

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH GOVERNMENT BUILDING, 206 EAST MULBERRY STREET, AMITE, LOUISIANA –

T.P. Ordinance No. 17-25- An ordinance amending T.P. Ordinance No. 16-54- An ordinance adopting the capital and outlay budgets of the Tangipahoa Parish Council for fiscal year 2017

No one from the public wished to speak on any of the above items.

MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL

May 8, 2017

The Tangipahoa Parish Council met on the 8th day of May, 2017 in Regular Session and was called to order by Mr. Lionell Wells, 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. Trent Forrest

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

Absent: None

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 April 24, 2017. Roll-call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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 Change Order No. 2- Safe Room/EOC- A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Vial to approve change order no. 2 for the new safe room/eoc in the amount of \$4,945.24. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

b) Approval to Seek Bids-

1) Roll Off Truck for Landfill- A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Lavine giving approval to seek bids for a roll off truck for the landfill. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

2) Lees Landing Boat Launch- A motion was made by Mr. Lavine and seconded by Mr. Cortez giving approval to seek bids for the Lees Landing Boat Launch. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

c) Jail Update- Mr. Miller gave a brief update regarding the jail repairs. No action taken.

Mr. Ron Gitz and Mr. Paul Riggs presented Mr. Lee Gray, CPA with the Louisiana CPA Association's Lifetime Membership Award.

Item No. 9- Ratify and award the bid received- Sewerage Improvements Project, City of Ponchatoula- Spangler Engineering- Mr. Webb Anderson of Spangler Engineering presented bids as follows:

Mitchell Contracting, Inc.	\$1,095,500.00
NCMC, LLC	\$1,211,989.80
Grady Crawford Construction Co. Inc.	\$1,238,606.94
L. King Company, LLC	\$1,259,253.00
T.L. Wallace Construction, Inc	\$1,455,785.00
Gottfried Contracting, LLC	\$1,700,130.00

A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Lavine to ratify and award the bid from Mitchell Contracting for \$1,095,500.00 for sewerage improvement project, City of Ponchatoula. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

Item No. 10- Adoption of T.P. Ordinance No. 17-25- An ordinance amending T.P. Ordinance No. 16-54- An ordinance adopting the capital and outlay budgets of the Tangipahoa Parish Council for fiscal year 2017- A motion was made by Mr. Cortez and seconded by Mr. Lavine to adopt T.P. Ordinance No. 17-25. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

T.P. Ordinance No. 17-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING T.P. ORDINANCE NO. 16-54- AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING 2017 BUDGET OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL- PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT
BE IT ORDAINED by the Tangipahoa Parish Council, governing authority of Tangipahoa Parish, State of Louisiana, that T.P. Ordinance No. 16-54- An ordinance adopting 2017 Budget of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government is hereby amended as attached.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon signature of the Parish President and all previous Ordinances in conflict with said Ordinance are hereby repealed.

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/Lionell Wells, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

Item No. 11- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 17-26- An ordinance to waive the CPI increase for all tipping fees for 2017 authorized by T.P. Ordinance 16-11- A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Bruno to introduce T.P. Ordinance 17-26 and set public hearing for Monday, May 22, 2017 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

Item No. 12- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 17-27- An ordinance to amend T.P. Ordinance No. 16-11 to allow the waiving or reduction of Landfill fees in special circumstances- A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Joseph to introduce T.P. Ordinance 17-27 and set public hearing for Monday, May 22, 2017 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

Item No. 13- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 17-28- An ordinance to grant a variance to the Tangipahoa Parish Subdivision Regulations for Maplewood Subdivision- A motion was made by Mr. Cortez and seconded by Mr. Ridgel to introduce T.P. Ordinance 17-28 and set public hearing for Monday, May 22, 2017 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

Item No. 14- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 17-29- An ordinance to grant a variance to ordinance 97-25- adoption of state sanitary code for Martie Mercer at 39643 School Section Road, Ponchatoula, Louisiana 70454- A motion was made by Mr. Lavine and seconded by Mr. Bailey to introduce T.P. Ordinance 17-29 and set public hearing for Monday, May 22, 2017 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

Item No. 15- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 17-30- An ordinance providing for the levy of taxes for the year 2017- Mr. Wells notified the public that the public hearing for this ordinance will be held on Monday, July 10th, 2017 at the Tangipahoa Parish Government Building, 206 E. Mulberry Street, Amite, La. A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Lavine to table the foregoing ordinance. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

Item No. 16- Adoption of T.P. Resolution No. R17-15- A resolution authorizing the Parish President to enter into the attached Multi-Parish Emergency Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between the Parishes of Jefferson, Orleans (City of New Orleans), Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Calcasieu, Cameron, Vermillion, St. Martin, Iberia, St. Mary, Ascension, St. James, Lafourche, Terrebonne, Assumption, Livingston, and Tangipahoa for Emergency Mutual Aid and Assistance (Parishwide)- A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Forrest to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R17-15. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

T.P. Resolution No. R17-15

A resolution authorizing the Parish to enter into the attached Multi-Parish Emergency Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between the Parishes of Jefferson, Orleans (City of New Orleans), Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Calcasieu, Cameron, Vermilion, St. Martin, Iberia, St. Mary, Ascension, St. James, Lafourche, Terrebonne, Assumption, Livingston, and Tangipahoa for Emergency Mutual Aid and Assistance, and authorizing the Parish President to sign any and all documents in regards therewith

WHEREAS; coastal Louisiana is geographically vulnerable to a variety of natural disasters; and
WHEREAS; LSA-R.S. 29:726, 29:730.1 & 730.2, recognizes this vulnerability and provides that its intended purposes are to:

- (1) Reduce vulnerability of people and property of the Region to damage, injury, and loss of life and property;
- (2) Prepare for prompt and efficient rescue, care and treatment to threatened or affected persons;
- (3) Provide for the rapid and orderly rehabilitation of persons and restoration of property; and
- (4) Provide for cooperation and coordination of activities relating to emergency and disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery; and

WHEREAS; in addition to the State, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has recognized the importance of the concept of coordination between local governments; and

WHEREAS; Louisiana Revised Statutes, LSA-R.S. 29:730 authorizes and encourages parishes to enter into Regional Agreements for Mutual Aid and Unified Operation during times of disasters; and

WHEREAS; the parishes which have chosen to become signatories to this agreement wish to provide emergency mutual aid and assistance amongst one another at the appropriate times; and

WHEREAS; these parishes agree to enter into emergency mutual aid and assistance, with the attached agreement embodying the understandings, commitments, terms and conditions for said aid and assistance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tangipahoa Parish Council of Tangipahoa Parish, State of Louisiana:

SECTION 1. That the Council Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is authorized to sign the attached Multi-Parish Emergency Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between the Parishes of Jefferson, Orleans (City of New Orleans), Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Calcasieu, Cameron, Vermilion, St. Martin, Iberia, St. Mary, Ascension, St. James, Lafourche, Terrebonne, Assumption, Livingston, and Tangipahoa for emergency mutual aid and assistance.

SECTION 2. That this agreement shall be effective upon the date of signing by all parties of the Emergency Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Lionell Wells, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

Item No. 17- Adoption of T.P. Resolution No. R17-16- A resolution removing Brown Road Bridge from the current Federal Off System Bridge Replacement program- A motion was made by Mr. Lavine and seconded by Mr. Vial to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R17-16. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

T.P. RESOLUTION NO. R17-16

A resolution removing Brown Road Bridge from the current

Federal Off System Bridge Replacement Program

WHEREAS, right-of-way problems exist at the following bridge location:

Brown Road Bridge/Creek

State Project No.H.011527

F.A.P. No. H.011527

Recall No. 108068

Therefore Be It Resolved, that a request is hereby made to La DOTD to remove the forgoing location from the Federal Off-system Bridge Program; and,

Be It Further Resolved, that an executed copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Larry Sharp, DOTD District 62 Administrator, and Ms. Cristine Gowland, DOTD District 62 Traffic Engineer

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk

S/Lionell Wells, Chairman

Tangipahoa Parish Council

Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President

Tangipahoa Parish

Item No. 18- Adoption of T.P. Resolution No. R17-17- A resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Government approving the application of for grant funds from the FHWA Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana (FRTPL), as established by CFDA 20.219- A motion was made by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Forrest to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R17-17. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

T.P. RESOLUTION NO. R17-17

RESOLUTION OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH GOVERNMENT APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FHWA RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR LOUISIANA (FRTPL), AS ESTABLISHED BY CFDA 20.219:

WHEREAS, the US Federal Government provides funds to the State of Louisiana for grants to state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trails; and

WHEREAS, the FRTPL has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the state and setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before the submission of said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tangipahoa Parish Government__ does hereby:

1. Approve the filing of an application with FRTPL; and
2. Certify that the said applicant has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, sufficient funds to build (including 20% local match), operate and maintain the project; and
3. Appoint the Parish President as agent of the Tangipahoa Parish to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to application, letter of commitment agreement, amendments, payment requests and completion report, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk

S/Lionell Wells, Chairman

Tangipahoa Parish Council

Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President

Tangipahoa Parish

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Joseph to add to the agenda by unanimous vote the matter of introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 17-31- An ordinance placing a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Fred Clark Road and W. Yellow Water Road in District No. 10 in Tangipahoa Parish in accordance with Chapter 20 streets, roads, sidewalks and drainage- Article I, in General- Section 20 and adoption of T.P. Resolution No. R17-18- A resolution accepting the voluntary transfer/consolidation of the Independence Housing Choice Voucher Program (LA099), Ponchatoula Housing Choice Voucher Program (LA075), and Washington Parish Choice Voucher Housing Program (LA217) into the Tangipahoa Parish Government Housing Choice Voucher Program (LA207). Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Bailey to introduce T.P. Ordinance 17-31 and set public hearing for Monday, May 22, 2017 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Bailey to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R17-18- A resolution accepting the voluntary transfer/consolidation of the Independence Housing Choice Voucher Program (LA099), Ponchatoula Housing Choice Voucher Program (LA075), and Washington Parish Choice Voucher Housing Program (LA217) into the Tangipahoa Parish Government Housing Choice Voucher Program (LA207). Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

T.P. Resolution No. R17-18

RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTING THE VOLUNTARY TRANSFER/CONSOLIDATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (LA099), PONCHATOULA HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (LA075), AND WASHINGTON PARISH HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (LA217) INTO THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH GOVERNMENT HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (LA207)

WHEREAS, the provision for safe, decent, and affordable housing for low-income families is of critical importance to the Parish of Tangipahoa and Washington Parish; and

WHEREAS, currently there are three housing authorities, namely, the Independence Housing Authority (LA099) which consist of 55 baseline vouchers, Ponchatoula Housing Authority (LA075) which consist of 44 baseline vouchers, and Washington Parish Government (LA217) which consist of 155 baseline vouchers that provide many of the same services and operate in the same jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Government Housing Choice Voucher Program is currently managing the Washington Parish Government Housing Choice Voucher Program and will continue through this transfer/consolidation to assist those clients in that Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Government has agreed to continue to provide office space for the Tangipahoa Parish Government to assist those clients; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Choice Voucher Program has continued to be under-funded and The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) encourages smaller programs to consolidate with other programs in an effort to maintain program participants and reduce administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of these agencies to voluntarily transfer/consolidate its Housing Choice Voucher Program along with the budget authority to the Tangipahoa Parish Government Housing Choice Voucher Program effective July 1, 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tangipahoa Parish Government accepts and approves the transfer/consolidation of the Independence Housing Choice Voucher Program (LA099), Ponchatoula Housing Choice Voucher Program (LA075), and Washington Parish Housing Choice Voucher Program (LA217) to the Tangipahoa Parish Government Housing Choice Voucher Program (LA207) effective July 1, 2017.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Lionell Wells, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

Item No. 19- Beer, Wine, and Liquor Permits- None

Item No. 20- Legal Matters- None

Item No. 21- Councilmen's Privileges-

Mr. Wells appointed an "Alcohol Ordinance Review" Committee to meet with the TPSO to review our ordinances- Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Vial

Mr. Wells appointed the Jail Review Committee- Mr. Bruno, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Vial

A motion was made by Mr. Mayeaux and seconded by Mr. Bruno to add to the agenda by unanimous vote the matter of Quick's Red and White Grocery. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Joseph to set an Administrative Hearing for Monday, May 22: 2017 at 4:30PM and rescinding the suspension of Coeur de Lyon dba Quick's Red and White Grocery's liquor permit. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine, Cortez)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Not Voting: None

Item No. 22- Adjourn

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

ATTEST:

S/Kristen Pecararo

Clerk

Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Lionell Wells

Chairman

Tangipahoa Parish Council