

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 24, 2022, AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH GORDON A BURGESS GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING, 206 EAST MULBERRY STREET, AMITE, LOUISIANA Mrs. Hyde made it known a public hearing was being held on the following:

T.P. Resolution No. R22-29 – No one from the public asked to speak

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**MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL**  
**OCTOBER 24, 2022 MEETING**

The Tangipahoa Parish Council met on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022 in Regular Session and was called to order by Mrs. Brigitte Hyde, Chairwoman at 5:30pm. The Chair asked that all cell phones be muted or turned off.

The Invocation was given by Councilman Joseph and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eli Leblanc The following members were PRESENT: Trent Forrest, John Ingraffia, Louis Joseph, Carlo Bruno, Buddy Ridgel, Joey Mayeaux, Lionell Wells, David Vial, Brigitte Hyde, Kim Coates

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** Motion made by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Vial to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated October 11, 2022. Roll Call Vote as follows:

YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

1. **REQUEST FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS** from True Freedom, Inc. for the Sober Living Facility located at Robinwood Drive, Hammond, LA in District 6  
Sarah Carthen Watson, Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center, 1340 Poydras St, New Orleans, LA 70112 spoke on behalf of Amanda Warner, Warner Rental Properties, and True Freedom, Inc the operators of a rooming house for individuals recovering from substance abuse requesting reasonable accommodations under the Fair Housing Act and Oxford House v. Browning.  
Mr. Mayeaux expressed concerns with the house in the subdivision, questioned the background of the individuals living in the house, male and/or female housing and discussed the parish ordinance requirements. Mr. Mayeaux made known he will waive the request for the Fire Marshal and the Parish Sanitarian requirements only.  
Ms. Watson stated the house is male and female with 8-10 beds being assigned  
Legal Counsel discussed the current suit the parish filed against the Sober Living Facility  
Mr. Vial questioned a full-time supervisor living in the house, if the individuals living in the home have convictions for crime of violence and/or sex offenders, if the individuals' addictions substantially limit their life activities and how often drug/alcohol testing occurs  
Amanda Warner, 67393 Z McDaniel Rd, Franklinton, LA, stated there are no sex offenders  
Ms. Watson addressed substantially limiting life activities referencing the disabled definition under the Fair Housing Act and stated the drug testing is randomly administered  
Mr. Bruno questioned the funding of the house, the owner of the property, the lessee of the house, the insurance policy, and the qualifications of the individuals administering the drug test  
Mrs. Hyde questioned the fee individuals pay to live in the house...Ms. Watson stated \$150/week  
Mr. Joseph questioned the success and recidivism rate of the program  
Mr. Ingraffia questioned about a HOA...Legal Counsel stated the HOA must seek their own legal counsel  
Bonnie Voelkel, 42612 Robinwood Drive, Hammond spoke in opposition to the Sober Living Facility located in Robinwood Drive  
Larry Voelkel, 42612 Robinwood Drive, Hammond spoke in opposition to the Sober Living Facility located in Robinwood Drive  
Mr. Mayeaux made a motion to accept to waive the Fire Marshal request and the Parish Sanitarian, seconded by Mr. Ridgel. Roll call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

**PUBLIC INPUT** – no one from the public asked to speak

**PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

2. **PROCLAMATION - Red Ribbon Week** – Mr. Miller presented to Taylor Addison, KEYS President Jayla Walker, Amite High; William Graham, Hammond High; Loryn Carter, Hammond High; Ragan Szalajeski, Lee Road Jr. High; Laila Jackson, Homeschool; Connor Jackson, Ponchatoula High; Aubrey Addison, Courtney Christian
3. **APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1** for Courthouse New Elevator – Motion made by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Vial to approve change order #1-Courthouse New Elevator for an increase of \$19,081.71. Roll call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates
4. **APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1** for Sister's Road Bridge Replacement – Motion made by Mr. Vial, seconded by Mrs. Coates to approve change order #1 for Sister's Road Bridge Replacement for a decrease of \$4,048.81. Roll call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

5. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #3 for Final Cover Cell 12 Bid C – Landfill – Motion made by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Forrest to approve change order #3 for Final Cover Cell 12 Bid C – Landfill for an increase of \$909.00. Roll call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates
6. APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION for Final Cover Cell 12 Bid C – Landfill – Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Forrest to approve substantial completion for Final Cover Cell 12 Bid C – Landfill. Roll call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates
7. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT/REJECT BID for Fiber Optic Broadband Network Construction Labor & Material – Mr. Miller asked for the council to reject the bid due to being over budget and accept to go out for bid again. Motion by Mr. Vial, seconded by Mr. Wells to reject the bid for Fiber Optic Broadband Network Construction Labor & Material and approve to re-bid. Roll call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates
8. RECOMMENDATION OF CONDEMNATION of structure at 42147 Range Road, Ponchatoula, Assessment #1714406 in District 8  
Charles Anthony Walker, 107 McCray, Hammond, LA, owner of the property addressed the council  
Motion by Mr. Vial, seconded by Mr. Bruno to recommend the condemnation of structure at 42147 Range Road, Ponchatoula, Assessment #1714406 in District 8. Roll call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates
9. ACCEPT INTO PARISH MAINTENANCE SYSTEM Cest Si Bon Phase 3 subdivision streets (Rue DeFleur, Rue DeBois, Rue DeSoir) in District 9 – Motion by Mr. Vial, seconded by Mr. Bruno to accept into parish maintenance system Cest Si Bon Phase 3 subdivision streets (Rue DeFleur, Rue DeBois, Rue DeSoir) in District 9. Roll call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### *INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES*

11. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 22-70 - An Ordinance to grant a variance to Section 36-224- Renewable Energy Power Plants (Solar Energy), (E) Design Standards, (11) Ground Disturbance for Amite Solar (applicant), Assessment #00499218, #05148804, #00541907, #00502618, #02556308, #2850907 in District 3 - Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Bruno to introduce TP Ordinance No 22-70 and set for public hearing for Monday, November 14, 2022, at 5:30pm for the purpose of receiving input on the adoption thereof. Roll Call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, NAY: Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates
12. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 22-71 - An Ordinance to grant a variance to Section 36-224- Renewable Energy Power Plants (Solar Energy), (E) Design Standards, (4) Setbacks and Screening for Amite Solar (applicant), Assessment #00499218, #05148804, #00541907, #00502618, #02556308, #2850907 in District 3 – Motion made by Mr. Joseph to **NOT INTRODUCE** T.P. Ordinance No. 22-71, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia. Roll Call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ***T.P. Ordinance No. 22-71 FAILED Introduction***
13. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 22-73 - An Ordinance amending T.P. Ordinance 21-80 - 2022 budget of the Tangipahoa Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau. Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Forrest to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 22-73 and set for public hearing for Monday, November 14, 2022, at 5:30pm for the purpose of receiving input on the adoption thereof. Roll Call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates
14. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 22-74 - An Ordinance adopting the 2023 budget of the Tangipahoa Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau. Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Joseph to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 22-74 and set for public hearing for Monday, November 14, 2022, at 5:30pm for the purpose of receiving input on the adoption thereof. Roll Call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

15. INTRODUCTION of for T.P. Ordinance No. 22-75 - An Ordinance placing 25mph speed limit signs on Powell Lane in District 2. Motion by Mr. Ingraffia, seconded by Mr. Forrest to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 22-75 and set for public hearing for Monday, November 14, 2022, at 5:30pm for the purpose of receiving input on the adoption thereof. Roll Call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

16. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R22-29 - A Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government for Sportsman Solar Energy, LLC to proceed with the permitting process for a Renewable Energy Power Plant – Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Vial to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R22-29 as follows:

T. P. RESOLUTION NO. R22-29  
A RESOLUTION OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL-PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT FOR SPORTSMAN SOLAR ENERGY, LLC TO PROCEED WITH THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR A RENEWABLE ENERGY POWER PLANT

WHEREAS, Sportsman Solar Energy, LLC has submitted an application for the development of a renewable energy power plant in Tangipahoa Parish; and

WHEREAS, the renewable energy power plant is to be located at Assessment #'s 574406, 6275141, 6412599, 677809, 6122957, 4727207, 604208, 612804, 4999804, 644706, 6122957, 6178200, 6179045, 6137784, 6137792, 4647203, 625418, 682209, 643203, 2578409, 6547214, 694908, 705403, 5099706 in Districts 1 and 2 (see map); and

WHEREAS, the Technical Review Committee has reviewed and approved the site plan for Sportsman Solar Energy, LLC; and  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tangipahoa Parish Council acting as the governing authority does hereby find that Sportsman Solar Energy, LLC's application is complete and complies with the requirements of the Tangipahoa Parish Code of Ordinances, and does hereby authorize the Technical Review Committee to proceed with the permitting process and issue such approvals as necessary for the construction and operation of the renewable energy power plant proposed by Sportsman Solar Energy, LLC.

On motion by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Vial, the foregoing resolution was hereby declared adopted on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022 by the following roll-call vote:

YEAS: Forrest, Ingraffia, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Coates

17. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R22-30 - A Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Council- President Government for Support of State Capital Outlay Projects for 2023-2024 – Motion by Mr. Mr. Vial, seconded by Mr. Ridgel to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R22-30 as follows:

T. P. RESOLUTION NO. R22-30  
A RESOLUTION OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL-PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT FOR SUPPORT OF STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS FOR 2023-2024

WHEREAS, the Parish of Tangipahoa would like to provide important services and safe public facilities to the public, and presently have needs for particular improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Parish is working together with the State Capital Outlay program, Facility Planning and Control, and our area Legislators to help the Parish improve this services and make these improvements that include the Hoover Road Improvements Phase 1 and Phase 2, the proposed Region 9 Emergency Distribution Center and Public Works Facility, the provision of a new Loranger Library, Hano Road Overlay and Improvements, and a proposed new multi-purpose building at the Arena in Amite;

THEN, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tangipahoa Parish Council hereby resolves that the Parish endorse the State Capital Outlay funding projects for Tangipahoa Parish and agree to provide any required matching funds for any State allocations approved and also approve Parish President Robby Miller as the authorized signatory for official State FP&C documents and applications.

On motion by Mr. Ridgel and seconded by Mr. Vial, the foregoing resolution was hereby declared adopted on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022 by the following roll-call vote:

YEAS: Forrest, Ingraffia, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Coates

MEETING & HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

18. APPROVAL OF 2023 Tangipahoa Parish Council Meeting Schedule – Motion made by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Wells to approve 2023 Tangipahoa Parish Council Meeting Schedule as follows:

January 9, 2023	April 10, 2023	July 10, 2023	October 10, 2023 (Tuesday)
January 23, 2023	April 24, 2023	July 24, 2023	October 23, 2023
February 13, 2023	May 8, 2023	August 14, 2023	November 13, 2023
February 27, 2023	May 22, 2023	August 28, 2023	November 27, 2023
March 13, 2023	June 12, 2023	September 11, 2023	December 11, 2023
March 27, 2023	June 26, 2023	September 25, 2023	December 26, 2023 (Tuesday)

Roll call votes as follows:

YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

19. APPROVAL OF 2023 Tangipahoa Parish Government Holiday Schedule – Motion made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to approve 2023 Tangipahoa Parish Government Holiday Schedule as follows:

Monday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup> – New Year's Day	Monday, September 4 <sup>th</sup> – Labor Day
Monday, January 16 <sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Jr Day	Monday, October 9 <sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day
Monday, February 20 <sup>th</sup> – Presidents Day	Friday, November 10 <sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day
Tuesday, February 21 <sup>st</sup> – Mardi Gras	Thursday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Thanksgiving
Friday, April 7 <sup>th</sup> – Good Friday	Friday, November 24 <sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving
Monday, May 29 <sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day	Friday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Christmas
Friday, June 16 <sup>th</sup> – Juneteenth	Monday December 25 <sup>th</sup> - Christmas
Tuesday, July 4 <sup>th</sup> – Independence Day	Friday, December 29 <sup>th</sup> – New Year's Eve

10. DISCUSSION of Railroad Crossings (Bruno) – Lengthy discussion concerning the recent railroad crossing accidents and proposing an ordinance addressing the site clearance at the railroad crossings.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

20. TANGIPAHOA VOLUNTARY COUNCIL ON AGING - Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mrs. Coates to appoint Farrah Laciura for a 1st term to the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging board that will expire October 2025, District 4. Roll Call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

**BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMITS**- None

**LEGAL MATTERS**- None

**COUNCILMEN'S PRIVILEGES**- None

With no further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Wells to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ridgel.

S/Jill DeSouge, Council Clerk  
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Brigitte Hyde, Chairwoman  
Tangipahoa Parish Council