4718, the that the dedication of the Audubon Trace of Robert Subdivision in District No. 2, is hereby abandoned and will no longer be maintained by the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all the property encompassing Audubon Trace of Robert Subdivision shall revert to said party owning said property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon signature of the Parish President.

This ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been introduced at a public meeting of the Tangipahoa Parish Council, discussed at a public hearing of said Council and was submitted to an official vote of the TPC.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Bobby Cortez, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

Item No. 10- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 16-02- An ordinance amending Tangipahoa Parish code of ordinance, section 17, article II, Planning Commission- A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Joseph to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 16-02 and set public hearing for Monday, February 8, 2016 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 8 (Forrest, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: 1 (Bailey)
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

Item No. 11- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 16-03- An ordinance setting the salary of the Clerk of Council- A motion was made by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Forrest to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 16-03 and set public hearing for Monday, February 8, 2016 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

Item No. 12- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 16-04- An ordinance placing 20 M.P. H. speed limit signs in Milan Village subdivision in District No. 8 in Tangipahoa Parish in accordance with Chapter 20, streets, roads, sidewalks, and drainage-article I, in general- section 20-16- A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Forrest to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 16-04 and set public hearing for Monday, February 8, 2016 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

Item No. 13- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 16-05- An ordinance giving consent to the Tangipahoa Parish

Council- President Government to obtain a Visa Business credit card from First Guaranty Bank- A motion was made by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Wells to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 16-05 and set public hearing for Monday, February 8, 2016 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

Item No. 14- Amendment of T.P. Resolution No. R15-53- Temporary Relocation of Precincts for Strawberry Festival 2016- A motion was made by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Vial to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R15-53 as amended. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

T.P. Resolution No. R15-53

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Council has called a Parish wide “special” election for the renewal of the four (4) mill property tax for the Tangipahoa Parish Health Unit to be held on Saturday, April 9, 2016, and;

WHEREAS, as required by law, the Tangipahoa Parish Council has applied to the State Bond Commission for approval at its December 17th meeting to hold this election, and;

WHEREAS, Tangipahoa Parish Clerk of Court, Julian Dufreche, has informed the Tangipahoa Parish Council that this date is also the date of, and in conflict with, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival. The Tangipahoa Parish Council agrees with the Clerk of Court that the safety and efficiency of conducting the election in the city precincts, among other things, would create problems for voting purposes, and;

WHEREAS, as a result of these conflicts, the only conceivable solution is the relocation of all city voting precincts to the following locations:

Precinct 70 & 70A, will move to Ponchatoula Park Events Building, 19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr., Ponchatoula, LA

Precinct 72, 72A, 73 & 74 will move to Ponchatoula Park Gymnasium, 19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr., Ponchatoula, LA

Precinct 71, will move to the Tangipahoa Parish Government Building, 15475 Club Deluxe Rd., Hammond, and;

WHEREAS, the relocation of said precincts would be revoked and go back to their normal locations after the Saturday, April 9, 2016 election, and;

WHEREAS, the Election Code of the State of Louisiana R.S. 18:536 Sections 534,535, and 536 outline the procedures necessary to make these changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government that it supports the efforts of the Clerk of Court to relocate these election precincts and calls upon the Office of the Secretary of State to approve and assist the Clerk of Court in this request so that the election can be held in an orderly manner.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Bobby Cortez, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

Item No. 15- USDA Regional Economic Development Planning Initiative- Mr. Wells- A motion was made by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Vial to pull the foregoing item. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

Item No. 16- Beer, Wine, and Liquor Permits-

- a) Midway Tavern and Daiquiris
12217 Highway 22 West
Ponchatoula, La 70454

Class A, Class A/B- A motion was made by Mr. Lavine and seconded by Mr. Joseph to approve the Class A and Class A/B BWL permit for Midway Tavern and Daiquiris as recommended by TPSO. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

Item No. 17- Legal Matters-

Mr. Cortez appointed the following members to the Jail Committee- Vial, Joseph, Bailey, Cortez (ex-officio)

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Wells to amend the agenda by unanimous vote to add the matter of executive session to discuss TPSO jail matters. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

A motion was made by Mr. Forrest and seconded by Mr. Bailey to enter into executive session to discuss TPSO jail matters. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

A motion was made by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Vial to exit executive session. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

Mr. Cortez made it known that no action was taken.

Item No. 18- Councilman's Privileges-

A motion was made by Mr. Ridgel and seconded by Mr. Bailey to add to the agenda the matter of appointment to the QUAD Area board of commissioners. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

A motion was made by Mr. Ridgel and seconded by Mr. Wells to appoint Mr. Robby Rogers to the QUAD Area board of commissioners. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Mayeaux)
Not Voting: None

Mr. Cortez appointed the following to the Subdivision Committee- Vial, Bruno, Wells, Ridgel, Cortez (ex-officio)

Item No. 19- Adjourn

With no further business appearing, on motion by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Wells, the Tangipahoa Parish Council adjourned.

ATTEST:
S/Kristen Pecararo
Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Bobby Cortez
Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council