

REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
COUNCIL  
OF THE PARISH OF ASCENSION  
GONZALES, LOUISIANA

JUNE 3, 2021

The Council of the Parish of Ascension, Louisiana, met in regular session on Thursday June 3, 2021 6:00 p.m., virtually, with Chairwoman Teri Casso presiding.

The following Council members were present:

Alvin Thomas	Joel Robert	Travis Turner
Corey Orgeron	Dempsey Lambert	Aaron Lawler
John Cagnolatti	Dal Waguespack	Michael Mason
Teri Casso		

Councilman Chase Melancon was absent.

Councilman Alvin Thomas led the prayer and the pledge.

Chairwoman Casso welcomed Iberville Parish President Mitch Ourso and his CAO Edward Songy.

Parish President Clint Cointment, in his report, thanked the DPW workers for their hard work during the recent rain event. He reported that there was an anonymous donor that treated the DPW workers to a meal. He thanks the individuals who did that.

There were public comments on the **Presentation/Update on the Proposed Moratorium**

Denise Drago  
Dennis Drago

Legal Counsel Kenneth Dupaty gave a brief overview on the legal aspects of a moratorium.

Purchasing Director Cynthia Leblanc presented the **Bid: Official Journal – Gonzales Weekly Citizen.** □ □ She reported that on May 27, 2021 the Purchasing Department received (1) Bid for the Right To act as the Official Journal for Ascension Parish Government. After review, the Ascension Parish Council Secretary recommends accepting the bid submitted by the Gonzales Weekly Citizen. A motion to approve was offered by Councilman Joel Robert. The motion passed with no objection.

Councilman Dempsey Lambert made a motion to **waive development fee for Hidden Lake Subdivision, First and Second Filing (pursuant to Section 18-177.2 of the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances.** There were no objections to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman John Cagnolatti to approve the **Change Order No. 1 – New Substation #51 – Galvez-Lake – Blount Contractors – decrease \$3,512.98.** The motion passed with no objection.

A motion was made by Councilman Michael Mason to approve the **Substantial Completion #51 – Galvez Lake – Blount General Contractors.** The motion passed with no objection.

The Council discussed **the PUA (Parish Utilities of Ascension) and ACUD#1 (Ascension Consolidated Utilities District #1) Billing.**

Dean Thomason, Project Manager presented the **Local Declaration of Emergency – to fast track the bid process pursuant to LA RS 38:2211(A)(5)(a) for Ascension Parish Jail Chillers which have been declare unrepairable.** After some explanation, a motion to approve was made by Councilman Joel Robert. There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council unanimously agreed to hold a public hearing on July 8, 2021 at the Ascension Parish Courthouse, 300 Houmas St, Donaldsonville to consider an **ordinance to amend the Ascension Parish Zoning Map from Medium Intensity Residential (RM) to Small Planned Unit Development (SPUD) – Zoning Review ID PZ 2621.21 - Tract A-3 for Stephen & Cheryl Morreau – located on the south side of W Main Street approximately 2200’ west of N. Anita Avenue** on a motion by Councilman Aaron Lawler

The Council unanimously agreed to hold a public hearing on June 17, 2021 at the Ascension Parish Courthouse, 607 E. Worthey Rd. Gonzales to consider an ordinance **to amend the Ascension Parish Unified Land Development Code (LDC) Appendix II – Development Code, Section 17-2039 Industrial Overlay Zone (to amend maps only)** on a motion by Councilman Aaron Lawler

The Council unanimously agreed to hold a public hearing June 17, 2021 at the Ascension Parish Courthouse 607 E. Worthey Road, Gonzales to consider an ordinance **to amend an ordinance adopted on November 7, 2019 to create prospective precincts by the split/merger of precinct geography in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:532 and 18:532.1 – to add alpha splits as required** on a motion by Councilman John Cagnolatti.

Legal Counsel Kenneth Dupaty read the ordinance to **declare surplus and authorize the sale and/or transfer of miscellaneous moveable equipment to Prevost Memorial Hospital pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement attached hereto and made a part thereof.** The public hearing was opened on a motion by Councilman Joel Robert. The public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Aaron Lawler. The subsequent ordinance was adopted on a motion by Councilman Travis Turner:

Legal Counsel Kenneth Dupaty read the ordinance to **declare surplus and authorize the sale and/or transfer of miscellaneous moveable equipment (furniture, file cabinets, etc)** The public hearing was opened on a motion by Councilman Joel Robert. There was one speaker on this item:

In opposition – Nathan Spicer

In opposition but did not wish to speak were Melissa Parmelee and Karen Zito.

With no other speakers, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Joel Robert.

Councilman Aaron Lawler made a motion to adopt the ordinance.

Councilman Dempsey Lambert made an amended motion to leave the percentage at which impact fees are assessed for the East service area at 70% and go up to 80% in 12 months or when the moratorium is lifted (moratorium not yet adopted).

Councilman Dempsey Lambert withdrew his motion.

Councilman Aaron Lawler made a motion to delay implementation of 80% to Dec 31 2021, then to go up to 90% on Dec 31 2022, and then to 100% on Dec 31, 2023 for the east side service area. This motion passed with no objection. The ordinance was adopted as follows:

## **ORDINANCE**

### **PURPOSE:**

To amend Chapter 19, Roads, Bridges and Other Public Ways, Article IV, Transportation Impact Fee, Sec. 19-51(a)(1). Establishment of transportation impact fee schedule, of the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances.

**WHEREAS**, in March 2017, Duncan and Associates completed a Transportation Impact Fee Study for Ascension Parish using a “consumption-based” model, which proposes to charge a new development the cost of replacing the capacity that it consumes on the major roadway system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Ascension determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Ascension Parish to establish transportation impact fees to assist in the mitigation of the Transportation Impact of the rapid growth on the transportation network within Ascension Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Ascension adopted an Ordinance on June 1, 2017 amending the Transportation Impact Fee ordinance based on the above study.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ascension Parish Governing Authority of the Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, Chapter 19, Roads, Bridges and Other Public Ways, Article IV, Transportation Impact Fee, Sec. 19-51(a)(1). Establishment of transportation impact fee schedule, be amended and supplemented as further described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof:

**REPEAL:** All ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby and henceforth repealed.

**SEVERABILITY:** If any provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall be in full effect as permitted by law. This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Alvin Thomas, Joel Robert, Corey Orgeron, Dempsey Lambert, John Cagnolatti, Aaron Lawler, Teri Casso, Travis Turner, Dal Waguespack, Michael Mason

Nays: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: Chase Melancon

And this ordinance was passed on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2021.

/s/ Cinnamon McKey

/s/ Clint Cointment

Secretary

President

(Deletions are in ~~strikethrough~~, additions are underlined.)

#### **Exhibit A**

#### **ARTICLE IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE**

#### **Sec. 19-51. - Establishment of transportation impact fee schedule.**

(a) *Fee assessment.* The transportation impact fee schedule included in this section shall be the base transportation impact fee schedule, based on the transportation impact fee study. The impact fees shall be assessed at the following percentages of the base fee schedule for the two (2) service areas:

(1) East service area (east of the Mississippi River): ~~Seventy (70)~~ Eighty (80) percent; EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2021, NINETY (90) PERCENT EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND ONE HUNDRED (100) PERCENT EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2023; and

(2) West service area (west of the Mississippi River): Thirty-five (35) percent.

Legal Counsel Kenneth Dupaty read the ordinance **to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances – Chapter 19. Article I Section 19.6 – to require an eighteen-month maintenance bond to secure infrastructure improvements within a new subdivision and to clean up existing language.** A public hearing was opened on a motion by Councilman Joel Robert. With no speakers, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Aaron Lawler. Planning Director Jerome Fournier submitted proposed changes to the ordinance’s exhibit in writing as shown below motion to adopt the ordinance as amended was made by Councilman John Cagnolatti. The ordinance was unanimously adopted with proposed as follows:

### **ORDINANCE**

#### **PURPOSE:**

To amend Chapter 19, Roads, Bridges and Other Public Ways, Article I, In General, Sec. 19-4, Acceptance of roads and streets in new developments – Inspections generally; samplings and testing required, and Sec. 19-6, Same – Final Inspection; corrective work; resolution of acceptance, of the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances.

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Ascension desires to align this section of its Code of Ordinances with the eighteen-month maintenance bond to secure the infrastructure improvements within a new

subdivision as provided for in the Unified Land Development Code Section 17-4010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish of Ascension wishes to remove language referencing the former police jury form of government;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ascension Parish Governing Authority  
of the

Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, Chapter 19, Roads, Bridges and Other Public Ways, Article I, In General, Sec. 19-4, Acceptance of roads and streets in new developments – Inspections generally; samplings and testing required, and Sec. 19-6, Same – Final Inspection; corrective work; resolution of acceptance, be amended and supplemented as further described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof:

**REPEAL:** All ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby and henceforth repealed.

**SEVERABILITY:** If any provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall be in full effect as permitted by law.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Alvin Thomas, Joel Robert, Travis Turner, Corey Orgeron, Dempsey Lambert, Aaron Lawler, Teri Casso, Dal Waguespack, Michael Mason, John Cagnolatti

Nays: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: Chase Melancon

And this ordinance was passed on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2021

/s/ Cinnamon McKey  
Secretary

/s/ Clint Cointment  
President

Sec. 19-4. - Acceptance of roads and streets in new developments—Inspections generally; samplings and testing required.

- a) Each subdivider or developer causing to have constructed roads or streets within the subdivision development shall procure a permit from the ~~police jury (parish council)~~ **Office of Planning and Development in the courthouse**. This permit shall contain a schedule for inspection by the parish review agency and testing laboratories selected by the review agency to insure that the manner of construction is in compliance with the requirements of the parish planning commission's regulations. The permit fee will be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for individual roads or streets up to one-half (½) mile in length and fifty dollars (\$50.00) per one-half (½) mile above the first one-half (½) mile. The cost of laboratory testing shall be borne by the sub-divider and all reports of such testing shall be submitted to the review agency.
- b) The sub-divider or developer shall place all traffic control signs, devices, etc., as deemed necessary by the review agency.
- c) The review agency shall be the **parish engineering review agency**, parish engineer, parish manager and staff, ~~and the juror whose district the construction is taking place~~; according to the following schedule:
  - 1) First inspection and test: During, but no later than, the completion of the soil cement base work.
  - 2) Second inspection and test: During asphalt laying or concrete pouring.
  - 3) Third inspection and test: Completion of job. (See [section 19-5](#)).

The review agency shall have the right to assign an inspection as it sees fit to insure the proper construction of roads and streets.

(Ord. of 3-5-81, § 2; Ord. of 6-5-86)

Sec. 19-5. - Same—Completion inspection report.

Upon completion of construction of any roads or streets and any development as hereinabove referred to, the sub-divider or developer shall cause to have said roads or streets inspected by the review agency. The review agency shall make a written report of such inspection to be submitted to the sub-divider or developer, which report shall indicate as to whether the construction was done in compliance with the requirements therefor, or such report shall indicate such punch-list items that must be completed prior to its approval. At such time as the construction of such streets or roads meets with the review agency's approval, as to its initial construction, said review agency shall give a written report to said sub-divider or developer to that effect. The report shall be hereinafter referred to as "completion inspection report".

(Ord. of 3-5-81, § 3)

Sec. 19-6. - Same—Final inspection; corrective work; resolution of acceptance

- a) Within not less than ~~three four hundred eighty (300 480)~~ days nor more than ~~three hundred thirty five hundred ten (330 510)~~ days after the date of the "completion inspection report", the subdivider or developer shall submit to the ~~Police Jury~~ Office of Planning and Development a request for final inspection of said streets or roads for acceptance into the parish system for maintenance. A copy of said notice shall be sent to the review agency.
- b) Within ten (10) days after receipt of such notice provided for in (a) hereinabove, the review agency shall inspect the roads or streets in order to determine if any defects have occurred in the roads or streets since the "completion inspection report". If the review agency determines that the streets or roads are not in defective condition at the time of such inspection, a report thereof shall be submitted to the ~~Parish Council police jury~~ and the streets or roads shall be accepted, formally, into the parish systems for maintenance by a resolution adopted at the next meeting of the ~~Parish Council police jury~~ after receipt of the report of the review agency.
- c) In the event the review agency should find defects in the streets or roads during the course of the inspection herein provided in (b) above, said review agency shall notify, in writing, the subdivider or developer of such defects and issue requirements deemed necessary to repair the condition of said streets or roads so as to render them in a condition acceptable to the ~~Parish Council Police Jury~~, and the subdivider or developer shall be responsible for making all such repairs as required in such report. After the review agency has certified, in writing, to the ~~Office of Planning and Development police jury~~ that all required repairs have been made, the streets or roads shall be accepted, formally, into the parish systems for maintenance by a resolution adopted at the next meeting of the ~~Parish Council police jury~~ after receipt of the report of the review agency.
- d) In the event the review agency or the ~~Parish Council police jury~~ should fail to have the inspection made of any such roads or streets within the time required in subparagraph (a) hereinabove, or should the ~~Parish Council Police Jury~~ or review agency fail to notify the subdivider or developer, in writing, of the necessity of repairs to be made within ~~three hundred sixty-five five hundred forty (365 540) days~~ from the date of the "completion inspection report", then in any such event, the streets or roads shall be deemed to have been accepted by the ~~Police Jury- Parish Council~~ into its systems for maintenance.
- e) For the purpose of this section, the words "roads or streets" shall be deemed to mean and include, in addition to the streets or roads, all lateral ditches, grates, culverts or other appurtenances of such roads or streets constructed.

Legal Counsel Kenneth Dupaty read the ordinance to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Traffic, Article III Watercraft, Section 22-30 – No Wake Zones The public hearing was opened on a motion by Councilman Dempsey Lambert. With no speakers, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Corey Orgeron. The ordinance was adopted unanimously as follows on a motion by Councilman Michael Mason:

**ORDINANCE**

**PURPOSE:** To amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Traffic, Article III. Watercraft, Section 22-30 – No wake zones.

**WHEREAS**, the population has grown along the Amite/Blind River basin over the years, and there have been situations arise where high-water events have threatened lift and property; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to mitigate some of those threats and in order to protect life and property over the past years Ascension Parish in association with Livingston Parish has closed the waterways at times to recreational traffic based on the various conditions that have manifested; and

**WHEREAS**, there has never been an absolute guide to these closures which has led to much confusion to both local government as well as the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ascension Parish Waterway Commission has the authority to make recommendations to the parish council and the parish council has the authority to act on those recommendations, and to review the facts present in order to determine what is in the best interest, safety, and general welfare of the parish in amending the ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Ascension Parish Waterway Commission to amend Ascension Parish Ordinance Chapter 22, Article III, Section 22-30 to include criteria for determining the closure of all waterways and determining when idle speed should be ordered for all waterways.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ascension Parish Governing Authority that the Code of Ordinances of Ascension Parish Chapter 18, Political Subdivisions – Autonomous Boards, Commissions and Authorities, Article IX – Communications Districts, Section 18-90, be amended to specify and mandate that commissioners be appointed from the government entities or public safety agencies as more fully described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**SEVERABILITY:** In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is ever held invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction over it, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provisions and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This ordinance shall be in full effect as permitted by law.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Alvin Thomas, Joel Robert, Travis Turner, Corey Orgeron, Dempsey Lambert, Aaron Lawler, Teri Casso, Dal Waguespack, John Cagnolatti, Michael Mason

Nays: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: Chase Melancon

This ordinance was passed on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2021

/s/ Cinnamon McKey  
Secretary

/s/ Clint Cointment  
Parish President

### **Exhibit A**

(Deletions are in ~~striketrough~~, additions are underlined.)

Sec. 22-30. No wake zones.

(a) Idle/no wake definition:

No person shall operate a motorboat, motor vessel, or recreational watercraft on waterways of this parish in excess of the posted maximum speed limit at that location which, when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected, shall be effective at all times or at such specific times as may be determined by the police jury. At any locations where a sign has been erected reading “Idle No Wake” or “No Wake Zone” or language with the same or similar meaning the maximum speed limit shall be five (5) miles per hour or less. The maximum speed limit of five (5) miles per hour or less, or the “No Wake Zones,” in addition to other areas which may be posted, are as follows:

(1) *Black Bayou.*

- a. At the location of the Stringer Bridge Parish Landing – 300 feet on either side of the landing;

(2) *Bayou Francois.*

- a. At P.J.'s landing (now or formerly) 300 feet up current of dock and 300 feet down current of boat launch;

(3) *Diversion Canal.*

- a. At the location of Andrew Jauger's On the River, or current name of establishment located at the intersection of the Diversion Canal and Petite Amite, three hundred (300) feet up current on the Diversion Canal from the end of the public accessible boat dock to three hundred (300) feet down current of Petite Amite from the end of the accessible boat dock.

(4) *Sevario Canal.*

- a. 300 feet on either side of Rogers C. Road Bridge.

(b) Criteria for determining idle/no wake zone areas:

By authority of the parish council, an area must include one or more of the following, in order to be considered for establishment of an official (Idle/No Wake Zone) on the waterways of this parish. Once created, the nominal distance within these zones shall be no less than three hundred (300) feet in all directions deemed appropriate for the prevailing circumstances.

- (1) Bridge crossing a waterway.
- (2) Publicly accessible boat launching facility.
- (3) Publicly accessible boat docking facility.
- (4) Publicly accessible docking facility with boat refueling (gasoline, diesel) capabilities.
- (5) Intersections of major waterways.
- (6) Any area with a history of boating related accidents.
- (7) All of the above stated criteria exclude:
  - a. Private Clubs.
  - b. Boat launches capable of parking less than ten (1) vehicle/trailer combinations.
- (8) The Ascension Parish Waterway Commission has the authority to make recommendations to the parish council. The parish council has the authority to act on those recommendations, and review the entire set of facts presented to them on a case by case basis in order to determine what is in the best interest, safety, and general welfare of the parish in deeming an area an idle/no wake zone.

(c) Established areas of idle/no wake zone:

The following areas shall be immediately posted and enforced as Idle/No Wake Zones.

- (1) The Amite River at Port Vincent at the Hwy 42 Bridge. Three hundred (300) feet up current of Fred's (or current name of establishment) to three hundred (300) feet down current of Smuggler's Cove (or current name of establishment).
- (2) Amite River three hundred (300) feet up current of Dock Restaurant and Lounge (or current name of establishment).
- (3) Area known as the Weir three hundred (300) feet in all directions of the boat-way where the Amite River and Diversion Canal intersect.
- (4) Diversion Canal at the highway 22 bridge. Three hundred (300) feet up current of Canal Bank Club (or current name of establishment) dock.
- (5) Blind River at the intersection of the Diversion Canal. Three hundred (300) feet on either side of the intersection with the Diversion Canal.
- (6) Ascension Parish flood control pumps, three hundred (300) feet of waterway in all directions surrounding the parish flood control pumps.
- (7) When the river gauge at Port Vincent reaches four (4) feet or the river gauge at the Amite River at Hwy 22 reaches three (3) feet, the waterways will be determined to be a minor to moderate threat to properties lying along the shoreline and it shall be ordered that all vessels traversing along any waterway in this parish will do so at Idle only speed when passing any physically man made structure along the shoreline until such time as the river gauge falls below four (4) feet at Port Vincent or three (3) feet at the Amite River at Hwy. 22.

(d) Signage:

The governing body of the parish shall determine all criteria (size, shape, color(s) wording, etc.) as to the design of the proper signs to be placed at all official Idle/No Wake Zones within the parish. The parish shall be responsible for the construction, placement and maintenance of all such signs. The signs shall, at

minimum, contain the wording, IDLE/NO WAKE ZONE to be placed at the beginning, (all directions of travel), of each idle/no wake zone and END IDLE/NO WAKE ZONE to be placed at the end, (all directions of travel), of the respective idle/no wake zone. The signs shall also contain Parish Code of Ordinances section 22-30, as well as the GPS coordinates for each sign.

(e) Duration.

Idle/no wake zones shall become effective for places of business in the establish areas upon the acceptance by the parish council. Should a business in the established area cease to operate for a period of ten (10) days or more, the idle/now wake zone shall be lifted ipso facto. Should the premises resume operations at a later time, the idle/no wake zone shall automatically be reinstated.

(f) Criteria for determining the closure of all waterways in Ascension Parish.

- (1) When the river gauge at Port Vincent reaches eight (8) feet or the river gauge at the Amite River at Hwy 22 reaches four (4) feet, the waterways will automatically close to all recreational traffic and river travel for recreational purposes will be halted until the river gauge falls below eight (8) feet at Port Vincent or four (4) feet at the Amite River at Hwy 22.
- (2) When the rivers have reached a point where they are closed the parish will issue a news release to the public via all local news media advising them as such and will close all public boat landings in the parish.
- (3) A violation of this action would constitute a violation of Ascension Parish Ordinance section 22-30 and will be enforceable by all local, parish and state law enforcement.

(g) Exceptions during the closure of all waterways in Ascension Parish.

- (1) Persons with camps or properties only accessible by vessel. As such, a person will be required to carry on their person some type of legal proof (Tax Certificate, etc.) showing they own properties down river and are going to check on its state and damage assessment. Any such person will be required to idle when passing any physically man-made structure along the shoreline.
- (2) Persons with commercial interest along the river and only accessible by vessel such as pipeline personnel, utility personnel (to restore power), commercial fisherman (must have commercial fishing license on person), emergency workers, law enforcement, etc. These personnel will also be required to idle when passing any physical man-made structure along the shoreline unless responding to a life-threatening incident.

Legal Counsel Kenneth Dupaty read the ordinance **to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9 – Sale of East Bank Sewer Utility Assets/Franchise Fees.** The public hearing was opened on a motion by Councilman Michael Mason. With no speakers, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Joel Robert. The ordinance was adopted unanimously as follows on a motion by Councilman Michael Mason:

## ORDINANCE

**PURPOSE:** To amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9.

WHEREAS: Ascension Parish is a local governmental subdivision as defined by Article VI, Section 44 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and

WHEREAS: Parish of Ascension is the governing and responsible body over Finance and Taxation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Ascension Parish Governing Authority that:

“Upon completion of the sale of the East Bank Sewer Utilities assets all franchise fees received as a result of the sale shall be dedicated for use by the Recreation Department.”

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be in full effect as permitted by law.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:



Yeas: Alvin Thomas, Joel Robert, Travis Turner, Corey Orgeron, Dempsey Lambert, Aaron Lawler, Teri Casso, Dal Waguespack, Michael Mason, John Cagnolatti

Nays: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: Chase Melancon

And this ordinance was passed on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2021

/s/ Cinnamon McKey  
Secretary

/s/ Clint Cointment  
President

Legal Counsel Kenneth Dupaty read the ordinance **to amend an ordinance adopted on October 17, 2013 for the purpose of obtaining additional funds for a Youth Center and Rehabilitative Program in Ascension Parish.** The public hearing was opened on a motion by Councilman Joel Robert. With no speakers, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Michael Mason. The ordinance was adopted unanimously as follows on a motion by Councilman Joel Robert:

**ORDINANCE**

**TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DATED THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2013.**

**PURPOSE:**

To amend an ordinance adopted by the Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2013.

**WHEREAS:** Ascension Parish is a local governmental subdivision as defined by Article VI, Section 44 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and

**BE IT ORDAINED** that the ordinance adopted by the Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> day October 2013 be amended to add the language:

**“NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that Ascension Parish for the purpose of obtaining additional funds for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, equipping, operating, maintaining, and managing a youth center and providing rehabilitative programs within a structured environment for children who enter the juvenile justice system or who are children in need of care or supervision or making payments pursuant to a lease or lease-purchase contract pursuant to this Subpart by a two-thirds vote of total membership of the governing authority, without voter approval, but only after a public hearing is held.”

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be in full effect as permitted by law.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Alvin Thomas, Joel Robert, Corey Orgeron, Dempsey Lambert, Teri Casso, Travis Turner, Aaron Lawler, Dal Waguespack, John Cagnolatti, Michael Mason

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Not Voting: None

Absent: Chase Melancon

And this ordinance was passed on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2021.

/s/ Cinnamon McKey  
Secretary

/s/ Clint Cointment  
President

A motion to go into Executive Session on the matter of an **Employee Appeal of termination – Manuel Oubre** was made by Councilman Michael Mason. A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

Yeas: Alvin Thomas, Joel Robert, Corey Orgeron, Dempsey Lambert, Teri Casso, Travis Turner, Aaron Lawler, Dal Waguespack, John Cagnolatti, Michael Mason

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Not Voting: None

Absent: Chase Melancon

The Council unanimously convened into Executive Session.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session on a motion by Councilman Michael Mason.

Councilman Alvin Thomas made a motion to **overturn the President’s decision to terminate Manuel Oubre**. A roll call vote was conducted on the motion with the results as follows:

Yeas: Alvin Thomas, Joel Robert, Corey Orgeron, Dempsey Lambert, Teri Casso, Travis Turner, Aaron Lawler, Dal Waguespack, John Cagnolatti, Michael Mason

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Not Voting: None

Absent: Chase Melancon

The motion to overturn the termination PASSED 10:1.

There being no further business to come before the Council of the Parish of Ascension, Louisiana, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm

/s/ Teri Casso  
CHAIRWOMAN

/s/ Cinnamon McKey  
SECRETARY