

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 23, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH GORDON A BURGESS GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING, 206 EAST MULBERRY STREET, AMITE, LOUISIANA Mr. Vial made it known a public hearing was being held on the following:

SPECIAL EVENT - November 5, 2023, November Horse Racing, 22516 Mixon Road, Amite, District 1- No one from the public asked to speak on this item.

**MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 23, 2023 MEETING**

The Tangipahoa Parish Council met on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2023 in Regular Session and was called to order by Mr. David Vial, Chairman following the public hearing at 5:30pm. The Chair asked that all cell phones be muted or turned off.

The Invocation was given by Councilwoman Hyde and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Ingraffia.

The following members were PRESENT: Trent Forrest, John Ingraffia, Louis Joseph, Buddy Ridgel, Lionell Wells, David Vial, Brigitte Hyde, Kim Coates ABSENT: Carlo Bruno, Joey Mayeaux

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Wells to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated October 10, 2023. Roll call vote as follows:

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

**PUBLIC INPUT** - no one from the public asked to speak.

**PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. PROCLAMATION - Red Ribbon Week – Bridget Bailey read the proclamation declaring October 23 – 31 Red Ribbon Week. Mrs. Bailey introduced her staff; Taylor Addison-Coalition Coordinator, Kaya Donaldson-SLU Intern, Gaylin Mull-Community Development Specialist, Cali Sbisaa-Community Safety Coordinator, and April Higgins-Traffic Safety Coalition Member
2. ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION OF CONDEMNATION REPORT – Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to accept the recommendation of condemnation report for Richard Wright Road, Amite LA, 70422, Assessment #573604, District 3. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Bruno, Mr. Mayeaux
3. APPROVAL TO SEEK BIDS – Mr. Miller made known this is a federal grant for the City of Ponchatoula. Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mrs. Coates to approve to seek bids for Ponchatoula FTA Pedestrian Improvements. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Bruno, Mr. Mayeaux
4. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 – Motion by Mr. Forrest, seconded by Ingraffia to approve change order #1 that only changes the scope of the contract for Gas Collection and Control System Installation at Landfill. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Bruno, Mr. Mayeaux
5. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE – Mr. Miller made known the trucks are 4x4 Diesels, (2) for Animal Shelter and (2) for Road & Bridge, the state contract dealer is Courtesy Automotive Group, Breaux Bridge, LA. Motion by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Wells to approve to purchase (4) Ford F-250 Trucks off State Contract, \$59,503.00 each. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Bruno, Mr. Mayeaux
6. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE – Mr. Miller made known the truck will be used in Road & Bridge and Emergency Management and a portion of the purchase will be paid for with a grant, the dealer is Courtesy Automotive Group, Breaux Bridge, LA Motion by Mrs. Coates, seconded by Mr. Forrest to approve to purchase & piggy back off City of Alexandria contract #2431 the purchase of a Ford F-650 Box Truck with Lift Gate, \$96,640.00. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Bruno, Mr. Mayeaux

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

7. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT – Motion by Mr. Forrest, seconded by Mr. Joseph to approve the special event for November 5, 2023, November Horse Racing, 22516 Mixon Road, Amite, District 1. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Bruno, Mr. Mayeaux

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

8. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-62 - An Ordinance to amend T.P. Ordinance No. 23-55 Chapter 36-Planning and Development, Article IV-Standards for Subdivision of Property, Section 36-90-Minor Subdivision Standards - Family Partitions – Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mrs. Coates to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-62 and set public hearing Monday, November 13, 2023, 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. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Bruno, Mr. Mayeaux
9. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-63 - An Ordinance placing 15mph speed limit signs on Charlotte Drive and Armato Lane in District 4 – Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-63 and set public hearing Monday, November 13, 2023, 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. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Bruno, Mr. Mayeaux

10. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-64 - An Ordinance placing 25mph School Zone speed limit signs on Ridgdell Road entering/exiting Ponchatoula High School in District 9 – Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Ridgel to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-64 and set public hearing Monday, November 13, 2023, 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. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates  
ABSENT: Mr. Bruno, Mr. Mayeaux

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

11. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R23-34 - A Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government to adjust the salaries of the Justice of the Peace and Constables  
T.P. RESOLUTION NO. R23-34  
A RESOLUTION OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL-PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT TO ADJUST THE SALARIES OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND CONSTABLES  
WHEREAS, by the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government, State of Louisiana, shall fix the salaries of the Justice of the Peace and Constables; and  
WHEREAS, the salaries of the Justice of the Peace and Constables shall increase \$75.00/month; and  
WHEREAS, the salary increase shall be effective January 1, 2024.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tangipahoa Parish Council, acting as the governing authority does hereby fix the salaries of the Justice of the Peace and Constables to increase \$75.00/month, effective January 1, 2024.  
On motion by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Ridgel, the foregoing resolution was hereby declared adopted on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2023 by the following roll-call vote: YEAS: Forrest, Ingraffia, Joseph, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Coates  
ABSENT: Bruno, Mayeaux
12. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R23-35 - A Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government to approve to move forward with condemnation proceedings of a structure located at Richard Wright Road, Amite, LA 70422, Assessment #573604 in District 3  
T. P. RESOLUTION NO. R23-35  
A RESOLUTION OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL-PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT TO APPROVE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS OF A STRUCTURE LOCATED AT RICHARD WRIGHT ROAD, AMITE, LA 70422, ASSESSMENT #573604 IN DISTRICT 3  
WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Blighted Property Division has submitted documentation detailing the correspondence regarding a structure deemed in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare; and  
WHEREAS, a written report detailing the current condition of said structure signed by the Tangipahoa Parish Building Inspector and the Parish President has been submitted to the parish council recommending approval for condemnation, demolition, and removal of the unoccupied dilapidated structure; and  
WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Code of Ordinances reads in Chapter 12 Building and Building Regulations, Article III Removal or Condemnation of Dangerous Buildings, Structures and Camps, in the Unincorporated areas of the Parish, the Parish Council upon the submission of a written report detailing the current condition and recommending condemnation shall then accept the report and approve to move forward with condemnation proceedings by a resolution duly passed by a majority of the membership of the parish council.  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tangipahoa Parish Council acting as the governing authority does hereby approve to move forward with condemnation proceedings of a structure located at Richard Wright Road, Amite, LA 70422, Assessment #573604 in District 3.  
On motion by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Forrest, the foregoing resolution was hereby declared adopted on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2023, by the following roll-call vote: YEAS: Forrest, Ingraffia, Joseph, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Coates  
ABSENT: Bruno, Mayeaux
13. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R23-36 - A Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government supporting recovery proposal through the Louisiana Office of Community Development Disaster Allocations  
T. P. RESOLUTION NO. R23-36  
A RESOLUTION OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL-PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT SUPPORTING RECOVERY PROPOSAL THROUGH THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISASTER ALLOCATIONS  
WHEREAS, the LA Office of Community Development (OCD) Hometown Revitalization Program and the Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program for community and infrastructure development has approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Parish for specified disaster related community development projects (i.e. the Recovery Proposal); and  
WHEREAS, the Parish of Tangipahoa will be submitting the Recovery Proposal that meets the national objectives of this program, and applying for preliminary approval for several projects if the State OCD approves the Parish's Recovery Proposal; and  
WHEREAS, said applicant governing body, Tangipahoa Parish Government, will provide administrative support for submitting the proposal and related applications to the State. The applications include:  
*Landfill Sewerage Connection and Treatment at Regional Landfill*  
*Citizens Drop-off Area at Parish Landfill*  
*West Mulberry St. Extension*  
*Repair or replacement of bridges, local match funds*  
*Florida Parishes Arena new multi-purpose building with parking*  
*Improvements to Community Multi-Purpose Building-Independence*  
*Sidewalk Improvements local match, Amite to Arena*  
*GIS Master Planning*  
*Permanent Generators*  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tangipahoa Parish Council does hereby approve the Tangipahoa Parish Recovery Proposal and projects, and has authorized Robby Miller, Parish President, to execute and submit official documents including but not limited to the project Recovery proposal, applications, letters of commitment, amendments, and agreements with the State of Louisiana.  
On motion by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Ingraffia, the foregoing resolution was hereby declared adopted on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2023, by the following roll-call vote: YEAS: Forrest, Ingraffia, Joseph, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Coates  
ABSENT: Bruno, Mayeaux

BOARD APPOINTMENT

14. PLANNING COMMISSION – Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to accept the resignation of Tracie Howes and approve the new appointment of Rick Durham to fill unexpired term of March 2028 for the Planning Commission. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Bruno, Mr. Mayeaux

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

**LEGAL MATTERS**

Mr. Cascio commended the Hammond Airshow and all involved with the show, saying it was an enjoyment to watch.

**COUNCILMEN'S PRIVILEGES** - None

With no further discussion, Motion by Mr. Joseph to adjourn the meeting. No opposition.

S/Jill DeSouge, Council Clerk  
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/David P. Vial, Chairman  
Tangipahoa Parish Council