

MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL
February 22, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE - Notice Is Hereby Given That the Tangipahoa Parish Council Will Meet in **Regular Session** on Monday, February 22, 2021 Immediately Following the Public Hearing Held At 5:30 PM At Tangipahoa Parish Government Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, contact number (985) 748-3211

PUBLIC HEARING - Notice Is Hereby Given That a Public Hearing Will Be Held by The Tangipahoa Parish Council on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 5:30 PM At Tangipahoa Parish Government Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, contact number (985) 748-3211, on the following:

- Adoption of T.P. Ordinance No. 21-11- An ordinance to grant a variance to Tangipahoa Parish Code of Ordinances- Chapter 17-4.2-4a- Mini Partitions, for Mr. Eduardo Gato at 41066 Byers Road, Ponchatoula, Louisiana in District No. 2

No one from the public wished to address the foregoing item.

Tangipahoa Parish Council
Tangipahoa Parish Government Building
206 E. Mulberry Street, Amite, LA 70422
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CALL TO ORDER- Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Brigette Hyde, Chairwoman

INVOCATION- Councilman Louis Joseph

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (*All Veterans and active military, please render the proper salute*)- Councilman Trent Forrest

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Councilman Trent Forrest
Councilman John Ingraffia
Councilman Louis Joseph
Councilman Carlo Bruno
Councilman Buddy Ridgel
Councilman Joey Mayeaux
Councilman Lionell Wells
Councilman David Vial
Councilwoman Brigette Hyde
Councilwoman Kim Coates

CELL PHONES - *Please Mute or Turn Off*

ADOPTION OF MINUTES- Motion made by Councilman Wells, seconded by Councilman Ingraffia to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated February 8, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT - *Anyone Wishing to Address Agenda Items Which Were Not on Public Hearing*- None

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Approval of final acceptance of overlay program phase 21 fy 2020- Motion made by Councilman Ridgel, seconded by Councilman Wells to approve final acceptance of overlay program phase 21 for fiscal year 2020. Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Approval of new and current model Western Star 4700 sf roll off truck bid- Bids were presented as follows:

Bidder	Year/Make/Model	Bid Price
All Truck Parts and Equipment Co., LLC	2022 Western Star 4700sf w/ Galbreath 75,000# Hoist with Tarper	\$162,802.00
Old River Mack	Granite 64fr Mack w/ Galbreath 75,000# Roll Off Hoist	\$176,642.81

Motion made by Councilman Mayeaux, seconded by Councilwoman Coates to approve the bid of \$162,802.00 by All Truck Parts and Equipment Co., LLC for a new and current model Western Star 4700sf roll off truck. Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Approval to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding Between Tangipahoa Parish Government and Tangipahoa Parish Recreation District #3 - Keep Louisiana Beautiful (KLB) Trash Receptacle Mini-Grant Program- Motion made by Councilman Joseph, seconded by Councilman Forrest to give approval to enter into a memorandum of understanding between

Tangipahoa Parish Government and Tangipahoa Parish Recreation District No. 3 (Amite Area) for the Keep Louisiana Beautiful trash receptable mini-grant program. Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Financial Report- Presented

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. Adoption of T.P. Ordinance No. 21-11- An ordinance to grant a variance to Tangipahoa Parish Code of Ordinances- Chapter 17-4.2-4a- Mini Partitions, for Mr. Eduardo Gato at 41066 Byers Road, Ponchatoula, Louisiana in District No. 2- Motion made by Councilman Ingraffia, seconded by Councilman Vial to adopt T.P. Ordinance No. 21-11. Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

T.P. Ordinance No. 21-11

AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A VARIANCE TO TANGIPAHOA PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES- CHAPTER 17-4.2-4a MINI PARTITIONS, FOR MR. EDUARDO GATO AT 41066 BYERS ROAD, IN PONCHATOULA, LOUISIANA IN DISTRICT NO. 2 WHEREAS, Tangipahoa Parish Code of Ordinances Chapter 17, Sec. 17-4.2 A. (4.) (a) states Mini Partitions – for a new 60-foot ROW or private road to be allowed to be created, the original parcel (parent tract) to be divided must be a minimum of three (3) acres or more as per T.P. Ord. No. 20-56.

WHEREAS, Mr. Eduardo Gato, the property owner of 2.83 acres located at 41066 Byers Road, Ponchatoula, La 70454 is requesting a variance to Chapter 17, Sec 17-4.2 A. (4.) (a); and be allowed to create a Mini Partition with a 60-foot Right-of-Way.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government, governing authority of Tangipahoa Parish, State of Louisiana, that a variance to the Tangipahoa Parish Code of Ordinances, Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, be granted for the property at 41066 Byers Road in District No. 2 for Mr. Eduardo Gato to be allowed to create a mini partition with a 60-foot right of way;

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 TPC.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Brigitte Hyde, Chairwoman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

6. Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 21-12- An ordinance to grant a variance to ordinance no. 97-25- adoption of state sanitary code for Randy Legaux at 14201 Highway 22 West, Ponchatoula, Louisiana in District No. 10- Mrs. Laurel Downen with Invenergy addressed the Council in favor of solar farms and answered several questions that were posed to her by the Council. She will reach out to them shortly with more educational information and any answers that she did not have at this time.

Mr. Greg Vosbein of Highway 445 in Amite then addressed the Council in favor of this moratorium/in opposition of solar farms expressing his concerns about them.

Motion was then made by Councilwoman Coates, seconded by Councilman Wells to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 21-12 and set public hearing for Monday, March 8, 2021 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

7. Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 21-13- An ordinance to place a moratorium on the consideration and/or approval of all solar panel farms or commercial solar power plants within Tangipahoa Parish until such time as the pending studies and ordinances are complete- Motion made by Councilwoman Coates, seconded by Councilman Forrest to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 21-13 and set public hearing for Monday, March 8, 2021 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

8. Adoption of T.P. Resolution No. R21-05- A Resolution stating the Parish Council's approval and endorsement of the Tangipahoa Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau proceeding with the issuance, sale and delivery of its not to exceed \$150,000 Revenue Note, in one or more series, and its application for a loan under the Paycheck Protection Program-

Motion made by Councilman Ridgel, seconded by Councilman Wells to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R21-05. Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

T.P. RESOLUTION NO. R21-05

A Resolution stating the Parish Council's approval and endorsement of the Tangipahoa Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau proceeding with the issuance, sale and delivery of its not to exceed \$150,000 Revenue Note, in one or more series, and its application for a loan under the Paycheck Protection Program.

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau is a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (the "*Bureau*") created pursuant to Article VI, Sections 19 and 30 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, and Sections 4574 *et. seq* of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "*Tourist Commission Act*");

WHEREAS, the Bureau was established for the purpose of, directly or indirectly, developing and/or carrying out programs and activities designed to attract and promote travel and tourism in and to the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*Parish*");

WHEREAS, in response to the budgetary challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic and to continue the Bureau's economic development mission to promote and encourage the travel and tourism industry in the Parish at current levels, the Board of Directors of the Bureau (the "*Board*"), pursuant to the Tourist Commission Act and Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, desires to issue its not to exceed \$150,000 Revenue Notes, in one or more series (the "*Notes*"), for the purpose of funding the Bureau's operations and expenses in the Commission's current and upcoming fiscal years;

WHEREAS, the Bureau desires to also undertake such loan as may be made available under the Paycheck Protection Program administered by the Small Business Administration (the "*PPP*") pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, Public Law 116-136 of the 116th Congress of the United States of America (the "*CARES Act*");

WHEREAS, Section 318 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act, Public Law 116-136 of the 116th Congress of the United States of America (the "*Economic Aid Act*") provides that destination marketing organizations such as the Bureau are now eligible entities to apply for loans by utilizing the PPP; and

WHEREAS, this Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (this "*Parish Council*") approves and endorses the Bureau's issuance of the Notes and its application for a loan by utilization of the PPP, as shall be more fully set forth in a later-adopted Resolution of the Bureau describing the terms and features of the Notes, and desires that this Resolution be construed to meet the requirements of Article VI, Section 15 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, and Section 1415 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, to the extent such laws are applicable.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Parish Council, as the governing authority of the Parish:

SECTION 1. This Parish Council hereby approves and endorses the issuance and delivery of not to exceed \$150,000 Revenue Notes of the Tangipahoa Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau, in one or more series, and shall be issued under the authority of the Tourist Commission Act and Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, or such other authority as may be determined by resolution of the Bureau at the time of the issuance of the Notes.

SECTION 2. This approval is granted in compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, and Section 1415 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, to the extent such laws are applicable.

SECTION 3. The Parish President, the Council Chairman and the Council Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this resolution and to assist the Bureau in carrying out its functions in connection with the financing.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Brigitte Hyde, Chairwoman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

9. Adoption of T.P. Resolution No. R21-06- A Resolution to endorse and adopt Tangipahoa Parish Government 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan update- Motion made by Councilman Mayeaux, seconded by Councilman Ingraffia to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R21-06. Roll call vote was as follows:
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

T.P. Resolution No. 21-06

A Resolution to endorse and adopt Tangipahoa Parish Government 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan update; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Government recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Tangipahoa Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Government has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan, in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and FEMA guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Tangipahoa Parish from the impacts of future hazards and disaster; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Tangipahoa Parish Government demonstrates the Parish's commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Tangipahoa Parish Government that it hereby adopts the Tangipahoa Parish Government Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT the Parish Council President is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Brigitte Hyde, Chairwoman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

10. Adoption of T.P. Resolution No. R21-07- A resolution of support from the Tangipahoa Parish Council for KAB Community Enhancement Grant Program- Motion made by Councilman Joseph, seconded by Councilman Wells to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R21-07. Roll call vote was as follows:
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

T.P. Resolution No. R21-07

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL FOR KAB COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Parish of Tangipahoa has a desire to provide community enhancement and beautification to help provide and build healthy communities, and

WHEREAS, the Parish will be partnering with local communities and organizations to develop and implement comprehensive program approaches to community enhancement and beautification, and

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to apply for Keep America Beautiful funding to assist with the implementation of local program objectives and activities; then

THEREFORE, HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED that the Tangipahoa Parish Council agrees that the Parish will apply for Keep America Beautiful funds for its MLK Neighborhood building program, coordinated with the Town of Kentwood, and the Community Tree Planting program, working together with Amite and the Parish's Arena. The Council also hereby supports the Parish President in applying for these grants and being the authorized signature and providing any necessary staffing that may be required to carry out the proposed projects on behalf of the Parish.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Brigitte Hyde, Chairwoman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

11. Adoption of T.P. Resolution No. R21-08- A resolution recognizing the naming of the Tangipahoa Recreation District No. 3 (Amite Area), to be named Neola Farm Sports Complex- Motion made by Councilman Joseph, seconded by Councilman Vial to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R21-08. Roll call vote was as follows:
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

T.P. Resolution No. R21-08

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE NAMING OF THE TANGIPAHOA RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 3 (AMITE AREA) SPORTS COMPLEX AS THE "NEOLA FARM SPORTS COMPLEX"

WHEREAS, after extensive research of the history of the property at 61381 Highway 51 N., Amite, Louisiana and consulting with local historians, the Tangipahoa Recreation District No. 3 board of commissioners would like to pay tribute and document the history of the property by naming the new park after the farm that was once located there; and

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Recreation District No. 3 board of commissioners voted at their regular meeting on January 26, 2021 to name the new sports complex at 61381 Highway 51 N., Amite, Louisiana as the “Neola Farm Sports Complex”; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tangipahoa Parish Council President Government does hereby recognize the naming of the Tangipahoa Recreation District No. 3 (Amite Area) sports complex at 61381 Hwy 51 N., Amite, LA 70422 as the “Neola Farm Sports Complex”.

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Brigitte Hyde, Chairwoman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

12. Appoint/Re-Appoint Tangipahoa Water District- Motion made by Councilman Wells, seconded by Councilman Mayeaux to appoint Mr. Raymond Williams to his first full term as commissioner of the Tangipahoa Water District. This term will expire March 2025. Roll call vote was as follows:
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
13. Appoint/Re-Appoint- Tangipahoa Parish Communication District No. 1 (911 board)- Motion made by Councilman Joseph, seconded by Councilman Mayeaux to appoint Independence Police Chief Frank Edwards to fill the unexpired term of outgoing Amite Police Chief Jerry Trabona as commissioner. This term will expire June 2024. Roll call vote was as follows:
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
14. Appoint/Re-Appoint Recreation District No. 3 (Amite Area)-Motion made by Councilman Joseph, seconded by Councilman Wells to reappoint Mr. Gerald Giardina and Mr. Wayne Johnson, Jr. for their second full terms as commissioners. These terms will expire April 2025. Roll call vote was as follows:
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Mayeaux, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
15. Discussion of Tangipahoa Parish Planning Commission Resolution No. 2020-01- A resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Planning Commission requesting the passage of an ordinance giving complete authority to the Planning Commission as described under LA R.S. 33:101 through LA R.S. 33:130, as applicable to Tangipahoa Parish- Mrs. Hyde opened discussions stating that she would like to have the Land Use Committee review the resolution that was presented to the Council by the Tangipahoa Parish Planning Commission for the committee to make a recommendation to the Council. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Vial to deny the Tangipahoa Parish Planning Commission’s request as presented in TPPC Resolution No. 2020-01. Roll call vote was as follows:
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial,
Nays: Councilman Mayeaux, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates
Abstain: None
Absent: None

BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMITS-

16. GN Singh Investments / Cash & Dash
19009 Sisters Road
Ponchatoula, LA 70454- See below
17. Somnath 2020 LLC / Stop N Shop #13
44192 Highway 445
Robert, LA 70455- See below

Motion was made by Councilman Vial, seconded by Councilman Mayeaux to approve the two foregoing permit applications, items 16 and 17, as presented (each class b and class a/b). Roll call vote was as follows:
Voting Yea: Councilman Forrest, Councilman Ingraffia, Councilman Joseph, Councilman Bruno, Councilman Ridgel, Councilman Wells, Councilman Vial,
Nays: Councilman Mayeaux, Councilwoman Hyde, Councilwoman Coates
Abstain: None
Absent: None

LEGAL MATTERS- None

COUNCILMEN'S PRIVILEGES – Councilman Vial wished his mother a very happy 98th birthday.

ADJOURN- With no further business appearing, on motion by Councilman Wells, seconded by Councilman Vial, the Tangipahoa Parish Council adjourned.

S/Kristen Pecararo
Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Brigette Hyde
Chairwoman
Tangipahoa Parish Council