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**MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL  
JANUARY 9, 2023 MEETING**

The Tangipahoa Parish Council met on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January in Regular Session and was called to order by Mrs. Brigitte Hyde, Chairwoman following the public hearing at 5:30pm. The Chair asked that all cell phones be muted or turned off.

The Invocation was given by Gerald Sticker and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Ingraffia. 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

1. 2023 Election of Officers – The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Councilman Joseph nominated David Vial, Councilman Wells nominated Brigitte Hyde. With no other nominations, the Chair asked for a motion to close nominations, Motion by Joseph, seconded by Bruno. Roll call vote as follows to close nominations:

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

The Chair explained the voting will be by roll call by stating the name of the individual you are voting for. Roll call vote for 2023 Chair as follows:

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

With a 6 to 4 vote – David Vial is the 2023 Chair. Mr. Vial moved to the Chair seat to continue the meeting.

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Councilman Wells nominated Joey Mayeaux. With no other nominations, the chair asked for a motion to close nominations, Motion by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Forrest to close nominations. By acclamation Joey Mayeaux is elected 2023 Vice Chair.

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Clerk of Council. Councilman Wells nominated Jill DeSouge. Motion by Mr. Bruno to close nominations, seconded by Mrs. Hyde. By acclamation Jill DeSouge is elected 2023 Clerk of Council.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Forrest to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated December 27, 2022. 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

**PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

2. **APPROVAL OF ANNUAL PAY RAISES** - Motion by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Wells to approve per Home Rule Charter the Annual Pay Raises as follows \$49.43/hour for Chief Administrative Officer, \$42.28/hour for Human Resource Director, \$48.08/hour for Public Works Director effective pay date January 13, 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

3. **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT** into the Parish Maintenance System – Motion by Mr. Ingraffia, seconded by Mrs. Hyde to approve the acceptance into the Parish Maintenance System Estates of Silver Hill Phase 1 (Jasper Ln, Salt Grass Dr, Hamilton Ln), Silver Hill Phase 2 (Salt Grass Dr, New Road Dr, Trinity Ln), Silver Hill Phase 3 (Jasper Ln, Milbrook Way, Dothan Place) in District 2. 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 asked the Council to add an item to the agenda pertaining to Emergency LGAP Grant Program Funds

Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Forrest to amend the agenda to add T.P. Resolution R23-02. 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

**ADOPTION** of T.P. Resolution R23-02 – A Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government for Emergency State of Louisiana LGAP Grant Program Funds for the repair and replacement of Potable Water Infrastructure. Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Mayeaux to adopt T.P. Resolution R23-02 as follows:

T. P. RESOLUTION NO. R23-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL-PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT FOR EMERGENCY STATE OF LOUISIANA LGAP GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF POTABLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, a portion of the Parish of Tangipahoa recently experienced a weather-related event that caused widespread loss of potable water service to a very large rural area of northern and central Tangipahoa Parish that impacted over 400 customer households for several days during a freezing weather event on December 23rd-25th, 2022. This also impacted fire suppression safety in the same region that lost water service for several days. The emergency event was not caused

by lack of maintenance but by non-typical weather events that impacted customers in the non-profit Eastern Heights Water System area, that is being assisted now by the Parish government and the public Tangipahoa Parish Water District #2 in order to restore water service and water pressure. During this emergency event, the Parish Emergency Operations Center and Parish staff delivered bottled water to residents, the Fire Stations, and businesses in the impacted area, WHEREAS, the project engineers have estimated the costs of mitigative and restorative work to the impacted water well and storage electrical system and pumps, in order to alleviate the health and safety concern if other type weather events were to happen, to be between \$200,000 and \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, the Parish will help provide assistance with the use of these LGAP funds, if approved by the State, through the use of an intergovernmental agreement instrument or an MOU. This would ensure that the work is properly designed and inspected, and meets the goals of this grant request, which is to provide reliable potable water to households and businesses during storm events or freezing weather, which could occur again at any time.

THEN, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tangipahoa Parish Council hereby resolves and agrees that the Parish should apply for fiscal year 2023 Emergency LGAP grant funds in the amount up to \$250,000 for the repair and replacement of potable water infrastructure and that the Parish President be given the authority to sign the appropriate application forms and all contract documents related to this grant project.

On a motion by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Mayeaux, the foregoing resolution was hereby declared adopted on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 by the following roll-call vote:

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

Mr. Miller mentioned the Rose Bowl Parade and commended Carla Tate with Tangipahoa Parish Tourism.

Mr. Miller discussed the Water District Meeting and Eastern Heights Water Company.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

4. PRESENTATION Restore the Earth Foundation – John Lopez, Coastal Scientist, 387 Carr Drive, Slidell, LA discussed the planting of Cypress trees and restore the Earth Foundation presenting a slide show.

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

5. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-01 - An Ordinance to authorize the Parish President or his Authorized Designee to execute any and all documents in regard to the purchase and acquisition of land with improvements, Lots 14-15-16 SQ 7 Amite, Louisiana, Tangipahoa Parish – Mr. Miller made it known the 3000 square foot building would be for the Registrar of Voters office. Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Wells to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-01 and set for public hearing Monday, January 23, 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
6. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-02 - An Ordinance amending and enacting Chapter 36-Planning and Development, Article IV-Standards for Subdivision of Property – Roads Parish – The Chair made it known this pertains to subdivision of property, private roads, and developers working around the regulations. Tracie Schillace discussed the current situations in the parish and reasons for the changes. Mr. Bruno discussed the issue in his district being developed and the consequences as a result of the development without going through the regulations. Mr. Forrest expressed his concerns and opposition against. Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mrs. Hyde to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-02 and set for public hearing Monday, January 23, 2023, at 5:30pm for the purpose of receiving input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote as follows:  
YEA: Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates  
NAY: Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ingraffia
7. INTRODUCTION of T.P. Ordinance No. 23-03 - An Ordinance amending and enacting Chapter 42-Streets, Roads, Sidewalks and Drainage, Article I-General, Section 42-4-Acceptance of Existing Streets into Parish Road System, #(6) and Section 42-21-Road Specifications, (F)(4), Gravel Roads – Motion by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mrs. Hyde to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 23-03 and set for public hearing Monday, January 23, 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. Ridgel, Mr. Mayeaux, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vial, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Coates  
NAY: Mr. Forrest

### **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

8. ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution No. R23-01 - A Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government supporting Federal Disaster Funding through the Louisiana Office of Community Development Disaster Allocations – Motion by Mrs. Coates, seconded by Mr. Wells to adopt T.P. Resolution No. R23-01 as follows:

#### T. P. RESOLUTION NO. R23-01

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL-PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT SUPPORTING FEDERAL DISASTER FUNDING

#### THROUGH THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISASTER ALLOCATIONS

WHEREAS, the LA Office of Community Development Hometown Revitalization Program and the Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program for community and infrastructure development will be accepting applications from the Parish for specified disaster related community development projects, and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Tangipahoa will be applying for funding approval for several eligible projects; and WHEREAS, said applicant governing body Tangipahoa Parish will provide administrative support for submitting the applications to the State and signing the appropriate CEA agreements.

THEN, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tangipahoa Parish Council does hereby approve the Tangipahoa Parish President, Robby Miller, as the authorized agent for the Tangipahoa Parish Government to execute and submit

official documents including but not limited to the project applications, letters of commitment, amendments, and the CEA agreement with the State of Louisiana.

On a motion by Mrs. Coates and seconded by Mr. Wells, the foregoing resolution was hereby declared adopted on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 by the following roll-call vote:

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

The Chair read a proposed Resolution for adoption that would require the agenda to be amended. Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Mayeaux to amend the agenda to add T.P. Resolution R23-03. 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

ADOPTION of T.P. Resolution R23-03 - A Resolution of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government raising awareness of outreach and engagement efforts for the 2045 Parish Comprehensive Plan. Motion by Mrs. Hyde, seconded by Mrs. Coates to adopt T.P. Resolution R23-03 as follows:

T. P. RESOLUTION NO. R23-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL-PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT RAISING AWARENESS OF OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS FOR THE 2045 PARISH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the awareness of outreach and engagement efforts are underway for the 2045 Parish Comprehensive Plan, currently in development for which a planning survey is live and a community engagement event is scheduled for January 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Tangipahoa Parish Clausen Building Conference Room; and  
WHEREAS, Tangipahoa Parish is currently updating the 2008 Comprehensive Plan; and  
WHEREAS, this planning effort aims to establish a long-range vision for Tangipahoa Parish to year 2045 that will foster more sustainable long-term development patterns and projects; and  
WHEREAS, the Planning Team has launched a website and survey - [www.tangi2045.com](http://www.tangi2045.com)—to provide information about the comprehensive plan update and to begin to engage the public in the development of the updated Plan; and  
WHEREAS, the Parish Council and Administration recognizes the importance of engaging the community and seeks to raise awareness of this planning effort, website, and survey; and  
WHEREAS, the Parish Council and Administration will work together to notify the public of the first community engagement event on:

January 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

At the Tangipahoa Parish Clausen Building Conference Room

and on the website, [www.tangi2045.com](http://www.tangi2045.com), to encourage the public's participation and feedback in this important parish wide planning effort.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tangipahoa Parish Council hereby encourages its residents, businesses and interested stakeholders to engage with and become a part of the Tangipahoa Parish Comprehensive Plan update process by visiting the website [www.tangi2045.com](http://www.tangi2045.com), participating in the survey, and/or attending the Community Meeting on January, 26, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish Council and Administration will work collaboratively with the Tangipahoa Parish Planning Commission and incorporated areas to better ensure the public is informed of the development of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update.

On a motion by Mrs. Hyde and seconded by Mrs. Coates, the foregoing resolution was hereby declared adopted on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 by the following roll-call vote:

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

## **BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMITS**

### **LEGAL MATTERS**

Mr. Bruno discussed Danna Road blighted property and asked for an update from legal counsel at the next meeting.

The Chair asked Mr. Mayeaux for an update on Robinwood Drive. Mr. Mayeaux made it known the property has been vacated and the house is listed for sale.

### **COUNCILMEN'S PRIVILEGES**

Mr. Joseph made known Saturday at 11:00am Veterans Honor Monument Dedication in Ponchatoula Cemetery across from Walgreens and discussed a meeting with Capital Region Planning regarding a transportation program.

Mr. Mayeaux commended Code Enforcement for the clean up off of Wardline Road.

Mrs. Coates discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> Litter Getter in Natalbany River south of Hwy 190 and the collection of trash.

Mr. Ingraffia congratulated Mr. Joseph on his recent award and being on the front page of the paper.

With no further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Wells to adjourn

S/Jill DeSouge, Council Clerk  
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/David P. Vial, Chairman  
Tangipahoa Parish Council