

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL ON JANUARY 22, 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:

CONDEMNATION HEARING 44246 Parker Boulevard, Hammond, LA 70403, Assessment #3202909, District 7, 49385 Whiskey Lane, Tickfaw, LA 70466, Assessment #3617300 and Assessment #978418, District 5, and 11054 Hwy 442, Tickfaw, LA 70466, Assessment #1099205, District 4 – Jeffrey Barthelemy, TPG Permitting/Blighted Property Division presented the outline of all the cases. None of the property owners were present for the public hearing; T.P. Ordinance No. 24-01 – President Miller gave a summary of the circumstances pertaining to the ordinance.

MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL
JANUARY 22, 2024 MEETING

The Tangipahoa Parish Council met on the 22nd day of January 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 Councilman Joseph and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Vial.

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. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Ingraffia to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated January 8, 2024. 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. FINANCIAL REPORT– Mr. Miller made it known monthly financial reports were emailed to the council.
2. PROCLAMATION – President Miller presented the Proclamation for Catholic Schools Week, January 29 – February 3
3. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL PAY RAISES – Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Joseph to approve annual pay raises per Home Rule Charter for Chief Administrative Officer, Joe Thomas; Director of Finance, Missy Cowart; Director of Human Resources, Roshanda Johnson and Director of Public Works, Andy Currier of an increase of 3% effective pay period January 6, 2024. 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(S) – Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Havis to approve the low bid by Sharkey Mechanical Services in the amount of \$259,995.00 for the installation of electrical at Region 9 Distribution Warehouse. 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

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. PRESENTATION – Whitney Wallace presented the programming impacts of the LSU Ag Center.
6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONDEMNATION – Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Mayeaux to give the property owner 30 days to demolish the building/structure or provide a contract in writing obligating the owner to have the work done at 44246 Parker Boulevard, Hammond, LA 70403, Assessment #3202909, District 7. 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
7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONDEMNATION – Tax Deed property owner Gregg Putnam, 316 Papworth Ave, Metairie, LA 70005 discussed purchasing the tax deed on the property in June 2023 explaining the tax deed process taking a minimum of 3 years before being able to take possession. Mr. Putnam stated he is attempting to get clearance from the owner to go on the property and renovate. Motion by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Wells to give the property owner 60 days to demolish the building/structure or provide a contract in writing obligating the owner to have the work done at 49385 Whiskey Lane, Tickfaw, LA 70466, Assessment #3617300 and Assessment #978418, District 5. 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. Havis, seconded by Mr. Joseph to give the property owner 30 days to demolish the building/structure or provide a contract in writing obligating the owner to have the work done at 11054 Hwy 442, Tickfaw, LA 70466, Assessment #1099205, District 4. 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
9. 2024 TPC Committee Appointments – The chair made known the 2024 TPC committees and appointments.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

10. ADOPTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 24-01 - An Ordinance to authorize the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government to accept the donation of immovable properties and assets from Eastern Heights Water Works Association, Inc. and to authorize the Parish President or his authorized designee to sign any and all documents in regard to the acceptance of the aforementioned donation - The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the

Tangipahoa Parish Council on January 8, 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 January 22, 2024. Motion by Mr. Havis, seconded by Mr. Joseph to adopt T.P. Ordinance No. 24-01 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

T. P. Ordinance No. 24-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL-PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES AND ASSETS FROM EASTERN HEIGHTS WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION, INC. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT OR HIS AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS IN REGARD TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED DONATION

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Tangipahoa Parish that there is a safe and dependable water supply; and WHEREAS, the private water company Eastern Heights Water Works Association, Inc. has had difficulty in maintaining the water system for customers of Eastern Heights Water Works Association, Inc. and needs assistance to keep operating; and WHEREAS, the Eastern Heights Water Works Association, Inc. is willing to transfer and donate the property and equipment to the Tangipahoa Parish Government in exchange for the Parish working in conjunction with the Tangipahoa Water District to operate the system in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Government will take ownership of said system and enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Tangipahoa Water District for its future operation.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Tangipahoa Parish President or his authorized designee as the representative of and for behalf of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to accept as a donation from, Eastern Heights Water Works Association, Inc. the immovable properties along with assets.

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 ORDINANCE

11. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 24-02 - An Ordinance establishing 25mph Speed Limit on Stewart Road in District 3 – Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Sinagra to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 24-02 and set public hearing for Monday, February 12, 2024, at 5:30pm for the purpose of receiving input on the adoption thereof. 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

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

12. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R24-01 - A Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government supporting Recovery Proposal through the Louisiana Office of Community Development Disaster Allocations
WHEREAS, the LA Office of Community Development (OCD) Hometown Revitalization Program and the Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program for community and infrastructure development has approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Parish for specified disaster related community development projects (i.e. the Recovery Proposal), and
WHEREAS, the Parish of Tangipahoa will be submitting the Recovery Proposal that meets the national objectives of this program, and applying for preliminary approval for several projects if the State OCD approves the Parish's Recovery Proposal; and
WHEREAS, said applicant governing body, Tangipahoa Parish Govt., will provide administrative support for submitting the proposal and related applications to the State. The applications include:
Landfill Sewerage Connection and Treatment at Regional Landfill
Citizens Drop-off Area at Parish Landfill
West Mulberry St. Extension
Repair or replacement of bridges, local match funds
Florida Parishes Arena new multi-purpose building with parking
Improvements to Community Multi-Purpose Building-Independence
Sidewalk Improvements local match, Amite to Arena
Hano Rd Rehabilitation Project
GIS Master Planning
Permanent Generators
Historic Commercial Districts Revitalization
Jail Improvements

THEN, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tangipahoa Parish Council does hereby approve the Tangipahoa Parish Recovery Proposal and projects, and has authorized Robby Miller, Parish President, to execute and submit official documents including but not limited to the project Recovery proposal, applications, letters of commitment, amendments, and agreements with the State of Louisiana.

On motion by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Wells, the foregoing resolution was hereby declared adopted on this the 22nd day of January 2024, by the following roll-call vote: YEAS: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Hyde, Cieutat

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

13. HOSPITAL DISTRICT 2 (HOOD HOSPITAL) – Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Sinagra to Re-appoint John "Tree" Smith, 1st term after serving an unexpired term, District 3 and Re-appoint Randy Bracy, 2nd Term, District 1 - terms expire January 2030 to the Hospital District 2 (Hood Hospital) board. 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
14. SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 – Motion by Mrs. Cieutat, seconded by Mr. Mayeaux to Re-appoint Samuel Richmond, 2nd term, expires March 2028, District 10 to the Sewerage District No. 1 board. 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

15. TANGIPAHOA PARISH CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (TOURISM) – Motion by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Joseph to Re-appoint Mayson Foster, 2nd term, expires April 2027, District 5 to the Tangipahoa Parish Convention & Visitors Bureau (Tourism) board. 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
16. THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE PARISH OF TANGIPAHOA – Motion by Mr. Mayeaux, seconded by Mr. Ridgel to Re-appoint Wade Smith, 2nd term, expires May 2030, District 6 to the Industrial Development Board of the Parish of Tangipahoa. 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

BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMITS - None

LEGAL MATTERS – None

COUNCILMEN’S PRIVILEGES

Mr. Joseph introduced Kentwood Mayor, Irma Gordon to address the council. Mayor Gordon discussed the recent water crisis with the freeze and thanked the parish for all the help.

ADJOURN

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

S/Jill DeSouge, Council Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/David P. Vial, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council