

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 20th DAY OF JUNE, 2019

The Caddo Parish Commission met in legal and regular session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with President Gage-Watts, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). ABSENT: Commissioner Bowman (1).

The invocation was given by Pastor Brian Holly, and Mr. Jackson led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Mr. Craig Toys, Max's Pawn Shop, came before the Commission to discuss Resolution No. 50 of 2019 regarding pawnshops and payday loan institutions. He read aloud the following letter:

*'Thank you Commissioners for allowing me to speak. My name is Craig Toys. I am the third generation owner of Max's Pawn Shops. We have four locations in Shreveport and Bossier. My grandfather, Max, started our business in 1935. My father came back from the Army in the 60s, and my uncle came back in the mid-70s. I grew up running around downtown Shreveport, and came back from LSU in 1994. My wife, Georgette, runs the office and makes sure the bills are paid. We now have a 4th generation coming in with our oldest daughter and a son-in-law from our other daughter. You cannot stay in business for over 84 years in one community by taking advantage of anyone. We have tens of thousands of customers in this community who have made hundreds of thousands of loans with us over these 84 years. Never have we asked a customer to pay on their non-recourse collateral loan. Never have we taken a customer to court for nonpayment or ruined their credit rating like other loan institutions do. We have built strong relationships with our customers in this community by providing short-term cash loans against property. In many cases, that item is their only asset that can get them the gas money that can get them to work, to pay a water bill, or buy groceries. Our average loan is under \$80. A pawn customer can pay on, reduce, or redeem their loan, or not pay anything at all, and it is treated like they have sold it. No fees; no obligations. That customer's business is welcomed and appreciated in the future to pawn, buy, sell, trade, or buy with us. Anytime anything that concerns my livelihood or my family's business is attacked, I eagerly accept the opportunity to defend, inform, and educate about my business. We have studies made by the Federal Reserve Bank that shows the need by the underserved unbanked population for pawn shops and their importance to the economy. We are part of this community, and want to see our community grow and thrive. I want my children and grandchildren to stay here and encourage everything to keep them here. We have 20 employees that depend on us to help support their families. We have issues that need to be addressed in this community, but this resolution including pawnshops is not an issue to this problem. We need to encourage small business development, not run them away. I respectfully ask the Commission to reject the proposed resolution that includes pawnshops.'*

Mr. Edward Best, Discount Jewelry & Loans, came before the Commission regarding Resolution No. 50 of 2019 regarding pawnshops and payday loans. He said that they service the community that has no other means to hard cash. Their average loan is \$150. Pawnshops are the only non-recourse loans offered to consumers.

Mr. Robert Handy came before the Commission to speak against payday lending. He said that payday lending is predatory lending and causes people to get caught up in the cycle in which the loan more than likely will never be repaid.

Mr. Marvin Mohammed came before the Commission to speak in support of Resolution No. 50 of 2019. He said that the goal is to put a halt on issuing permits for new establishments, not put existing ones out of business.

Mr. Cedric Murphy came before the Commission to speak in support of Resolution No. 50 of 2019. He said that payday loans and pawnshops are contagious. He said that their services "makes you more desperate and provides a temporary fix". That temporary fix causes problems, he said. Mr. Murphy He too said that the customers of payday loans end up in a cycle. Adding more payday loan institutions will only add to the poverty cycle, not fix it. He is in support of putting a stop to more establishments like these.

Mr. Rudolph Glass, Jr. agreed with the citizens who spoke before them. He said that he was a victim of a payday loan, and it took him about a year to get out of the cycle. He is in support of Resolution No. 50 of 2019.

Mr. Craig Lee also came to speak in support of Resolution No. 50 of 2019. He also said that pawnshops are included in the category of predatory lenders. He does not believe there should be an

expansion of anymore predatory lending institutions because the “permanent underclass will continue to get caught up in the cycle”. He is in full support of Resolution No. 50 of 2019.

Ms. Omari Hosang explained that these predatory loan institutions do not close the poverty gap, they widen it. She also said that Interfaith has been working to at least put a cap on interest rates from payday loan institutions. Ms. Hosang is in support of Resolution No. 50 of 2019. She thanked Mr. Jackson for bringing this resolution forward. She also talked about the sagging pants ordinance for the Parish. She is encouraging the Commission to repeal the sagging pants ordinance.

#### **VISITORS**

- Rho Omega & Friends  
Update—Let the Good Times Roll

Rho Omega & Friends came before the Commission and thanked the Commission for their continued support of the Let the Good Times Roll festival over the years. He invited all to attend the festival this weekend.

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobo and adopt the following special resolutions: Special Resolution recognizing Ms. Carolyn Jones and Special Resolution of Recognition to Ms. Lisa Kay Ivory, promotion and service to the Shreveport Fire Department* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton and Smith (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Bowman (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Ms. Jones thanked the Commission for honoring her today. She invited all to come and tour the historic beauty shop, Modern Beauty Shop, at 1545 Milam Street, Shreveport.

#### **RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION CAROLYN NADINE JONES**

**WHEREAS**, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to give appropriate recognition to those citizens of Caddo Parish who reflect favorably and positively upon this Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Carolyn Nadine Jones was born in Shreveport and is one of four children to E. Edward Jones and Leslie Alexander Jones; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1965, Dr. E. Edward Jones filed a suit against Caddo Parish and won ordering they desegregate the schools—almost a decade following the ruling of *Brown v. The Board of Education in Topeka Kansas*; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jones early years at Creswell Elementary were not easy ones, as she was the first and only African American child who attended that school. Her classmates called her derogatory names, teased her, or ignored her completely on a daily basis;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jones chose to not let this new adjustment keep her from excelling in school, physical education, and the arts. She attended junior high at Broadmoor, where she made history as the first African American cheerleader. Following junior high school, Ms. Jones went to C.E. Byrd High School where she graduated in 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, at age 45, Ms. Jones made the decision to go back to school. Three years later, she graduated from Louisiana State University-Shreveport with a degree in the Bachelor of Arts; and

**WHEREAS**, today, Ms. Jones is the owner and operator of Modern Beauty Shop, a local landmark established in 1958 by Ms. Anne Brewster and Ms. Mamie Love Wallace. She is also the author of “Opening New Doors”, a book of poems she wrote documenting her experiences in school; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jones is the mother of three and proud grandmother of five. She continues to work tirelessly as a community volunteer and avid supporter of the arts and public education.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019 that it does hereby once again heartily commend

**MS. CAROLYN NADINE JONES** for her success and for the pride and honor she has brought to this Parish.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Commission does wish for the Ms. Jones much continued success in all of her future endeavors.

Chief Ivory thanked the Commission for honoring her today. Chief Wolverton commended Chief Ivory on all of her hard work and congratulated her on her promotion.

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION  
MS. LISA KAY IVORY**

**WHEREAS**, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to give appropriate recognition to those men and women of Caddo Parish who serve and protect the community on a daily basis, and who, in doing so, reflect favorably and positively upon themselves, their families and all the citizens of this Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, such an individual is **Ms. Lisa Kay Ivory**, who on June 1, 2019, was promoted to the position of Battalion Chief within the Shreveport Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Battalion Chief Ivory has proudly served the Shreveport Fire Department and also has the proud distinction of having worked at the only female staffed Fire Station in the history of the Shreveport Fire Department. Chief Ivory while serving the City of Shreveport also has proudly served 17 years in the U.S. Military; serving 8 years in the U.S. Army and then 9 years in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. During that time Chief Ivory graduated 1<sup>st</sup> in her training class and she also served as a Combat Trained Police Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Ivory has spent countless hours overcoming obstacles and often doing what others could not do, presently the only female to serve in this position and only the second to ever serve in that capacity. Chief Ivory's promotion is a significant highlight not only to her accomplishments but recognizes her hard work, persistence and determination to succeed at all costs. Chief Ivory stands as a shining example and beacon of encouragement to those other females that follow her in the fire profession; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Ivory is thankful to her Lord for keeping her safe throughout her dangerous career and to her mother Rosalie Ivory, her greatest inspiration, who throughout her life provided her with love, encouragement, and direction. Chief Ivory's life-long goal has been to make her mother and her family proud.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby declare and proclaim Thursday, June 18, 2019, as

**'CHIEF LISA KAY IVORY DAY'**

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and it extends its most sincere and hearty expressions of appreciation and congratulations to Chief Ivory and hope that she enjoys her promotion while continuing to bring quality leadership to the Shreveport Fire Department.

**ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Middleton, to *adopt the Regular Session Minutes from June 6, 2019. Motion carried.*

**COMMUNIQES/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson attended a CCAA meeting, and it was voiced by several homeowners that it has been difficult to get their homes repaired. He further explained that it takes two contractors, then the contractors go out for bid. If their dollar amount is higher that is allowed, then they cannot complete the work. The standards that were put in place is prolonging the process to get the homes repaired, Mr. Johnson said.

Another concern Mr. Johnson has is that one of the Commissioners brought this information to a law enforcement agency to begin an investigation. There were also inquiries regarding him being on the CCAA board. He stated that prior to accepting the appointment to the board, he got an Attorney General's opinion to see if he was able to serve in that capacity while being a Commissioner. The Attorney General said that it ok for a Commissioner for him to sit on the board.

He would like to set up a meeting with the homeowners who are still needing their homes repaired and contractors to get this “chapter closed”.

Mr. Jackson asked for more clarification. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson said that there were additional guidelines put in place for the third round of funding, and CCAA has followed those guidelines to the tee.

Mr. Atkins reminded the Commissioners that the Commission came together and approved guidelines, so additional funding “could be put into the pot” to address these homeowners. He said that the Commission acting in good intention and good faith. He suggested that the Commission re-examine what is needed to get the work done and assure that the money is spent appropriately and fairly.

Attorney Frazier mentioned that Mr. Guidry has met with Administration and put together a list of contractors. She also said that the request for two bids came from Mr. Guidry, who had to cooperate with the law enforcement investigation, at the advice of his council. She also cautioned that CCAA may not be willing to do any of this work if there is not some protection in place to having to endure this again. She also said that the list of contractors have been sent to the homeowners to expedite this process.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson also mentioned that they asked Red Cross to go out and reassess the homes, but Red Cross did not go inside the homes to reassess the damage, they only assessed it from the outside and reclassified the homes. Attorney Frazier mentioned that Mr. Guidry sent the CCAA inspectors to the homes to inspect the inside and make recommendations.

#### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Mrs. Gage-Watts quoted Representative Sheila Jackson Lee, ‘If not now, then when?’ in regards to Juneteenth. She announced that Let The Good Times Roll festival will be held this weekend. She also said that Mayor Perkins will be publicly apologizing to Mr. Sam Cooke’s daughter, Ms. Carla, for the mistreatment he endured when he came to Shreveport some years ago.

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that the bill was passed regarding seafood, and she looks forward to seeing the signs posted in restaurants.

She also congratulated Mrs. Erica Bryant on her promotion as Interim Assistant Parish Administrator.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCES & CASES**

Mrs. Gage-Watts asked if there was anyone to speak in support of or in opposition of the following ordinance:

- *Ordinance No. 5882 of 2019, in regards to Zoning Case P-8-19, to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located at the northeast corner of Acorn Street and Womack Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District to R-MHS, Residential Manufactured Home Subdivision Zoning District*

There being no one else to speak in favor of or in opposition to this zoning ordinance, the President closed the public hearing.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES**

Mrs. Gage-Watts asked if there was anyone to speak in support of or in opposition of the following ordinance:

- *Ordinance No. 5883 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$55,976 to increase appropriation for the Pine Hill Road Bridge*
- *Ordinance No. 5884 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to provide an appropriation for the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority*

Ms. Irma Rogers spoke in support of Ordinance No. 5884 of 2019. She said the event was well attended. She said that 750 sorority sisters were in attendance as well as their brothers. There were about 2,000 individuals from the City for four days. She provided an updated budget to the

Commission Clerk. She also said that the Hilton was completely booked, and people were referred to Sam's Town and the Holiday Inn. She also mentioned that the sorority gives out scholarships.

- *Ordinance No. 5885 of 2019, to amend Article VI of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo relative to Section 26-182, Schedule A, Speed Limits, on Calumet Drive*

Mr. Hugh Dean spoke in support of Ordinance No. 5885 of 2019. He said that Oak Pointe Place Homeowner's Association is in full support of this ordinance.

Mrs. Sandra Haney came in opposition of Ordinance No. 5885 of 2019. She has lived at the corner of Calumet Drive and Leisure Lane for over 20 years. She has never seen an accident on that road, so she would like it to stay at 40 mph.

There being no one else to speak in favor of or in opposition to these ordinances, the President closed the public hearing.

### **ZONING ORDINANCES (for final passage)**

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to uphold the MPC's decision to deny Ordinance No. 5882 of 2019, in regards to Zoning Case P-8-19, to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located at the northeast corner of Acorn Street and Womack Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agriculture Zoning District to R-MHS, Residential Manufactured Home Subdivision Zoning District. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Bowman (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

### **ORDINANCES (for final passage)**

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, *that Ordinance No. 5883 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$55,976 to increase appropriation for the Pine Hill Road Bridge be adopted. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Bowman (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

### **ORDINANCE NO. 5883 OF 2019**

BY CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,976 TO INCREASE APPROPRIATION FOR THE PINE HILL ROAD BRIDGE, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the prior year budgets include an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to replace the Pine Hill Road Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Providence Road Bridge project has a balance of \$55,976 at the completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for additional funds to begin the replacement of the Pine Hill Road Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the remaining balance from the Providence Road Bridge project can be used to fund the amount needed to replace the Pine Hill Road Bridge; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2019 Budget in order to transfer the remaining balance for the Providence Road Bridge to the Pine Hill Road Bridge; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund for the year 2019 is hereby amended as follows:

Budget Increase (Decrease)

Capital Outlay Fund – Drainage:	
Providence Road Bridge	\$ (55,976)
Pine Hill Road Bridge	\$ 55,976

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Cawthorne**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 5884 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to provide an appropriation for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority be adopted. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, and Smith (9). NAYS: Commissioners Chavez and Middleton (2). ABSENT: Commissioner Bowman (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**ORDINANCE NO. 5884 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC. AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded on the campus of Howard University in January 1920 and has thousands of members across the world; and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's Southern Region was established in 1929; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Southern Region is to implement and execute meaningful programs and projects throughout Texas and Louisiana in a manner that will engage and encourage Sorority and Auxiliary members IN providing superior service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority is hosting its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Southern Regional Leadership Conference (SRLC), "Zetas in Blue, Rolling on the Red: Celebrating 90 Years of Perfection" in Shreveport, June 13-15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the SRLC will bring thousands of Zetas to Caddo Parish providing an economic boost to the area; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee of the Caddo Parish Commission recommends providing a \$20,000 appropriation to the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund for the year 2019 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b><u>Economic Development Fund</u></b>	
Allocation to Other Entities	
NGO Appropriations	
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$20,000
Fund Balance	
(\$20,000)	

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 5885 of 2019, to amend Article VI of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo relative to Section 26-182, Schedule A, Speed Limits, on Calumet Drive* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Bowman (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**ORDINANCE NO. 5885 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF CADDO RELATIVE TO SECTION 26-182, SCHEDULE A, SPEED LIMITS, ON CALUMET DRIVE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Commission has received requests from citizens to raise the speed limit on Calumet Drive.

WHEREAS, a speed study and traffic count has been conducted by the Parish's Fleet Services Department and it has been determined that the speed limit can safely be raised to Forty (40) miles per hour.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo finds that it is in the best interests of the Parish of Caddo to set the speed limit on Calumet Drive, beginning at Tacoma BLVD and extending South to Leisure Lane, at forty (40) miles per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that Chapter 26, Section 26-182 of the Code of Ordinances be and is hereby amended to add the following:

Calumet Drive, beginning at Tacoma BLVD and extending South to Leisure Lane, at forty (40) miles per hour.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective upon ten (10) days after publication in the official journal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**ORDINANCES (introduction by title)**

- *Ordinance No. 5887 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$43,000 to provide an appropriation of \$20,000 to Providence House, \$15,000 to Hope Connections, and \$8,000 to NWLA Youth Golf & Education Foundation (First Tee of NWLA)*  
**PUBLIC HEARING & FINAL PASSAGE JULY 18, 2019**
- *Ordinance No. 5888 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Public Works Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$50,000 to provide an appropriation to install welcome signs on I-49*  
**PUBLIC HEARING & FINAL PASSAGE JULY 18, 2019**
- *Ordinance No. 5889 of 2019, declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus and to authorize the Parish Administrator, or a designee, to sell the Parish of Caddo's tax interest in certain surplus adjudicated properties*

**PUBLIC HEARING & FINAL PASSAGE JULY 18, 2019**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, *that the Work Session Minutes from June 17, 2019 be approved. Motion carried.*

**RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, *that Resolution No. 50 of 2019, urging and requesting the City of Shreveport to enact a moratorium on issuing permits for payday loan shops and pawnshops be adopted.*

**Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *to amend and adopt the substitute Resolution No. 50 of 2019 provided to reflect the following changes:*

- *remove "pawn shops" from the resolution; remove WHEREAS, if payday loans are restricted, pawn shops will become the next bastion of lending for low-income citizens; and;*
- *add WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission seeks to provide citizens with access to mainstream financial services such as banks, community banks, credit unions, and financial literacy; and*
- *add WHEREAS, the Community Reinvestment Act (12 USC 2901) was enacted in 1977, to combat urban decay and a lack of investment in communities; and*
- *add WHEREAS, Congress found that banks have a continuing and affirmative obligation to help meet the credit and deposit needs of their local communities, including low- and moderate-income (LMI) neighborhoods where they are chartered; and*
- *add BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED the Caddo Parish Commission request that Shreveport City Council and Metropolitan Planning Commission give careful consideration be given to permitting business at the former JP Morgan Chase Bank building located at 332 East 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Shreveport, LA 71106*

Mr. Jackson said that this is not about attacking anyone, it is about ensuring that neighborhoods within our community have equitable investments in them. He said that that they cannot continue to have neighborhoods saturated with payday loans, pawnshops, and liquor stores. Mr. Jackson also mentioned that this resolution is not to shut anyone down; it is to stop new permits for payday loan establishments.

Mr. Dominick reminded everyone that this resolution is only requesting the City of Shreveport and has no legal authority.

Mr. Chavez said that education is key. He also pointed out that the Commission cannot tell the City of Shreveport "how to do their job". Mr. Cawthorne pointed out that the City Council and the Caddo Commission works together since their constituents are intertwined.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Cawthorne, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Linn (7). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Dominick, Middleton, and Smith (4). ABSENT: Commissioner Bowman (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**RESOLUTION NO. 50 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT TO ENACT A MORATORIUM ON ISSUING PERMITS FOR PAY-DAY LOAN SHOPS AND PAWN SHOPS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Payday loan shops offer predatory lending rates;

WHEREAS, these rates are particularly dangerous for low-income citizens as the inability to repay the high-interest loans contribute to a cycle of poverty;

WHEREAS, if payday loans are restricted, pawn shops will become the next bastion of lending for low-income citizens; and



WHEREAS, ~~both of these~~ this types of institutions are ~~is~~ concentrated in Caddo Parish within the city limits of Shreveport.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission seeks to provide citizens with access to mainstream financial services such as banks, community banks, credit unions, and financial literacy; and

WHEREAS, the Community Reinvestment Act (12 USC 2901) was enacted in 1977, to combat urban decay and a lack of investment in communities; and

WHEREAS, Congress found that banks have a continuing and affirmative obligation to help meet the credit and deposit needs of their local communities, including low- and moderate-income (LMI) neighborhoods where they are chartered; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby urge and request the Shreveport City Council to enact a moratorium against issuing permits for the establishment of new ~~pawn shops~~ and payday lending institutions, until a comprehensive plan for combating their contribution to the poverty cycle is developed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Caddo Parish Commission request that Shreveport City Council and Metropolitan Planning Commission give careful consideration be given to permitting business at the former JP Morgan Chase Bank building located at 332 East 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Shreveport, La 71106.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Shreveport City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, *that Resolution No. 51 of 2019, to promote investments in young children and families from prenatal to three* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman and Linn (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 51 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

#### **A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE INVESTMENTS IN YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM PRENATAL TO THREE**

WHEREAS, Counties/Parishes routinely provide an array programs and services to an estimated 16 million children ages birth to three in the United States; and in 2017 about 29 percent of counties had more than a quarter of all children living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, The most rapid period of brain development occurs within the first years of life with the brain developing faster from birth to age three than at any later period in life, building the foundation for all future learning, behavior and health; and toddlers receive what their growing brains need, they become healthy children who are confident, empathetic and ready for school and life; and programs and policies that support healthy development from birth to age three result in better social, economic and health outcomes and build a more productive workforce that strengthens our economy now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, Parents are a child's most important caregivers and play the lead role in their child's healthy development; at the same time, communities and governments can be effectively provide families with an array of comprehensive support at an especially critical time; and

WHEREAS, Programs and policies should start early to ensure healthy beginnings at birth, support families with infants and toddlers and make high-quality child care and learning environments more accessible and affordable to all; and

WHEREAS, High-quality child care is often unavailable or unaffordable for parents who need it, and many families are not connected to networks or early childhood supports that can offer guidance and confidence to navigate the earliest months and years of their children's lives; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission and all counties/parishes take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of residents in cost-effective ways—especially for the children in our area; and

WHEREAS, Research shows that when we invest in the first three years of a child's life the returns for the community are the highest, and we can reduce the need for more expensive interventions later; and

WHEREAS, Research also shows that high-quality early childhood development programs can deliver an annual return of up to 13 percent per child on upfront costs through better outcomes in education, health, employment and social behavior in the decades that follow; and economists attribute local economic growth and prosperity to high-quality early child care programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and other national organizations joined the National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers (NCIT), a project of the Pritzker Children's Initiative (PCI), in a groundbreaking partnership to work with communities and states across the country to focus on early childhood development for young children from birth to three, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, THAT the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby sign on to the Call to Action to prioritize and invest in prenatal-to-three efforts that promote a healthy start at birth, support for families with infants and toddlers and high-quality care and learning environments and utilize the resources available through NACo and the NCIT to:

- Be a champion for change by prioritizing and investing in high-quality infant-toddler so children, families and communities can thrive;
- Designate an early childhood leader with authority to coordinate and maximize county services to optimize child and family outcomes and leverage additional resources;
- Convene or draw on a diverse team of leaders, decision-makers and community stakeholders committed to early childhood investments;
- Take an inventory of local programs and services for children and families;
- Create a plan with measurable outcomes to implement, shift and enhance evidence-based approaches that promote a comprehensive and equitable continuum of care that begins before birth and spans into adulthood, with specific recommendations for children under three and their families;
- Leverage local, state and federal investments and explore innovative funding strategies and revenue streams to support early childhood programming; and
- Promote prenatal-to-three policies, best practices and cross coordination to improve child and family outcomes as well as service delivery and efficacy in government through streamlined processes

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Resolution No. 52 of 2019, declaring Caddo Parish the original home and birthplace of Southern Soul Music* be adopted.

Mr. Jackson asked that the press release from Mr. Garland Jones and Mr. Lenny Lewis be attached as an exhibit to the resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 52 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING CADDO PARISH THE ORIGINAL HOME  
& BIRTHPLACE OF SOUTHERN SOUL MUSIC**

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish and Shreveport have had a long-lasting influence on music in the United States and around the world and like many others, Southern soul made a mark that is undeniable; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson, Mississippi, City Council recently tried to claim their city as home of Southern soul with the founding of Malaco Records in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Southern soul is a type of soul music that emerged from the Southern United States. The music originated from a combination of styles, including blues (both 12 bar and jump), country, early rock and roll, and a strong gospel influence that emanated from the sounds of Southern black churches. The focus of the music was not on its lyrics, but on the "feel" or the groove. This rhythmic force made it a strong influence in the rise of funk music. The terms "Deep soul", "Country soul", "Downhome soul" and "Hard soul" have been used synonymously with "Southern soul; and

WHEREAS, Southern soul was at its peak during the 1960s, Stan Lewis founded Jewel Records in Shreveport, Louisiana (1963), along with two subsidiary labels, Paula and Ronn. Paula and Ronn Records were among the leaders for R&B, blues, soul and gospel tunes. Lewis signed artists such as John Lee Hooker, Charles Brown, Bobby Rush, Buster Benton, Toussaint McCall, Lightin' Hopkins, Ted Taylor, Little Johnny Taylor and The Uniques. The Carter Brothers in 1965 landed Jewel Records its first national hit on the R&B charts; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, the Shreveport-based Murco Records released "Losin' Boy" by Eddie Giles, which registered for five weeks on *Cashbox* magazine's Hot 100. Murco Records had chart success with its other artists which included Reuben Bell and the Belltones, Dori Grayson, Charles Crawford, Ann Alford, Abraham & the Casanovas and Marion Ester; and

WHEREAS, Shreveport and Caddo Parish have been at the forefront of many genres of music during the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's and like each one of them, Southern Soul helped weave the very fabric that has influenced the music industry throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby proclaim Caddo Parish, as:

**'THE ORIGINAL HOME AND BIRTHPLACE OF SOUTHERN SOUL MUSIC'**

in an effort to focus public attention on the role and scope of the southern soul influence born in Caddo Parish, and in all its aspects, and urging all citizens to recognize and reflect upon the invaluable role that Caddo Parish musicians, promoters played in their lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of Louisiana, the Honorable William "Billy" Nungesser, Lt. Governor of the State of Louisiana, the Honorable Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor, City of Jackson Mississippi, and the Jackson, Mississippi City Council.

**EXHIBIT A**

Press Release on Southern Soul Genre

*For Immediate Release*

On Tuesday, June 11, 2019, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi unanimously voted to declare Jackson, Mississippi the official birthplace of "Southern Soul". This declaration is not factual and is contested by the citizens of Shreveport, Louisiana. Jewel Paula Records, owned by the former Stanley "Stan" Lewis, was the first record company/label to coin the term "Southern Soul".

Southern Soul was a new genre of music. The sound was unique and more upbeat than the traditional blues. Radio stations did not welcome the new music because it was stereotyped as "blues". During this era in the music industry, Urban Adult Stations did not embrace blues and other than designated blues shows/slots, they did not want to play it. It was determined that another term would have to be used in order to get airplay and attention from the public. The term Southern Soul was coined

because it was soul music and the majority of the artists were from the South—thus it became Southern Soul. Lenny Lewis coined the term “Southern soul” Garland Jones, Sr., owner of the former Garland’s Super Sounds worked together to make Southern Soul music gain air play. The trademark was registered by Leonard Lewis with the State of Louisiana on June 28, 2001 however the first use date was November 15, 1997. The trademark was registered by Leonard Lewis but the development of the Southern Soul genre’ was a tedious task that was taken on by Garland Jones, Sr.

After the closing of Paula Records, Garland Jones began a journey of developing the Southern Soul genre. Garland worked with artists from across the country to compile over 108 compilations of Simply Southern Soul. Artists would contact Garland and send the music to him to add to the next compilation. This continued for years and is still ongoing. The first album released with the Southern Soul denotation was by Carl Sims, “House of Love” in 1995 on the local Paula records label. Garland Jones was also responsible for the first ever Southern Soul Concert & a series of Southern Soul concerts in 1996 right here in Shreveport, Louisiana. @ the Shreveport Municipal Auditorium & the Ebony Multi Center located on 70<sup>th</sup> Street in the Cedar Grover area of town.

Southern Soul music combines a stream of blues with a mix of R&B and Funk. It is a genre’ that is apart from any of the individual genres. The records indicate that when Southern Soul Music was brewing in Shreveport, Malaco Records had begun to terminate contracts with their “Blues” artists. They had no interest in Southern Soul music. From the late 1990s to 2012 the majority of Southern Soul Music was sold through Garland’s Super Sounds. There is not another retail store in the country that has sold more Southern Soul music than Garland’s Super Sounds. Music was shipped all over the country. Garland was responsible for introducing so many of the southern soul artist Reggie P, TK Soul, Sir Charles Jones and hundreds more.

We are proud that Shreveport, Louisiana is the official birthplace of the genre’ Southern Soul and we do not intend to allow the credit of this genre’ go to another city.

It was **moved by Mr. Cawthorne**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 53 of 2019, proclaiming and supporting June as Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month* be adopted.

**Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, *to englobe and adopt the following items:*

- *Resolution No. 53 of 2019, proclaiming and supporting June as Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month*
- *Resolution No. 54 of 2019, creating a 2020 Census Complete Count Committee for Caddo Parish*
- *Confirm appointment of Mr. Kenneth Mitchell to the Caddo Parish Sewerage District No. 2 Board to replace Ms. Joey Corsentino. Term to expire August 6, 2021*

At this time, Mr. Jackson’s motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Bowman (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 53 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AND SUPPORTING JUNE AS ALZHEIMER’S & BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is a progressive disease of the brain causing deterioration in memory, reasoning, motor skills, and the ability to take care of oneself. The impact of Alzheimer’s on individuals, families, and our health care system makes the disease one our nation’s primary medical, social, and fiscal challenges; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s affects every level of society. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention: every sixty-six seconds, someone in the United States develops the disease; more than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s; and Alzheimer’s is the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death, and it kills more than breast and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s is the most common form of dementia; and

WHEREAS, the social, emotional, and financial impacts of dementia are felt by everyone—persons with dementia, their families, caregivers, and communities; and

WHEREAS, there is approximately 18.1 billion hours of unpaid care; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Alzheimer's and other dementias will cost the nation approximately \$236 billion; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are no treatments that can prevent, delay, or reverse Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, stigma leads many people with dementia, and their families, to fear exclusion and differential treatment, preventing them from seeking help and disclosing their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, early detection provides individuals and families to adjust to the diagnosis and plan for the future; and

WHEREAS, all Caddo Parish citizens need to be better informed about Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and to work to create more supportive and inclusive communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby declare the month of June 2019 as:

**“ALZHEIMER’S & BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH”**

In Caddo Parish and urges citizens and organizations to participate in activities and demonstrations that provide a special opportunity to educate the community about Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 54 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

**A RESOLUTION CREATING A 2020 U.S. CENSUS COMPLETE  
COUNT COMMITTEE FOR CADDO PARISH**

WHEREAS the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the United States Constitution to conduct a count of all persons; and

WHEREAS the Census count requires extensive work, and the Census Bureau requires partners at the state and local level to insure a complete and accurate count;

WHEREAS the Caddo Parish Complete Count Committee will bring together a cross section of community members who will utilize their local knowledge and expertise to reach out to all persons of our community;

WHEREAS the Caddo Parish Complete Count Committee will work with the Census Bureau and the State of Louisiana to strive for an accurate count.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission establishes a 2020 Census Complete Count Committee, members to be appointed at a later date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Property Standards Case Hearing  
Property Case No. 2: 10497 Ferry Lake Road, Oil City, LA  
Delayed from May 6, 2019 Property Standards Hearing

Mr. Chuck Wilson explained that the Property Standards Board gave the property until today to sell her property. Mr. Wilson contacted the property owner, but was informed that it is supposed to close on July 1. He also mentioned that they recommended demolition of the property, but the property owner asked for additional time to sell it.

Mr. Dominick wanted to know what would happen if the Commission condemns the property prior to it being sold. Attorney Frazier explained that it would have to be disclosed to the buyers. She also explained that if it was demolished prior to it being sold, then there would be lien recorded against the property. She also said that the person who purchases the property would have to follow the order to demolish the property. Mr. Dominick would like the record to reflect that the property owner is not in attendance today.

Mr. Linn wanted to know if the Commission did not vote to demolish the property, would they have to start the whole process over once the buyers purchase it. Attorney Frazier stated that they would not, but they would have to notify the new property owners of the public hearing to demolish the property.

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *to accept the recommendation from Public Works Property Standards to condemn and demolish 10497 Ferry Lake Road, Oil City, LA. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Bowman (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### **COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Jackson announced that Allendale/Ledbetter Association will be meeting for their neighborhood association. He also requested that Legal review a Consent Agenda section.
- Mr. Chavez announced that Southern Hills will be hosting Coffee With A Cop tomorrow, Friday, June 21 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at the Whataburger on Bert Kouns.

#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS (late arrivals)**

Mr. Craig Lee came back before the Commission to urge the Commission to repeal the sagging pants ordinance for the Parish.

Mr. Marvin Mohammed would like the Parish to follow the City of Shreveport and repeal the sagging pants ordinance for the Parish.

Mr. Lenny Lewis thanked the Commission for Resolution No. 52 of 2019 in regards to Southern Soul Music. Around 1995, Mr. Lewis signed Carl Sims to his record label and was having difficulty playing this type of music on the radio. He contacted E. Rodney Jones and explained to him his situation. Mr. Jones wanted to know what type of music it was. Mr. Lewis told him that it was a mixture of R&B, Blues, and Funk, so he coined the phrase "Southern Soul". He used that term to promote the sound of this artist. He said that he was caught off guard when everyone started calling him and telling him that Jackson, Mississippi was trying to take credit for the term Southern Soul. He said that it is important because this is a new genre of music.

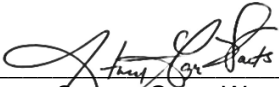
Mr. Garland Jones said that they have been overwhelmed with the support they have received from all over the country. He said that there are several radio stations that use the term "Southern Soul Music". Mr. Jones also mentioned that he has over 100 albums of Southern Soul artists.

Mr. John Settle believes that the Commission "made bad government policy". He said that the Commission did not hear from Mr. Alan Clark, MPC Director, on the effect of payday loans/pawn shops and the UDC. He also mentioned that the amended resolution was not presented to the citizens. Mr. Settle agreed that payday loans are predatory lending, but this resolution had major amendments that were not presented to anyone.

Mr. Cedric Murphy also came back before the Commission regarding the sagging pants ordinance. He said that the City of Shreveport repealed the ordinance, and he would like the ordinance

with the Parish to be repealed. Mr. Murphy also said that young black men are being arrested for walking in the streets. He said that he received a ticket for not walking on a sidewalk, and he is in a wheelchair.

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.



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Stormy Gage-Watts  
President

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Todd Hopkins  
Commission Clerk