

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL ON MAY 8, 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:

T.P. Ordinance No. 23-26- no one from the public asked to speak on this item.

MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL
MAY 8, 2023 MEETING

The Tangipahoa Parish Council met on the 8th day of May 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 Councilman Joseph and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Ridgel.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Forrest to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated April 24, 2023. Roll call vote as follows:

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

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

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. **RECOGNITION of KEYS Alliance Graduating Seniors** – Taylor Addison presented from Hammond High Magnet School, Deporres Taplette and Jayla Tate; Ponchatoula High School, Connor Jackson
2. **APPROVAL OF BIDS** Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to approve the low bidder Transportation South in the amount of \$81,280.00 for a 2023 Ford F T-350 Transit Van for the Urban Transit Program. Roll call vote as follows:
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates **ABSENT**: Mr. Mayeaux

Mr. Miller asked for consideration to amend the agenda for a resolution of support of the Attorney General working to file suit against FEMA regarding the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) RISK rating 2.0.

Motion by Mr. Bruno to amend agenda to add Resolution, seconded by Mr. Wells. Roll call vote as follows:

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

ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R23-18 – A Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government in support of the Attorney General of Louisiana against FEMA – Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mrs. Coates to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R23-18. Roll call vote as follows:

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

T. P. RESOLUTION NO. R23-18
A RESOLUTION OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL-PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF LOUISIANA AGAINST FEMA

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) “is updating the National Flood Insurance Program’s (NFIP) risk rating methodology through the implementation of a new pricing methodology,” titled “Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action”;

WHEREAS, FEMA states that Risk Rating 2.0’s “methodology leverages industry best practices and cutting-edge technology to enable FEMA to deliver rates that are actuarially sound, equitable, easier to understand and better reflect a property’s flood risk”;

WHEREAS, the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana, members of both the Louisiana legislature and the federal legislature, members of state government, numerous Parish Presidents and their Councils, and many other entities in Louisiana and around the nation have grave concerns about the soundness of Risk Rating 2.0’s underlying methodology, its failure to properly take into account any of the numerous improvements Louisiana’s Levee Boards have made to the flood protection systems, and its catastrophic effect on Louisiana’s flood insurance rates and the ability of Louisiana’s homeowners to purchase flood insurance;

WHEREAS, many of those entities have repeatedly raised their concerns to FEMA, have asked FEMA for documentation showing FEMA’s underlying methodology, and have been passed from one federal office to the next without receiving any meaningful answers to their questions or documents showing FEMA’s underlying methodology;

WHEREAS, FEMA has denied and continues to deny the efforts of those who are trying to protect their interests, the interests of their members, the interests of many Louisiana industries, and the interests of Louisiana citizens, making what is supposed to be “Equity in Action” an inequitable program across the entire State of Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government joins the Attorney General of Louisiana in litigation against FEMA to challenge Risk Rating 2.0.

Mr. Miller gave an update on the Hoover Rd/Sisters Rd improvements noting the contractor was having financial issues and is in default therefore Beverly Construction will take over the project.

Mr. Miller also reiterated for wire debris send pictures and locations to the wires@tangipahoa.org

Mr. Forrest asked if this was for low hanging wires and Mr. Miller responded Yes, along roadways and driveway crossings.

REGULAR BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

3. ADOPTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-26 - The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Tangipahoa Parish Council on April 24, 2023, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing, which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on May 8, 2023 on a Motion made by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to adopt T.P. Ordinance No. 23-26. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux

T.P. Ordinance No. 23-26

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE SURPLUS A 2017 DODGE 2500 CREW CAB (ASSET #24155) AND AUTHORIZE THE DONATION OF SAID SURPLUSED ASSET TO THE TOWN OF ROSELAND ON BEHALF OF THE ROSELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government has an asset that is no longer needed for public purposes by the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Roseland has requested assistance with the donation of a truck for the Roseland Fire Department;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government that the following asset be donated to the Town of Roseland and that the Tangipahoa Parish President be authorized to sign all documents required in the donation.

1) Asset #24155 2017 Dodge 2500 Crew Cab VIN# 3C6TR4HT2HG647328

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

4. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-27 - An Ordinance to adopt the Millage Rates for the tax year of 2023 – Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mrs. Coates, to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-27 and set for public hearing Monday, May 22, 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. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux
5. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-28 - An Ordinance to authorize the Parish President on behalf of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government to execute the renewal contract beginning January 1, 2024 with Acadian Ambulance, Inc. - Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Wells, to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-28 and set for public hearing Monday, May 22, 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. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux
6. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-29 - An Ordinance to authorize the Parish President on behalf of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government to execute the renewal contract with Channel 17, Inc - Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-29 and set for public hearing Monday, May 22, 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. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux
7. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-30 - An Ordinance amending and enacting Chapter 36- Planning and Development, Article V-Standards for Development of Property, Sec 36-115-Special Use Residential Commercial Developments, (B)-Manufactured and Mobile Home Park Requirements - Maximum Units - Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Bruno, to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-30 and set for public hearing Monday, May 22, 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. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux
8. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-31 - An Ordinance authorizing the Parish President or his authorized designee to execute any and all documents in regard to the purchase of land together with improvements situated in Sections 3 and 10, Township 5 South, Range 7 East, Municipal No. 129 Calhoun Street, Independence, LA - District 4 - Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Wells, to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-31 and set for public hearing Monday, May 22, 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. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux
9. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-32 - An Ordinance to grant a variance to Section 36-91-Major Subdivision Standards, (D), (3)-Lot Sizes and Dimensions for Cornerstone Subdivision Phases 3 & 4, in District 8 - Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Wells, to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-32 and set for public hearing Monday, May 22, 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. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux

10. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-33 - An Ordinance to grant a variance to Section 36-112- Special Classification Property Development Standards, (A)-Mobile/Manufactured Homes Placement Standards for Placement on a Single Lot for Channing Garrett, Assessment #1878107 in District 7 - Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Wells, to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-33 and set for public hearing Monday, May 22, 2023, at 5:30pm for the purpose of receiving input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote as follows:
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Coates
NAY: Mr. Ingraffia, Mrs. Hyde ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

11. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R23-15 - A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") on Saturday, October 14, 2023, for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of the levy and collection of a 2.81 mills ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the Parish for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of the maintenance and support of the Tangipahoa Parish Library and its branches; and further making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the aforesaid election; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith. – Motion Mr. Bruno, Seconded by Mr. Ridgel to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R23-15. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux
12. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R23-16 - A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Road Lighting District No. 1 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, Louisiana (the "District") on Saturday, October 14, 2023, for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of the levy and collection of a two (2) mill ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, highways and public places in the District; and further making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the aforesaid election; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith. - Motion Mrs. Hyde, Seconded by Mrs. Coates to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R23-16. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux
13. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R23-17 - A Resolution granting approval to Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District"), to call and hold an election on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to authorize the renewal of the levy and collection of a ten (10) mill ad valorem tax for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating recreational facilities and activities in and for the District; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith. - Motion Mrs. Hyde, Seconded by Mrs. Coates to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R23-17. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

14. KEEP TANGIPAHOA BEAUTIFUL – Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to re-appoint Leisa Deblieux, 2nd term , expiring May 2025 (District 8); appoint Jeanette Patanella (District 4) and Linda Wicker (District 3), 1st term, expiring May 2025. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux

BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMITS

15. Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Forrest to approve the foregoing Beer, Wine & Liquor permit as approved by the TPSO for Hammond Food Mart Enterprises, Inc, 43195 S. Range Road, Hammond, LA 70403 in District 8 for Class B Beer (Package Only) / Class A/B Liquor. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Mayeaux

LEGAL MATTERS - None

COUNCILMEN'S PRIVILEGES

Mr. Joseph read a Thank You note from a resident of the Village of Tangipahoa for the efforts made by the parish and council with the February 5th Tornado.

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

S/Jill DeSouge, Council Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/David P. Vial, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council