

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL ON MARCH 25, 2024, 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. 24-06 and T.P. Ordinance No. 24-07 - no one from the public asked to speak on these matters

**MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MARCH 25, 2024 MEETING**

The Tangipahoa Parish Council met on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024 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 Cieutat and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Havis.

The following members were PRESENT: Darrell Sinagra, Louis Joseph, Joseph Havis, Buddy Ridgel, Joey Mayeaux, Lionell Wells, David Vial, Strader Cieutat ABSENT: John Ingraffia, Brigitte Hyde

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Joseph to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated March 11, 2024. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ingraffia, Mrs. Hyde

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

**PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. FINANCIAL REPORT - Mr. Miller made it known monthly financial reports were emailed to the council.
2. PROCLAMATION - United Way 100 Years - Michael Williamson, President and CEO, Jamene Dahmer, Sr VP Strategic Workforce Partnership, Cammie Proctor, and Sonja Ragusa Newman were in attendance to accept the proclamation.
3. PROCLAMATION – Mr. Miller presented the 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fair Housing Month Proclamation

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

4. INTRODUCTION of Tangipahoa Communication District No. 1 (911) Director - Ethan Dunn, President of the 911 board introduced the new Director Anthony Summers.
5. UPDATE ON TAX ELECTION - Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center, Joseph Dominick discussed the upcoming tax renewal on April 27, 2024 asking for the council’s support.
6. PRESENTATION by NORPC Path to Zero Safety Action Plan Introduction, Nelson Hollings, Jonathan Gambino, and Ellen Soll presented a slide show explaining the plan.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

7. ADOPTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 24-06 - An Ordinance amending and enacting Chapter 50-Utilities, Article II-Sewers - Community Systems - The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Tangipahoa Parish Council on March 11, 2024, 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 March 25, 2024. Motion by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Sinagra to adopt T.P. Ordinance No. 24-06. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ingraffia, Mrs. Hyde

T. P. Ordinance No. 24-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ENACTING CHAPTER 50-UTILITIES, ARTICLE II-SEWERS – COMMUNITY SYSTEMS

Chapter 50 UTILITIES

ARTICLE II. SEWERS

Sec. 50-34. Community System Franchise fees.

Any entity that operates a community sewage system within the unincorporated areas in Tangipahoa Parish shall have an active franchise agreement with Sewerage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish (“TPSD1”). The amount of the quarterly franchise fee shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per customer.

Sec. 50-35. Community sewage systems to be connected to public sanitary sewer.

- a.) The parish governing authority (or its designated subagency) may assume ownership and accept responsibility for the perpetual maintenance and operations of community sewage systems. Any existing or new community sewage system not connected to a public sanitary sewer but petitioning to do so (hereinafter referred to as “petitioner”) shall meet all standards and specifications of the parish governing authority, in particular, the Standard Specifications of Sewerage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish.
- b.) To ascertain the condition of petitioner’s system to be connected, the petitioner shall retain a qualified registered professional engineer, hereinafter referred to as the “Review Engineer”, who will conduct a complete survey and test of the system and submit to the General Manager of TPSD1 a report of his findings and recommendations for such corrective measures as may be needed to qualify the system for connection to the public sanitary sewer. Any corrective measures recommended by the Review Engineer shall be completed by petitioner at his costs or, if agreed to in writing by the parish governing authority, by the parish, provided that the costs for the corrective measures incurred by the parish shall be billed to petitioner and paid prior to acceptance. If the Review Engineer finds the system to be of in substantial conformance with the Standard Specifications of TPSD1, the Review Engineer shall so certify, in writing, to the General Manager of TPSD1 prior to acceptance by the parish governing authority. All fees related to such engineering work referenced herein shall be paid by petitioner requesting connection to the parish sanitary sewer.
- c.) Generally, TPSD1 will assume ownership, operation, and maintenance at no direct cost to the parish for the transfer of the community sewage system. In the event subsection (a) relates to a purchase by the parish governing authority, all costs incurred shall be borne by the seller.
- d.) All community sewage systems constructed with intent to connect to a public sanitary sewer shall be installed at the expense of the developer, owner, or political subdivision involved and shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, material, labor, engineering, “as-built” drawings”, equipment and supervision. Liens and debt owed on the community sewage system shall be paid off in full before transfer of ownership to the parish governing authority.
- e.) There shall be no refunds, immediate or extended, by the parish governing authority to any party for any part of the installation.

- f.) As a part of the system installation, the owner will cause laterals to be installed from each wye to the property line and plugged for each building and/or lot to be served as accurately as can be determined at the time of construction.
- g.) No building sewer shall be less than four (4) inches in diameter and each building shall be served by its separate building sewer and wye except where approved in other sections of the TPSD1 specifications. There will be a charge for connection of any new system to the public sanitary sewer.
- h.) In order for any community sewage system to be connected to a public sanitary sewer, a qualified registered professional engineer shall be responsible for all phases of the project. The engineer will prepare detailed plans and specifications conforming to TPSD1 standards and master plan for long-range sanitary sewer system development. The plans and specifications shall be approved, prior to any construction, by DHH-OPH, followed by approval by the TPSD1 engineer. Two (2) copies of the proposed plans and specifications shall be provided to TPSD1 at the time of final approval and prior to construction.
- i.) "AS-BUILT" plans showing, in detail, the actual location of all mains, manholes, service wyes and laterals, lift stations (including O&M manuals), force mains, and related appurtenances, shall be provided to TPSD1 in digital and/or electronic form and shall be capable of being preserved by electronic means. Electronic means include, but are not limited to, preservation as PDF files, Zip files, CAD Drawings, Shapefiles, or memorialized as such on a compact disk. Subsequent to completed construction, and in advance of formal transfer of the sewerage infrastructure, the designer of record shall provide TPSD1 a written certification that the system has been constructed and installed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, and, further, that the "As-Built" drawings were prepared under the responsible charge of the designer of record.
- j.) The TPSD1 reserves the right to inspect and to approve or disapprove any method of installation, workmanship, or materials which, in its opinion, do not meet the specifications or standards of TPSD1.
- k.) The developer, owner, or political subdivision initiating the installation shall be adequately bonded, as provided below, and shall assume full responsibility for compliance with this section and shall save and hold harmless the parish governing authority in all claims and suits arising from the installation and use and shall maintain the system for TWO (2) years following acceptance by the parish governing authority, such maintenance to conform to all requirements outlined herein for the initial construction. The parish shall inspect the system at the twenty-third (23<sup>rd</sup>) month after final subdivision approval to determine compliance. After completion of all items required in the plans and specifications and before the parish governing authority assumes ownership, operation, and maintenance of the community sewage system, the developer, owner, or political subdivision initiating the installation shall submit to the parish a maintenance bond in favor of the parish in an amount no less than fifty (50) percent of the community sewage system contract amount, guaranteeing workmanship and materials for a minimum period of two (2) years. All warranty/maintenance bonds shall be obtained from an accredited financial institution recognized to be in good standing by the parish governing authority. The release of warranty/maintenance bonds shall follow established parish procedures.
- l.) Upon acceptance by TPSD1, the entire system installed in public rights-of-way or servitudes shall become the property of the parish governing authority.
- m.) The developer, owner, or political subdivision initiating the construction of any community sewage system intended to connect to a public sanitary sewer shall apply for inspections by the parish governing authority plumbing inspector of all plumbing works as required by the parish governing authority plumbing code. The plumbing inspector, upon acceptance of the work, shall issue a tap receipt where same applies as a record of the connection.
- n.) Failure by a developer, owner, or political subdivision to comply with the provisions of this section can result in the refusal by the parish governing authority to allow a connection to a public sanitary sewer or to allow water service from its distribution system to any houses or other buildings intended to be served therefrom.
- o.) A developer, owner, or political subdivision that installs its own new community sewage system shall not deed that system to an individual or private company without offering first right of refusal to TPSD1. Any such transaction must be with TPSD1. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parish president, any new community sewage system located in the unincorporated area of Tangipahoa Parish must be dedicated to public use and shall become the property of TPSD1 without charge to the parish. The construction, installation, connection, condition, quality, workmanship, materials, surveying, testing, inspection, plans and specifications, certification, plumbing works, maintenance, bonding, and transfer of the new community sewage system shall be subject to the other applicable provisions of this ordinance.
- p.) If a community sewage system is abandoned by its owner or operator, the parish governing authority or its designee may work with LDEQ to have the parish appointed as the receiver for the community sewage system under La. R.S. 30:2075.3. The parish also may acquire the community sewage system if the acquisition is approved by the parish governing authority.

Secs. 50-36—50-54. Reserved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon signature of the Parish President. 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.

8. ADOPTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 24-07 - An Ordinance amending T.P. Ordinance No. 19-56 the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government Employee Handbook - the following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Tangipahoa Parish Council on March 11, 2024, 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 March 25, 2024. Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mrs. Cieutat to adopt T.P. Ordinance No. 24-07. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ingraffia, Mrs. Hyde

T. P. Ordinance No. 24-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING T.P. ORDINANCE NO. 19-56 THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL-PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

BE IT ORDAINED by the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government Personnel Policies are hereby amended as attached and that all previous ordinance in conflict with said ordinance or hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon signature of the Parish President. 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.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

9. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 24-08 - An Ordinance amending and enacting Chapter 36-Planning and Development, Article IX-Flood Prevention and Protection - Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Joseph to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 24-08 and set public hearing for Monday, April 8, 2024, at 5:30pm for the purpose of receiving input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ingraffia, Mrs. Hyde

10. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 24-09 - An Ordinance establishing 25mph speed limit on F. Joiner Road in District 9 - Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Mayeaux to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 24-09 and set public hearing for Monday, April 8, 2024, at 5:30pm for the purpose of receiving input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ingraffia, Mrs. Hyde

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

11. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R24-05 - A Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government supporting Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 in requesting re-evaluation and improvements of structures along Interstate 12 corridor and LA 22 in Tangipahoa Parish WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development ("LaDOTD") and Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA") specifies a "Design Storm Frequency" of fifty years (50 years) for Interstates and state highways; and  
WHEREAS, NOAA Atlas 14, Volume 9, Version 2.0, indicates a "50 year" rainfall event for Tangipahoa Parish to be 10.6 inches (24 hour duration); and  
WHEREAS, NOAA rainfall records indicate this rainfall amount has been exceeded four (4) times in the past sixteen (16) years. The result of the exceedance is (a) the structure (roadway) overtops and/or (b) backwater created results in flooding; and  
WHEREAS, the widening of Interstate 12 traversing Tangipahoa Parish and additionally the plans to widen and improve state highway LA 22 utilizing the "50 year Rainfall Design" criteria for bridges on Interstate 12 and state highways. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government to support the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 request that the LaDOTD and FHWA revise its design criteria from the current "50 year Rainfall Design" to a minimum "500 year design storm" (15.9 inches in a 24-hour period) and to implement and use tools provided by the Louisiana Watershed Initiative and its partners to ascertain the impacts (potential flooding). That these agencies designing our infrastructure coordinate design efforts with the local government agencies to ensure up-to-date information concerning existing and future land use patterns is being utilized. These new design standards will greatly enhance the quality of life of our citizens and greatly reduce the risk to the public's property, health, and safety.  
On motion by Mr. Mayeaux and seconded by Mr. Wells, the foregoing resolution was hereby declared adopted on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, by the following roll-call vote: YEA: Sinagra, Joseph, Havis, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Cieutat ABSENT: Ingraffia, Hyde

12. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R24-06 - A Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government appointing a Commissioner and an Alternate Commissioner to serve two-year terms on the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission  
T. P. RESOLUTION NO. R24-06  
A RESOLUTION OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL-PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT APPOINTING A COMMISSIONER AND AN ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER TO SERVE TWO-YEAR TERMS ON THE ZACHARY TAYLOR PARKWAY COMMISSION  
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government, governing authority of Tangipahoa Parish, State of Louisiana that the following appointments are made to the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission:  
COMMISSIONER – Mr. Joe Thomas  
ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER – Mr. Rangle Pittman  
On motion by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Sinagra, the foregoing resolution was hereby declared adopted on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, by the following roll-call vote: YEA: Sinagra, Joseph, Havis, Ridgel, Wells, Vial, Cieutat ABSENT: Ingraffia, Hyde

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

13. TANGIPAHOA WATER DISTRICT – Motion by Mr. Havis, seconded by Mr. Joseph to approve Randall Pfiester, 1st term, expiring May 2028, District 4 to the Tangipahoa Water District board. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ingraffia, Mrs. Hyde
14. TANGIPAHOA VOLUNTARY COUNCIL ON AGING – Motion by Mr. Sinagra, seconded by Mr. Joseph to approve Michael Kazerooni, 1st term, expiring October 2026, District 1 to the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging board. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ingraffia, Mrs. Hyde
15. KEEP TANGIPAHOA BEAUTIFUL – Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Cieutat to accept the resignations of Richard Fox and Leisa Deblieux and approve Nathan Daniels to fill unexpired term, expiring May 2025, District 10; Carolyn Howard to fill unexpired term, expiring May 2025, District 8; Ronald Harrell, 1st term, expiring May 2026, District 7 to the Keep Tangipahoa Beautiful board. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Cieutat ABSENT: Mr. Ingraffia, Mrs. Hyde

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

**LEGAL MATTERS** - None

**COUNCILMEN'S PRIVILEGES**

Mr. Joseph asked Ginger Tastet, Don Bates, and Trevor Besse to discuss the recycling from the recent festivals and plans for the upcoming festivals.

**ADJOURN**

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

S/Jill DeSouge, Council Clerk  
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/David P. Vial, Chairman  
Tangipahoa Parish Council