

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COURTHOUSE ANNEX, 206 EAST MULBERRY STREET, AMITE, LOUISIANA –

T.P. Ordinance No. 16-55- An ordinance to authorize an exchange of property between the Town of Kentwood and the Tangipahoa Parish Council- President Government for the benefit of the Tangipahoa Parish Library Board of Control- No one from the public wished to address the foregoing item.

MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 14, 2016

The Tangipahoa Parish Council met on the 14th day of November, 2016 in Regular Session and was called to order by Mr. Lionell Wells, Vice 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. Buddy Ridgel

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

Absent: Bobby Cortez

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

Item No. 6 - Adoption of Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Forrest to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated October 24, 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, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Cortez)

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 Substantial Completion

1) Port Manchac Improvements- A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Lavine to approve substantial completion of Port Manchac Improvements. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Cortez)

Not Voting: None

b) Approval of Change Order

1) Amite Health Unit Flood Repairs- A motion was made by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the change order for the Amite Health Unit flood repairs. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Cortez)

Not Voting: None

c) Approval to Take into the Parish Maintenance System- Oakcrest Lane- A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Bailey giving approve to accept Oakcrest Lane into the Parish Maintenance System. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Cortez)

Not Voting: None

d) Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President - Government and the Tangipahoa Parish Communication District Number One- A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Forrest to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement as presented by Mr. Miller. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Cortez)

Not Voting: None

e) Adoption of Florida Parishes Arena Rules of Operation- A motion was made by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Ridgel to table items e & f. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Cortez)
Not Voting: None

f) Adoption of Florida Parishes Event Center Rules of Operation- See above

A motion was made by Mr. Forrest and seconded by Mr. Vial to add to the agenda by unanimous vote the matter of approval of bid for sludge dewatering box. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Cortez)

Not Voting: None

A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Lavine to approve the only bid from Western Oilfields Supply Company dba Rain for Rent of \$18,533.09 per box for a total of \$37,066.18 for two boxes. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Cortez)

Not Voting: None

Item No. 9- Audit Matters- Laura Gray- A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Joseph to add to the agenda by unanimous the matter of hiring an auditor. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Cortez)

Not Voting: None

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Joseph to hire Lee Gray, CPA firm for a period of 2 years at \$75,000 per year. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Cortez)

Not Voting: None

A motion was made by Mr. Lavine and seconded by Mr. Bailey to add to the agenda by unanimous vote the matter of adoption of T.P. Resolution No. R16-35- A resolution affirming the authority of Gravity Drainage District No. 4, of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana; and approving the holding of a special election by Gravity Drainage District No. 4, of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana on Saturday, March 25, 2017, to authorize the renewal of the levy of a special ad valorem tax in the District. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Cortez)

Not Voting: None

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Bailey to adopt T.P. Ordinance No. R16-35- A resolution affirming the authority of Gravity Drainage District No. 4, of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana; and approving the holding of a special election by Gravity Drainage District No. 4, of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana on Saturday, March 25, 2017, to authorize the renewal of the levy of a special ad valorem tax in the District. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Cortez)

Not Voting: None

RESOLUTION NO. 16-35

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE AUTHORITY OF GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4, OF THE PARISH OF TANGIPAOA, STATE OF LOUISIANA; AND APPROVING THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION BY GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4, OF THE PARISH OF TANGIPAOA, STATE OF LOUISIANA ON SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL AD VALOREM TAX IN THE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Board of the Gravity Drainage District No. 4 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District") acting as the governing authority (the "District Governing Authority"), of the District, has previously levied a special tax of two (2) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District, for a period of five (5) years commencing with the year 2013 (the "Tax"); and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on August 29, 2016 the District Governing Authority did adopt a resolution

calling for an election to be held on March 25, 2017 for the electorate of the District to consider the renewal of the Tax (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council, of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish (the "Governing Authority") desires to affirm the authority of the District to hold the Election, and in the event that the Election carries, to levy and collect the Tax as provided for therein;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Authority of the Parish that:

SECTION 1. Approval of District Elections. The Governing Authority hereby affirms the authority of the District to call elections concerning ad valorem or acreage taxes and to levy same following the approval of the qualified electors of the District at said election. Additionally, the Governing Authority hereby approves and consents to the holding of an election in the District on Saturday March 25, 2017, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(RENEWAL)

Shall the Gravity Drainage District No. 4 of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), under the provisions of Article VI, Sections 30 and 32 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, and other authority, be authorized to renew the levy and collection, and adopt an ordinance providing for same, of a special ad valorem tax of 2.0 mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the District (the "Tax") (an estimated \$84,000 is reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of five (5) years, commencing with the tax collection for the year 2018, and annually thereafter, to and including the tax collection for the year 2022, and shall the proceeds of said Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collection and administration) be dedicated and used solely for the following purposes: one-half shall for the purpose of maintaining and operating gravity drainage works in the District, and the other one-half shall be for the purpose of constructing gravity drainage works in the District, title to which shall be in the public?

SECTION 2. Levy and Collection. In the event the Election carries, this Governing Authority does hereby further consent to the District levying and collecting the Tax provided for herein.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Bobby Cortez, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

Item No. 10- Adoption T.P. Ordinance No. 16-55- An ordinance to authorize an exchange of property between the Town of Kentwood and the Tangipahoa Parish Council- President Government for the benefit of the Tangipahoa Parish Library Board of Control- A motion was made by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Forrest to adopt T.P. Ordinance No. 16-55. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Cortez)

Not Voting: None

T.P. Ordinance No. 16-55

"AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE A PARCEL OF LAND AS BEING SURPLUS PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES BY THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH-PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXCHANGE OF THIS SAID PROPERTY WITH THE TOWN OF KENTWOOD"

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President with dedicated funds of the Tangipahoa Parish Library Board is committed to the construction of a new public library in downtown Kentwood, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, this "new" public library facility will result in an improvement in the appearance of the downtown area of Kentwood, Louisiana and possibly increase downtown property values and help in the Town of Kentwood in it's efforts to revitalize the downtown area;

WHEREAS, the Town of Kentwood owns property adjacent to the proposed site of this new Kentwood Library and this property will aid and assist the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government in cooperation with the Tangipahoa Parish Library Board in its efforts to construct this "new" public library in Kentwood, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government herein agrees by an act of exchange to transfer to the Town of Kentwood the site and building of the "old" Kentwood Public Library, which property will no longer be needed for public purposes upon the construction of the "new" library in Kentwood, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government agrees to exchange the "old" library site for the Town of Kentwood site referenced herein but provided that it is able to use the "old" public library site for a public library until such time the "new" public library is completed.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Tangipahoa Parish Council, the legislative branch of parish government, which along with the Parish President of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana constitute the parish government, the said Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government having a Home Rule form of government and acting pursuant to the authority of that Home Rule Charter which became effective on October 27, 1986 as follows:

That the Tangipahoa Parish President, Hon. Charles Robert "Robby" Miller, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to enter into an act of exchange with the Town of Kentwood for and on behalf of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government and in cooperation with the Tangipahoa Parish

Library Board of Control

In this act of exchange, the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government will acquire for the benefit of the Tangipahoa Parish Library Board of Control the following described lots of properties for the use and benefit of the Tangipahoa Parish Library System (“new” Kentwood Public Library), to-wit:

A parcel of property located in the Town of Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana and being a portion of Lots 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, & 42 of Block 38, and being more particularly described as beginning at a point 35.00 feet West of the Southeast Corner of said Block 38; thence proceed West along Avenue F for a distance of 47.29 feet and corner; thence proceed North a distance of 161.80 feet and corner; thence proceed East a distance of 17.41 feet and corner; thence proceed South, 58.00 feet and corner; thence proceed East, 30.00 feet and corner; thence proceed South, 103.80 feet back to the Point of Beginning. This property has a municipal address of 203, 205 and 207 Avenue F, Kentwood, Louisiana 70444

AND

The South portion of the Alley in Block 38, Town of Kentwood being bounded on the South by Avenue F, bounded on the East by Lots 34-42 of Block 38, bounded on the West by Lot 23 of Block 38 and bounded on the North by an extension Eastwardly of the South line of the East/West portion of the Alley in Block 38 and which abandoned portion of the Alley is approximately 20.1 feet wide by 170.83 feet in length.

AND

A portion of Lots 36, 35, and 34 of Block 38 and more particularly described as beginning at a point 127.54 feet North of the Southwest corner of Lot 42, at the Northwest corner of property sold to Kuss, COB 316, page 525; thence proceed North, 34.26 feet; thence proceed East, 78.39 feet; thence proceed South, 1.00 foot; thence proceed West, 18.14 feet; thence proceed South, 33.26 feet; thence proceed West, 60.25 feet to the Point of Beginning in the Town of Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana.

In return for the transfer by the Town of Kentwood to the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government of the property hereinabove described, the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government will transfer in this exchange agreement the following described parcel of property to-wit:

A parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon located in the Block 46, Town of Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows:

The Point of Beginning is 60.00 feet East of the Southwest corner of Block 46; thence proceed North, 85.00 feet; thence proceed East parallel to Avenue F, 40.00 feet; thence proceed South and parallel to 1st Street, 85.00 feet to the South line of Block 46; thence proceed West along the South line of Block 46 for 40.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being 10.00 feet off the East side of Lot 3, all of Lot 5, and 5.00 feet off the West side of Lot 7, all in Block 46 and running 85.00 feet deep.

This exchange shall provide that the Tangipahoa Parish Library Board of Control shall continue to utilize and building and property exchanged until such time as the “new” Kentwood Public Library has been constructed and ready for occupancy.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Tangipahoa Parish Council that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the signature of the Tangipahoa Parish President.

The above and foregoing ordinance having been duly submitted to the Tangipahoa Parish Council in writing; introduced at a public meeting of the Tangipahoa Parish Council; discussed at a duly scheduled and noticed public hearing; after motion and second was submitted to the official vote of the Tangipahoa Parish Council.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Bobby Cortez, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

Item No. 11- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 16-56- An ordinance adopting the operating budget of the Tangipahoa Parish Library Board of Control for 2017- A motion was made by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Forrest to introduce T.P. Ordinance 16-56 and set public hearing for Monday, December 12, 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, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Cortez)

Not Voting: None

Item No. 12- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 16-57- An ordinance amending T.P. Ordinance No. 15-48- Adoption of the 2016 budget of the Tangipahoa Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau- A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Lavine to introduce T.P. Ordinance 16-57 and set public hearing for Monday, December 12, 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, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: 1 (Cortez)

Not Voting: None

Item No. 13- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 16-58- An ordinance adopting the 2017 budget of the Tangipahoa Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau- A motion was made by Mr. Lavine and seconded by Mr. Mayeaux to introduce T.P. Ordinance 16-58 and set public hearing for Monday, December 12, 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, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Cortez)
Not Voting: None

Item No. 14- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 16-59- An ordinance placing no parking on shoulder signs on Brazile Road in District No. 5 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. Ridgel and seconded by Mr. Bruno to introduce T.P. Ordinance 16-59 and set public hearing for Monday, December 12, 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, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Cortez)
Not Voting: None

Item No. 15- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 16-60- An ordinance placing a 4- way stop sign at Patti Road, Iverstine Lane, and T Hardy Road in District No. 5 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. Ridgel and seconded by Mr. Bailey introduce T.P. Ordinance 16-60 and set public hearing for Monday, December 12, 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, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Cortez)
Not Voting: None

Item No. 16- Appoint/Re-appoint Tangipahoa Council on Aging- A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Joseph to appoint Mrs. Robin Dagro to fill the expired term of Mrs. Farrah Raborn. This term will expire October 2019. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

Item No. 17- Beer, Wine, and Liquor Permits- None

Item No. 18- Legal Matters- None

Item No. 19- Councilmen's Privileges- Mr. Bruno spoke about issues with debris pickup.

Item No. 20- Adjourn

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

ATTEST:
S/Kristen Pecararo
Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Bobby Cortez
Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council