

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 24, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH GORDON A BURGESS GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING, 206 EAST MULBERRY STREET, AMITE, LOUISIANA Mr. Vial, Chair made it known a public hearing was being held on the following:

**PUBLIC HEARING**

CONDEMNATION HEARING - 11540 Wendell Lane, Hammond, LA 70404, Assessment #4203100, District 6 and 43158 Tillman Drive, Hammond LA 70403, Assessment #1967207, District 6 – No one appeared on behalf of the properties. Jeffrey Barthelemy, TPG Blighted Property division, discussed each property and gave a recommendation.

The Chair made it known for the next 2 public hearings, for the Auto Body Dismantle Only license strictly consists of car body part removal only, no engine type of parts that involve fluids, oils, or gas of any kind allowed for dismantle.

Cooper Salvage Yard Inc, 24333 Hwy 22, Ponchatoula, LA to proceed with the permitting process for an Auto Body Dismantle Only License in District 9, Tangipahoa Parish and S&J Autobody & Mechanics, 18226 Woodscale Road, Hammond, LA to proceed with the permitting process for an Auto Body Dismantle Only License in District 8, Tangipahoa Parish – no one from the public asked to speak on these two items.

**MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 24, 2025 MEETING**

The Tangipahoa Parish Council met on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 in Regular Session and was called to order by Mr. David Vial, Chairman at 5:30pm. The Chair asked all cell phones to be muted or turned off.

The Invocation was given by Councilman Joseph and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Mayeaux.

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Joseph to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated February 10, 2025. Roll call vote as follows: Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat

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

**PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. **APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1** – Motion by Mr. Joseph seconded by Mr. Mayeaux to approve change order #1 for an increase of \$4,874.00 to the contract for the Tangipahoa Parish Jail Roof Replacement. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat
2. **APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #2**– Motion by Mr. Havis seconded by Ridgel to approve change order #2 for an increase of \$29,373.00.00 to the contract for the for Tangipahoa Parish Jail Roof Replacement. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat
3. **APPROVAL OF BID** – Motion by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Havis to approve the low bid by Barriere Construction in the amount of \$6,855,380.01for TPG-2025-001 Maintenance Overlay Program. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat
4. **APPROVAL OF BID** – Motion by Mr. Havis, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to approve low bid by Vermeer Midsouth in the amount of \$106,652.65 for Finn Model T120 Hydroseeder or Equivalent at the Landfill. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat
5. **APPROVAL TO HIRE** – Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Joseph to approve to hire a contractor to cut grass at Lot 5, East Coleman Park, Hammond, LA 70401, Assessment #3200418 in District 7 and lien property the cost of contract plus administrative fees. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat
6. **APPROVAL TO HIRE** – Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Joseph to approve to hire a contractor to cut grass at Lot 6, East Coleman Park, Hammond, LA 70401, Assessment #1943006 in District 7 and lien property the cost of the contract plus administrative fees. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat

Councilman Wells commended Code Enforcement on their efforts with the properties in his district.

President Miller noted approximately \$2.5 million is spent on blighted properties, grass cutting, animal shelter, and litter. This is an unnecessary financial burden to the parish.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONDEMNATION** – Motion by Mr. Mayeaux, seconded by Mr. Sinagra to give the property owner 30 days to demolish structures at 11540 Wendell Lane, Hammond, LA 70404, Assessment #4203100, District 6. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat
8. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONDEMNATION** – Motion by Mr. Mayeaux, seconded by Mr. Joseph to give the property owner 30 days to demolish structures 43158 Tillman Drive, Hammond LA 70403, Assessment #1967207, District 6. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

9. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 25-03 - An Ordinance to amend, revise, and enact Tangipahoa Parish Animal Control Fee Schedule – Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Ingrassia to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 25-03 and set public hearing for Monday, March 10, 2025, at 5:30pm for purpose of receiving input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingrassia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

10. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R25-07 - A Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government for Cooper Salvage Yard Inc, 24333 Hwy 22, Ponchatoula, LA to proceed with the permitting for an Auto Body Dismantle Only License in District 9, Tangipahoa Parish– Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Mayeaux to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R25-07, having been published in full at [www.tangipahoa.org](http://www.tangipahoa.org) prior to passage. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingrassia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat
11. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R25-08 - A Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government for S&J Autobody & Mechanics, 18226 Woodscale Road, Hammond, LA to proceed with the permitting for an Auto Body Dismantle Only License in District 8, Tangipahoa Parish– Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Wells to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R25-08, having been published in full at [www.tangipahoa.org](http://www.tangipahoa.org) prior to passage. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingrassia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

12. TANGIPAHOA WATER DISTRICT – Motion by Mr. Mayeaux, seconded by Mr. Sinagra to approve re-appointments Tommy Levatino and Charlie Harrison to 1st terms after serving unexpired terms, both terms expire March 2029, District 6 and District 7. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingrassia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat
13. TANGIPAHOA VOLUNTARY COUNCIL ON AGING - Motion by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Wells to approve new appointment Kevin Spansel to serve an unexpired term expiring October 2025, District 5. Roll call vote as follows: YEA: Mr. Sinagra, Mr. Ingrassia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Havis, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Cieutat

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

**LEGAL MATTERS** - None

**COUNCILMEN'S PRIVILEGES**

Mrs. Hyde asked for prayers for the Reggie Pevey family

Mr. Wells commended the blighted property division for their efforts with dilapidated structures.

Mr. Joseph announced March 1<sup>st</sup>, Devonta Smith parade in Amite starting at 10:00am.

Mr. Vial asked for prayers for Mr. Joseph scheduled for cataract surgery on Wednesday.

**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