

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF JANUARY, 2019

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Work Session, on the above date, at 9:00 a.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Doug Dominick, President, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, Smith, and Gage-Watts (12). ABSENT: None (0).

The invocation was given by Mr. Smith, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson.

REPORTS

- Dr. Wilson provided a copy of the Quarterly Financial Reports to the Commissioners.

COMMISSION REMARKS

- Mr. Dominick acknowledged the attached copy of Mr. Grayson Boucher's resignation letter from Communications District No. 1 Board.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Louis Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Ordinance No. 5839 of 2019, amending the zoning of property located on the north side of Greenwood Road, approximately 1,600 feet west of Broadacres Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agricultural District, to I-1, Light Industrial District* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Linn, *that Ordinance No. 5840 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$350,983 to provide funding for the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

Answering a question from Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson regarding a board being formed, Mr. Jackson stated that the board members have not been appointed yet. He also explained that Ms. Lynn Stevens was charged with that capacity, but she has left United Way.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson also wanted to know if there were any funding requests made. Mr. Jackson stated that there was not, but there has been talks about a competitive RFP. Mr. Jackson said that there are a few more steps before funding requests are made.

Substitute motion by Mr. Chavez, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to remand Ordinance No. 5840 of 2019 to the NGO Appropriation Committee.*

Mr. Chavez has a few questions with the Commission providing home loans. He would like the Commission to meet in committee to vet this out.

Mr. Atkins stated that he was opposed to this legislation in the beginning and is still opposed to it. He understands that this was passed, but does not believe that this is in the Commission's core Charter.

Mr. Jackson reminded the Commission that this has been through the committee process last year. He also explained that this is funding from completed capital projects. He would like to see this go forward.

At this time, Mr. Chavez's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Dominick, Louis Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (6). NAYS: Commissioners Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Linn (5). ABSENT: Commissioner Bowman (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 5841 of 2019, authorizing emergency aid to those who were affected by the April 2018 tornadoes* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

Mr. Linn requested the following:

1. The addresses of the houses that were already repaired.
2. The addresses of the 15 houses to be repaired.

3. The inspections and permits of each property that were repaired.
4. Final inspections to determine each property was completed properly and in code.
5. Detailed itemized work order for each job completed.

Mr. Dominick called Mr. Laurence Guidry, Caddo Community Action Agency, forward to update the Commission. Answering a question from Mr. Dominick regarding the total amount requested, Mr. Atkins stated that it is fifteen houses at \$15,000 each, which comes to a total of \$225,000. Mr. Dominick asked Mr. Guidry if these funds were needed to complete the work. Mr. Guidry stated that some of the residents did not select a contract in a timely manner, which delayed the process. He also said that it was needed at the time of the assessment for each house, but he is unsure at this moment if all fifteen houses still need the work completed. He explained that there needs to be another assessment conducted on these houses to determine which ones have been completed, which ones have been abandoned, etc.

Mr. Guidry pointed out that \$17,170 could be spent per home for a contractor and labor, \$1,250 for tree removal, and \$2,800 for electrical work. He also explained that several of the homes have already had tree removal. Mr. Guidry also pointed out that there has been a lot of rain since April 2018, so there may be more damage as of now. Some of the homes could go from major damage to destroyed, but another assessment needs to be completed by the Red Cross to determine the actual need for these homes.

Mr. Guidry explained that every one of the contractors was state licensed and had insurance. He also pointed out that the contractors were in contract with the homeowners, not CCAA. All of the work was signed off by the homeowner and CCAA inspector. Unused materials were returned to Home Depot or Lowe's.

Attorney Frazier stated that they could provide Mr. Linn with all of the addresses for the properties that were already completed, as well as, the additional property addresses. She also explained that since the homeowner hired a contractor of their choice, the only requirement for the contractors is that they be state licensed. She said that they would need to go to the City of Shreveport to pull permits for individual work, and it will not be done by tomorrow. She also pointed out that if there were a fee for pulling these permits, she would need the Commission's approval to pay that fee. She also explained that CCAA "checks off" to ensure that the materials the Parish bought were used at the property in which they were supposed to be used. A materials list is submitted by the contractor and could be pulled.

Mr. Linn stated that when he does work on his property, he has to pull a permit. He would like that information before casting his vote. Attorney Frazier stated that she will put in the request with the City of Shreveport today, but it will be in their hands on how timely the information comes back.

Answering a question from Mr. Dominick regarding the actual request amount, Mrs. Bryant explained that since 2015, the Commission annually appropriates, in the Reserve Trust Fund, \$350,000 for items such as this. This ordinance is to authorize that some of those monies can be used for this purpose. They request an update for every \$150,000 spent.

Mr. Dominick wanted to know the difference between this ordinance and the ordinance that was put on the agenda in December. Mrs. Bryant explained that this ordinance is not a budget amendment; it is an authorization to use the funds that are already appropriated for this purpose. She said that they could use up to \$350,000 that has been appropriated, but they are not expected to use more than \$250,000.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know what were the past appropriations for this disaster. Mrs. Bryant stated that there was an original request for \$350,000, then an additional request for \$164,000 for a total of \$514,000. Mr. Chavez said that the Commission has already appropriated \$514,000, but could be up to \$800,000 when it is all said and done. Answering a question from Mr. Chavez regarding the total number of homes, Mr. Guidry said that there were 47 homes, but three of them received limited amount of funding, i.e. rental assistance, electrical work, and tree removal. Mr. Chavez suggested that some of the questions that he and Mr. Linn have be answered before a final vote is taken.

Mr. Atkins wants to know the role that the Red Cross plays moving forward and looking back. Mr. Guidry explained that the Red Cross does the initial assessment based on site visits to determine if they are minor, major, or destroyed. Mr. Guidry said that the main question needing to be answered is, "What is the condition of that house today?" Due to this question, another assessment needs to be completed to determine which category these fifteen houses fall into currently.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson explained that the Red Cross assesses the property and issues a certificate to CCAA. From that certificate, CCAA develops a file for that resident. The resident then chooses the contractor who then goes and purchases the materials that need to be used to repair the home. The contractor has to be state licensed. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson also pointed out that the homes that were deemed destroyed, the Parish provided rental assistance, but did not repair the home. The homes listed as minor or major had a cap of what could be repair on the home.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson also explained that the last disaster the Commission dealt with, it was a “no-no” to obtain the addresses of the individuals needing assistance. He said that there is some type of privacy act involved.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson also pointed out that the CCAA was not charged with pulling permits.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson also explained that the second allocation for the homes were provided to the residents that were active in the process. There were still residents that submitted their certificates, but did not choose a contractor in a timely manner.

Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked Mr. Guidry and CCAA for helping the citizens in the Queensborough neighborhood. She also said that there still is a need because the citizens came to a Commission meeting requesting help.

Mr. Bowman also commended Mr. Guidry and CCAA for helping the citizens and others during natural disasters. He said that this organization does an excellent job and thanked them once again.

Attorney Frazier clarified that the \$350,000 has already been appropriated out of the Reserve Trust Fund with the appropriate number of eight votes. She said that there would only need to be seven votes to authorize use of these funds for a specific purpose.

Mr. Chavez suggested that the Commissioners lobby a little harder in the future to the Governor on declaring these areas disaster areas. He also wanted to know how the Red Cross is associated with this from a federal standpoint, but this was not deemed a disaster area from the federal government. Attorney Frazier explained that the Red Cross conducted these assessments as a favor.

Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *to delay introduction of Ordinance No. 5841 of 2019 to the next meeting for introduction.*

Mr. Atkins stated that his main concern is the re-assessment of the fifteen homes from the Red Cross and who is still eligible for funding.

Call for the Question by Mr. Dominick, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Jackson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (9). NAYS: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Louis Johnson, and Lyndon B. Johnson (3). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mr. Jackson's substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Jackson, Linn, and Smith (7). NAYS: Commissioners Bowman, Gage-Watts, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Middleton (5). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *that Ordinance No. 5842 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$8,000 to provide an appropriation for Showtime Boxing event be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.*

Mr. Linn pointed out that the Commission supported the hotel/motel tax on the auspices that the money will go to the Sports Commission and would not be asked in a “continual nickel and dime” from the Sports Commission. For this reason, Mr. Linn will not be supporting this motion.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson explained that the hotel occupancy rate has not been what the Sports Commission estimated. He said that events need to come to Shreveport to get the occupancy where it needs to be. He also pointed out that all four of the governing bodies are “pitching in” to support this event, and that is why it is at \$8,000.

Mr. Atkins agreed with Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson. He reviewed the economic impact that this event will have in our area. The study indicates that it will have a positive impact. He believes the Commission should support economic initiatives in the community that will stimulate hotel use, restaurant use, etc. He will be supporting this.

Mr. Dominick explained that normally, these types of events are held at the Riverdome, but it was not possible for this event. The City of Shreveport is allowing StageWorks to be used for this boxing event. He also pointed out that it will be on Showtime.

Mr. Jackson requested that the economic impact study be provided to all of the Commissioners. He said that he would vote for introduction, but with the understanding that this did not go through committee. Mr. Jackson also pointed out that the Sports Commission should already have a funding source.

Mr. Chavez agreed with Mr. Atkins and will be supporting this event. He said that this will be bringing economic stimulus to the community.

Mr. Middleton requested that Mr. Kelly Wells and Mrs. Stacy Brown come before the Commission to provide more information before a vote is made.

Mr. Linn pointed out that the Commission does not receive any sales taxes within the City of Shreveport.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Ordinance No. 5843 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund to cancel the \$125,000 appropriation for NLEP be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). NAYS: Commissioner Louis Johnson (1). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Linn**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Ordinance No. 5844 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund and the Economic Development Fund to transfer the \$125,000 appropriation for NLEP to the MPC be pulled from the agenda.* 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: Commissioner Bowman (1). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Bowman, *that Ordinance No. 5845 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to provide an appropriation for crime prevention and citizen participation be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.*

Mr. Atkins respects the desire to have a positive impact on reducing crime throughout the community, but he is not sure if a public awareness campaign on crime is a good return on the investment. He also pointed out that if the Sheriff's Office or other local law enforcement agencies came before the Commission and requested this, he would be more inclined to support it. He is also concerned with the message the Commission might be sending out. Mr. Atkins explained that if neighborhoods start raving about crime, it might deter a person from moving into those neighborhoods which would lower property values.

Mr. Middleton pointed out that crime has been decreasing in the Parish. He also explained that SPD has CLO's for neighborhoods that residents can contact for crimes in their neighborhoods. Mr. Middleton also said that there are several apps that the Sheriff's Office and SPD utilizes to keep the community aware of crime in the area.

Mr. Dominick agreed with Mr. Atkins and Mr. Middleton. He suggested utilizing Mrs. Krystle Grindley for billboards and PSAs.

Substitute motion by Mr. Chavez, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Ordinance No. 5845 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to provide an appropriation for crime prevention and citizen participation be remanded to the Long Range Planning Committee.*

Mr. Chavez would like this to be vetted in committee to open up communication lines up with the local law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson stated that crime is up in Caddo Parish. He said that there were 65 forcible rapes last year compared to the year before.

He also said that he was against the yard signs because locking car doors was not an issue in District 2. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson explained that different messages have to be done for different areas to address the issues specific to that area. He also pointed out that not all neighborhoods have CLOs or neighborhood meetings. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson also explained that the common citizen does not know about the apps that are out there. He said that this ordinance is to put up billboards to get the common citizens engaged with local law enforcement.

Mr. Dominick pointed out that crime is down in Caddo Parish, outside of the city limits of Shreveport.

Mr. Bowman would like to continue a downward trend in crime. He said that every little bit helps. He believes the billboards will help.

Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Bowman, *to englobe and move the following items to Thursday's agenda for introduction:*

- *Ordinance No. 5845 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to provide an appropriation for crime prevention and citizen participation*
- *Ordinance No. 5846 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to provide an appropriation for the Providence House*
- *Ordinance No. 5847 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to provide an appropriation for the Cedar Grove CDC*
- *Ordinance No. 5848 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund and the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$15,000 (\$10,000—ED and \$5,000—RB) to provide an appropriation for Grace Community*

Mrs. Gage-Watts stated that this ordinance is to help bridge the gap between the common citizen and law enforcement agencies. She said that this will help ensure the citizens that they can report crimes anonymously without fear of retaliation. Mrs. Gage-Watts said that the Commission should do what they can to decrease the crime.

Mr. Middleton pointed out that Crime Stoppers has billboards in all of the neighborhoods that he travels in. The billboards state, "Grab A Cell and Tell". Mr. Middleton also stated that the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Deputies do work in the city limits on several taskforces. Mr. Middleton also said that Sheriff Prator just texted him and said that crime is down in the Parish.

Mr. Cawthorne explained that the socio-economics has a huge effect on crime. He said that when the unemployment rates go down; crime also goes down.

Mr. Bowman requested that the Sheriff and Police Chief be invited to the Commission.

Mr. Jackson suggested that as a body, the Commission should get together and discuss some of the concerns regarding this ordinance. He also pointed out that most citizens do not discriminate between the different governing agencies. Most of the citizens just want to know what are the elected officials doing to keep the community safe.

Mr. Louis Johnson suggested that the Commission get the input from local law enforcement agencies before moving forward with this initiative.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson explained that this ordinance is to make the citizens more aware of the apps available and the programs that are out there for crime prevention. He said that there are "a lot of gaps out there and most of it is with communication". Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson said that this ordinance is to close the gap and make the citizens more aware.

Mr. Chavez agreed with Mr. Louis Johnson and would like this to be vetted in committee. He would like this to be discussed with the other law enforcement agencies.

Call for the Question by Mr. Dominick, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Bowman, Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, and Lyndon B. Johnson (6). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Dominick, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (6). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Jackson pulled his second on Mr. Chavez's substitute motion. It was then seconded by Mr. Dominick *to remand Ordinance No. 5845 of 2019 to the Long Range Planning Committee*.

At this time, Mr. Chavez's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Dominick, Louis Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (7). NAYS: Commissioners Bowman, Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Lyndon B. Johnson (5). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *to englobo and move the following items to Thursday's agenda for introduction*:

- *Ordinance No. 5846 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to provide an appropriation for the Providence House*

- *Ordinance No. 5847 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to provide an appropriation for the Cedar Grove CDC*
- *Ordinance No. 5848 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund and the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$15,000 (\$10,000—ED and \$5,000—RB) to provide an appropriation for Grace Community*

Substitute motion by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Ordinance No. 5846 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to provide an appropriation for the Providence House* be pulled from the agenda. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *to englobo and move the following items to Thursday's agenda for introduction:*

- *Ordinance No. 5847 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to provide an appropriation for the Cedar Grove CDC*
- *Ordinance No. 5848 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund and the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$15,000 (\$10,000—ED and \$5,000—RB) to provide an appropriation for Grace Community*

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Bowman, Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Linn (7). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Dominick, Middleton, and Smith (5). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Bowman, *that Ordinance No. 5849 of 2019, to close and abandon a portion of a road dedication in Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 14 West, in the Parish of Caddo* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Middleton**, seconded by Mr. Linn, *that Resolution No. 1 of 2019, to request the Legislature to accelerate the repaving of the Jimmie Davis Bridge* be moved to Thursday's agenda. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (10). NAYS: Commissioners Louis Johnson and Lyndon B. Johnson (2). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Linn**, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, *that Resolution No. 2 of 2019, to authorize the Parish Administrator to terminate the contract with NLEP for a designated Caddo Parish Economic Development person* be moved to Thursday's agenda.

Mr. Dominick wanted to know the difference between this resolution and the ordinance. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson explained that the ordinance was to not fund the position, and this is to remove the contract.

Substitute motion by Mr. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Middleton, *that Resolution No. 2 of 2019, to authorize the Parish Administrator to terminate the contract with NLEP for a designated Caddo Parish Economic Development person* be remanded to the Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Atkins would like this to be vetted further in Committee with NLEP explaining why this position is needed.

Mr. Dominick stated that there is a CEA for quarterly reports and has not seen them. He would like this to be discussed further to committee to talk about the concerns and questions the Commissioners have.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson pointed out that this is not terminating all dealings with NLEP; it is only terminating the contract with the Economic Development person.

Mr. Linn would like to negotiate the contract on a "clean slate". He would like the "bad contract" to be terminated and start fresh.

Dr. Wilson stated that something is needed with economic development initiatives. He agrees that a committee meeting be called to have these types of discussions.

Mr. Jackson suggested that Dr. Wilson meet with the new City Administration to discuss a joint economic development initiative. He said that it was in the Master Plan, but fell through the cracks.

Answering a question from Mr. Jackson regarding funding from Bossier Parish and Bossier City, Dr. Wilson stated that it was not to his knowledge that Bossier is contributing to NLEP. He also said that the 2030 Great Expectations Master Plan needs to be reviewed to have an economic development focus on Shreveport and Caddo Parish. Mr. Jackson also requested that Legal prepare the enabling legislation to discuss this.

Dr. Wilson stated that in May of 2012, there was discussion regarding SEDA—Shreveport/Caddo Economic Development Authority. He is pulling the documents for review to see if the Commission would like to follow through with it. Mr. Jackson also suggested that Dr. Wilson get with Mr. Clark to pull that document out of the Master Plan.

Attorney Frazier pointed out that the Commission appropriated funding for this position during last month's budget session. The new ordinance would be to de-fund it; however, the contract requires a 30-day notice of the termination of that position. She said that this would not be an issue if no one were hired in that position. She also explained that if someone is hired for that position, there could be some contractual issues.

Mr. Atkins agreed that there are conversations that need to occur, and he would like to set up a committee meeting to discuss these issues.

At this time, Mr. Atkins pulled his substitute motion.

Call for the Question by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Dominick. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). NAYS: Commissioner Jackson (1). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mr. Linn's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, and Smith (10). NAYS: Commissioners Louis Johnson and Middleton (2). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Smith**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to authorize appointment of Mr. Greg Sims to the Caddo Parish Fire District No. 4 Board, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Ron Lloyd, who has resigned (term to expire 12/4/2020) be moved to Thursday's agenda.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (12). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Linn pointed out that GLOVIS called Mr. Lucky regarding space at the GM Plant, from there it moved to NLEP. He also stated that the Commission "fell into luck" with the VENYU deal. He explained that they did not do any active seeking for either of those; they came to the Parish.
- Mr. Chavez requested that Administration reach out to the local law enforcement agencies and the new Shreveport Administration to see when they are available for a Long Range Planning Committee.
- Mr. Atkins also said that NLEP does reach out on the Commission's behalf for economic development projects. He will call a committee meeting to work through these issues and discuss what path needs to be made moving forward.

Mr. Dominick would like to hear an update from Mr. Scott Martinez with NLEP before the next meeting.

- Mr. Jackson requested an update from GLOVIS. He would also like an update on the GM Plant lease, Confederate Monument, and CPERS Lawsuit.
- Mr. Middleton attended a service at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Gant for a 40-hour prayer vigil. He said that it was a great program and well attended.

He also announced that there is a Boat/RV Show on January 18-20 at the LA State Fairgrounds.

- Dr. Wilson reminded the Commissioners to submit their Legislative Priorities for 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

- *Ordinance No. 5834 of 2018, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to reduce the appropriation for Riverboat revenues by \$100,000*
- *Ordinance No. 5838 of 2018, to enact Section 32-46.1 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Parish Buildings & Grounds to generally regulate activity and to prohibit certain acts on or about Parish buildings*

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

/s/ Todd A. Hopkins
Todd A. Hopkins
Commission Clerk