

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL ON AUGUST 28, 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. 23-51 – No one from the public asked to speak on these items.

**MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL
AUGUST 28, 2023 MEETING**

The Tangipahoa Parish Council met on the 28th day of August 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 Bruno.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Joseph to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated August 14, 2023. Roll call vote as follows:

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

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

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. **PROCLAMATION** - Suicide Prevention Month – Bridget Bailey read the Proclamation and made it known of the National Crisis Hotline number 988 for anyone experiencing anxiety, stress, depression or feeling overwhelmed, a call to 988 is a means to express themselves and if further assistance is needed the hotline can assist. The hotline is being answered on a local basis through a call center on the Northshore. Mrs. Bailey asked Mrs. Melissa Bordelon with the Tangipahoa Chamber to discuss the initiative taken place to bring awareness to 988.
2. **FINANCIAL REPORT**– Mr. Miller made it known monthly financial reports were emailed to the council.

REGULAR BUSINESS

The chair addressed the public stating the legal item on the agenda will be in Executive Session and Public Input is not allowed in Executive Session. If there is action to be taken after Executive Session, then the public would have an opportunity to speak.

3. **RECOGNITION** of the 2024 Amite Oyster Festival Royalty – King and Pearl Lee and Kathy Schilling, Miss Amite Oyster Madelyn Morgan, Teen Amite Oyster Kelsey Keyser, Deb Miss Amite Oyster Charlee Grace Ragusa, Junior Miss Amite Oyster, Jordyn Sharpe, Little Miss Amite Oyster Lyla Grace Spitale, Petite Miss Amite Oyster Haysley Simmons
4. **PRESENTATION** - Sign Language Interpreter by Antionette Harrell, Self-Advocate for Statewide Independent Living Council – Ms. Harrell gave her address as 708 Avenue J, Kentwood. Brenda Steptoe was present as the sign language interpreter of the presentation. Ms. Harrell acting as an advocate for the hearing disabled asking the council to consider having a sign language interpreter at all the meetings.
5. **RENAMING ROAD & SET PUBLIC HEARING** change name of McGary Lane to Fred Clark Road in District 10 – The chair discussed the 2001 partition by the residents requesting the council to change the name of the private road to McGary Lane. A recent incident came to light when a resident on the road called 911 giving an address that did not exist in the emergency system causing a delay in the fire department getting to the emergency. Vicki at 911 was informed that the residents of the road never changed their address to the McGary Lane and continued for all these years to use the old address of Fred Clark Road. The chair asked legal counsel based on the health and safety of the residents can the council change the name back. Legal counsel made it known the council can make the decision to change the name of the road. Motion by Mrs. Coates to change the name of McGary Lane to Fred Clark Road and set public hearing for September 11, 2023, for public input, seconded by Mr. Bruno. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates
ABSENT: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ridgel

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

6. **ADOPTION** of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-51 - An Ordinance to amend Chapter 18-Fire Prevention and Protection, Section 18-4 Independence Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau - The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Tangipahoa Parish Council on August 14, 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 August 28, 2023 on a Motion made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Joseph to adopt T.P. Ordinance No. 23-51. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates
ABSENT: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ridgel

T.P. Ordinance No. 23-51

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18-FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, SECTION 18-4 INDEPENDENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2023, Tangipahoa Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 23-01: For the release of the State Fire Marshal and any other State Entity from responsibility or liability for those inspections performed by the Fire Prevention Bureau, or the consequence thereof, within the jurisdiction of the governing authority; WHEREAS, Tangipahoa Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 created the Independence Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau to conduct fire safety inspections within Tangipahoa Parish in which the bureau is authorized to conduct inspections; and WHEREAS, the Independence Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau was created in pursuit of Louisiana R.S. 40:1563;

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government agrees upon and supports the adoption of the creation and establishment of the Independence Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau and adoption of all necessary codes thereof as required by state law;

WHEREAS, the Independence Fire Department agrees that pursuant to this ordinance, they will obtain all necessary certifications, and hold harmless and indemnify the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government from any liability associated with inspections and enforcement authorized;

THEREFORE, BE IT OBTAINED by the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government, governing authority of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana.

CHAPTER 18 FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

Sec. 18-4 Independence Fire Department Fire Protection Bureau

Definition:

The Independence Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau is created for the purpose and establishment of reasonable levels of fire safety and property protection created from the hazards created by fire and explosion located within the boundaries of the Independence Fire Department.

Intent of the Bureau:

It is the intent of the Bureau to prescribe regulations consistent with the provisions provided in Louisiana R. S. 40:1563 as well as regulations consistent with nationally recognized good practice for the safeguarding to a reasonable degree of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials, and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the use of occupancy of building or premises. The most current State of Louisiana adopted version of the fire life safety code will be the minimum code which will be utilized by the bureau.

The Code:

The term "The Code" in General Provisions make reference to those technical codes adopted by Tangipahoa Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 to establish a reasonable level of fire safety and property protection from the hazards created by fire and explosion, including, but not limited to, the most recent State of Louisiana adopted version of the National Fire Protection Agency Life Safety Code (NFPA 101) and, as a maintenance code, the State of Louisiana Uniform Fire Prevention Code as defined in R.S. 40:1578.7.

The Bureau:

The Fire Prevention Bureau will be headed by the Chief of the Fire Department, or a person designated by the Chief of the Fire Department. Bureau will be staffed by qualified individuals whose credentials have been reviewed and accepted by the State Fire Marshall.

The Bureau will conduct maintenance inspections on behalf of the Fire Marshall. The Fire Marshall shall have the authority to monitor the performance of the Fire Prevention Bureau in the performance of those functions which would otherwise be performed by the Fire Marshall.

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 Tangipahoa Parish Council.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

7. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-52 - An Ordinance to designate and declare certain Tangipahoa Parish assets to be surplus – Motion by Mr. Ingraffia, seconded by Mr. Joseph to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-52 and set for public hearing Monday, September 11, 2023, at 5:30pm for the purpose of receiving input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ridgel

BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMITS – None

COUNCILMEN'S PRIVILEGES

Mr. Vial announced the Police Jury Region VI meeting and asked the council to attend if possible.

Mr. Vial discussed forming a committee to discuss the Entergy Franchise agreement, Mrs. Hyde, Mr. Bruno and Mr. Mayeaux volunteered to be on the committee along with an administration designee.

Mr. Ingraffia asked Mr. Miller on updates on low lines. Mr. Miller made known a list has been put together and is being added to and distributed to the utility companies.

The Chair asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Joseph to enter executive session. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ridgel

LEGAL MATTERS

The Chair asked for a Motion to exit Executive Session. Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Wells to exit Executive Session. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ridgel

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION the Chair made it known no action was taken with Dorsey Development DG, LLC v. Tangipahoa Parish Council, et al, 21st JDC, Parish of Tangipahoa, 289, Division D

Motion by Mr. Bruno for legal counsel to settle the case with John Thompson, Jr. v. Tangipahoa Parish, et al, USDC-E.D. La. No. 20-cv-1842 / Dorsey Development DG, LLC v. Tangipahoa Parish Council, et al, 21st JDC, Parish of Tangipahoa, 289, Division D, seconded by Mr. Mayeaux. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates ABSENT: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ridgel

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