

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 13, 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 there were no items for Public Hearing

**MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 13, 2023 MEETING**

The Tangipahoa Parish Council met on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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 Reverend Charles Watkins, End Time Harvest Outreach Ministries and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Joseph along with Col. Scott Slaven, Lt. Col. Terry Vallarautto, Lt. Tom Tolar, and Lt. Gerald Klein

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Wells to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated January 23, 2023. Roll call vote as follows:

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

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

1. INTRODUCTION of the Louisiana National Guard's 225<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade Commander Colonel Scott Slaven – Mr. Joseph introduced the newly appointed Commander of the 225<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade Col. Scott Slaven of Hammond, LA. Col. Slaven expressed the privilege and honor to support the nation, state, and citizens as commander of 225<sup>th</sup>. Col. Slaven gave a brief layout of how the brigade operates.
2. PRESENTATION Center for Hope by Beth Lafargue, 601 Rue Cannes, Hammond, LA, discussed the non-profit organization Center for Hope and invited everyone to an event at Camp Living Waters in Loranger, LA on Friday, February 24, 2023, at 10am.

**PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

3. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 for Pate Lane Roadway - Old Covington Hwy to Chappapeela Sports Park. Motion by Mr. Mayeaux, seconded by Mr. Joseph to approve Change Order No. 1, an increase of \$34,999.39 for Pate Lane Roadway - Old Covington Hwy to Chappapeela Sports Park. Roll call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates NOT VOTING: Mr. Ridgel
4. APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION for Pate Lane Roadway - Old Covington Hwy to Chappapeela Sports Park. Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mrs. Hyde to approve Substantial Completion for Pate Lane Roadway - Old Covington Hwy to Chappapeela Sports Park. Roll call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

Mr. Miller commended the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders with their immediate response and efforts dealing with the EF2 tornado that hit the Village of Tangipahoa.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

5. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION Quality Assurance Panel – the Chair made it known the panel reviews the ambulance contract for the parish and the members of the panel will be (2) TPC Council Members, Joseph and Wells; (1) Appointee by TPC, Barry Bankston; (2) Members of Tangi Fire Chief's Assoc, George Coxen, Manchac VFD & John Polito Ind VFD; (1) Director of 911, Dennis Darouse; and (1) Tangi Fire Administrator, Dennis Crocker. The panel chair will be Joseph.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

6. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-04 - An Ordinance to place 3-Way Stop Signs at the intersection of Bear Lane, N Lee Hughes Road, and W Lee Hughes Road in District 6. Motion by Mr. Mayeaux, seconded by Mr. Wells to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-04 and set for public hearing Monday, February 27, 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. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates
7. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-05 - An Ordinance amending and enacting Chapter 50-Utilities, Article II-Sewers, Section 50-29-Mandatory Collection of Sewerage Charges by Water Companies, (C) Rate 5.4%. Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mrs. Hyde to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-05 and set for public hearing Monday, February 27, 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. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

8. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-06 - An Ordinance to declare 2.00 acres and 8.33 acres in Tickfaw as surplus property and to authorize the private sale, public auction and/or disposal of said property described herein in District 4. Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Ridgel to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-06 and set for public hearing Monday, February 27, 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. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates
9. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-07 - An Ordinance amending and enacting Chapter 36-Planning and Development, Article V-Standards for Development of Property, Sec 36-113-General Standards for Major Subdivisions and Special Use Commercial Developments - Drainage and Wetlands Buffer. Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mrs. Coates to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-07 and set for public hearing Monday, February 27, 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. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates
10. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-08 - An Ordinance placing No Littering \$500 Fine signs on Stepp Road and Doc Hyde Road in District 8. Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Mayeaux to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-08 and set for public hearing Monday, February 27, 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. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates
11. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-09 - An Ordinance amending and enacting Chapter 46-Taxation, Article VII-Occupancy Tax for Economic Development District No. 8, Sec. 46-158 Remove Exemptions and Reserve section. Motion by Mr. Mayeaux, seconded by Mr. Ridgel to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-09 and set for public hearing Monday, February 27, 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. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates
12. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-10 - An Ordinance amending and enacting Chapter 36-Planning and Development, Article V-Standards for Development of Property-Sec 36-112-Special Classification Property Development Standards, (A), (11) Louisiana State Manufactured Commission Standards. Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-10 and set for public hearing Monday, February 27, 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. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates  
Mr. Bruno asked for more information regarding notification of the placard.  
Legal Counsel made it known the permit office would check when a permit is issued.  
The Chair made it known the state asked the parish to incorporate the language in the code of ordinances.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

13. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R23-04 - A Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government to authorize the Parish President to approve and amend the Federal Programs Procurement Policies for Tangipahoa Parish Government. Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mrs. Coates to adopt T.P. Resolution R23-04 as follows:  

T. P. RESOLUTION NO. R23-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL-PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO APPROVE AND AMEND THE FEDERAL PROGRAMS PROCUREMENT POLICIES FOR TANGIPAHOA PARISH GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the Parish has prepared a procurement policy and procedures that are focused on meeting federal procurement guidelines for use of federal funds by Tangipahoa Parish Government identified on the attachment; and

WHEREAS, funding to the Parish from federal agencies require adoption of a procurement policy to guide the Parish in meeting 2 CFR 200 administrative standards for procurement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tangipahoa Parish Council hereby authorizes the Parish President to approve and amend the Federal Programs Procurement Policies for Tangipahoa Parish Government as attached.

On a motion by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mrs. Coates, the foregoing resolution is hereby declared adopted on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023 by the following roll-call vote:

YEAS: Forrest, Ingraffia, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Coates

The chair asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add the contract with Strategic Demographics for the post redistricting related services of merging precincts and identifying boundaries. Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Joseph to amend the agenda to add the contract. Roll call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates

Approval for the Parish President to sign the contract with Strategic Demographics to begin the process of merging precincts and precinct description alignment post redistricting. Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Wells to approve. Roll Call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates  
Mr. Joseph asked for clarification with the redistricting process and notifying residents.  
Mr. Bruno made it known the district lines are correct but the voting precinct they will vote is not correct.

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

The Chair made it known of an item that will need to be added in Legal Matters.

Mr. Bruno requested Executive Session for Legal Matters Item 14 but to move forward with the other item before executive session.

The Chair made it known a motion would be needed to amend the agenda to add proceed with legal action for 22279 Floyd Lavigne Road, Ponchatoula, in District 9. Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Wells to amend the agenda to add. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Approval for Legal Counsel to proceed with legal action against 22279 Floyd Lavigne Road, Ponchatoula, in District 9. Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mrs. Coates to approve Legal Counsel to proceed with legal action. Roll Call vote as follows:

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

The Chair made it known there would be Councilman’s Privileges before going into Executive Session

**COUNCILMEN'S PRIVILEGES**

Mr. Bruno gave an update on Eastern Heights meeting, met with attorney of Eastern Heights and the paperwork is being processed.

Mr. Joseph pray for the people in Syria and Turkey

**LEGAL MATTERS**

Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mrs. Hyde to enter Executive Session for Item 14 Discussion and Possible Action concerning a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement regarding 911 Building. Roll Call vote as follows:

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

Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Wells to exit Executive Session. Roll Call vote as follows:

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

The Chair made it known no action was taken.

- 14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE LEGAL ACTION concerning a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement regarding 911 Building. Motion by Mr. Bruno to instruct Legal Counsel to draft a lease between the Parish of Tangipahoa and 911 in regard to the building and property and the lease to be brought back before the council for review and possible vote. The Chair clarified “lease” meaning Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, seconded by Mr. Mayeaux. Roll Call vote as follows:

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

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

S/Jill DeSouge, Council Clerk  
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/David P. Vial, Chairman  
Tangipahoa Parish Council