

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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, Middleton, and Gage-Watts (9). ABSENT: Commissioners Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, and Smith (3).

The invocation was given by Mr. Louis Johnson, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Chavez.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Dr. Wilson provided a copy of the 2018 Year-End Expenditure Report of the Parish of Caddo Small & Emerging Business Initiative to the Commissioners.

- Caddo Parish Parks & Recreation Department
Awards Recognitions (to be presented at the Regular Session)
Awards Recipients—Volunteer Naturalist Program 100+ hours
Ms. Angelia Malloy, Volunteer Naturalist
Ms. Heather Mills, Volunteer Naturalist
Ms. Jennifer Smith, Volunteer Naturalist

Dr. Wilson stated that these awards will be presented at Thursday's Regular Session.

- Fairy Houses & Gnome Homes Event
Louisiana Recreation & Parks Association (LRPA) Innovative Program of 2018
Mrs. Stacy Gray, Education Coordinator
Mr. Henri Wesley, Director
Mr. Doug Rainwater, Assistant Director

- Judge Sheva Sims—Cosmetology Program

Judge Sims stated that Chief Justice Johnson, Supreme Court, requested that Judge Sim take the lead for an initiative for the women prisoners. It is her passion to change the trajectory in this community, reduce the recidivism rate, and provide the women with an opportunity to take care of themselves and their families. She said that there are programs for men, but not for the women prisoners. Judge Sims would like to implement a cosmetology/barber program for the women. She said that the chancellors at SUSLA and BPCC are on board with this program. Judge Sims also explained that the women prisoners could earn a certificate "to stack" for an Associate's Degree. She said that this would allow the women change their lives and reduce the recidivism rate.

Mr. Middleton wanted to know if there is a deadline to meet with the Cosmetology Board. Judge Sims stated that there is no deadline for implementation of the program, but the Board meets in March. She also explained that she would have to present this program before the Cosmetology Board as well as the Barbering Board; both meet in March.

Judge Sims also announced that the National Association of Women Judges meet in Shreveport March 20-March 22. She would also like to update the Chief Justice on the program during that conference.

Mr. Atkins would like a well established plan before the implementation of the program. Answering a question from Mr. Atkins regarding the Sheriff, Judge Sims stated that she spoke with Sheriff Prator in December and he said that he was on board. She also said that Sheriff Prator provided her with a contact person, Officer Farris, whom she has been in contact with since. She also looked at the facility to see where this program would be housed.

Mr. Louis Johnson wanted to know if Judge Sims would expand the program to other areas in the future, i.e. Nursing Assistance. Judge Sims stated that it would be cosmetology/barbering for right now.

Answering a question from Dr. Woody Wilson regarding a licensed cosmetologist, Judge Sims explained that they already have a licensed cosmetologist, Lynnette Harris, on board, who has experienced in teaching cosmetology.

Mr. Cawthorne asked for more clarification on the program. Judge Sims stated that the 15-hour program allows the prisoners to become a cosmetologist, in which they could work for someone or become an entrepreneur. Mr. Cawthorne wanted to know if the program would include curriculum for

those students who would want to start their own business. Judge Sims stated that was not a part of the curriculum, but it would be a good suggestion to include it in the program.

Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked Judge Sims for coming before the Commission and presenting this program to reduce the recidivism rate for incarcerated women. Judge Sims thanked Mrs. Gage-Watts for being on board without any hesitation for this program. She said that it is better to push forward rather than to hesitate.

OLD BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, 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. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Louis Johnson (7). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins and Middleton (2). ABSENT: Commissioners Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, and Smith (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Middleton, *that Zoning Case P-2-19, in regards to Ordinance No. 5856 of 2019, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Uniform Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the south side of Blanchard Latex Road, 1,320 feet west of Quiet Acres Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agricultural District to R-MHS, Residential Manufactured Home Subdivision District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobo and move the following ordinances to Thursday's agenda for introduction:*

- *Zoning Case P-2-19, in regards to Ordinance No. 5856 of 2019, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Uniform Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the south side of Blanchard Latex Road, 1,320 feet west of Quiet Acres Road, Caddo Parish, LA from R-A, Rural Agricultural District to R-MHS, Residential Manufactured Home Subdivision District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Zoning Case P-3-19, in regards to Ordinance No. 5857 of 2019, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Uniform Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the southwest corner of Flournoy-Lucas Road and Wallace Lake Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District to C-2, Corridor Commercial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5858 of 2019, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$45,000 to provide an appropriation for a cosmetology program at the re-entry facility at CCC and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Louis Johnson (8). NAYS: Commissioner Middleton (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, and Smith (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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

- *Special Resolution of Recognition & Remembrance to Mr. Joe Lawler*
- *Special Resolution recognizing February as "Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month"*
- *Reappoint Mr. Winzer Andrews to the Metropolitan Planning Commission as Joint City/Parish appointee, term to expire January 1, 2025*
- *Authorize United Way of Northwest Louisiana as Visitor for Regular Session to provide an update on the 2018 ALICE report*

At this time, Mr. Dominick's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, and Middleton (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, and Smith (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Jackson announced that the Cherokee Park Neighborhood Association will meet this evening at 6:00 p.m.

He also announced that Robinson's Film Center would be continuing their Black History Month Series with the showing of *Creed*. He said that there has been positive feedback regarding this series.

- Mr. Bowman announced that the NGO Committee will meet Thursday, February 21 at 2:00 p.m.

- Mrs. Gage-Watts said that the Juvenile Justice met today to discuss the Raise the Age Act. She said that there was discussion regarding alternative programs instead of incarceration. She also said that the misdemeanor referral center extended their hours to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and weekends. Mrs. Gage-Watts said that there was no votes taken place, but the meeting was informative.

Mr. Dominick thanked Mrs. Gage-Watts for the Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting. He also thanked the Juvenile Justice Department for their update on the alternatives to juvenile incarceration.

- Mr. Jackson requested that Administration provide a year-to-date amount of funds allocated to the Queensborough Neighborhood. He also requested that Administration provide the same information from the State, Federal, and City level. Dr. Wilson explained that the State did not provide any funds, but the City of Shreveport may have.

Mrs. Gage-Watts stated that the Governor mentioned that there may be some CDBG funds available for reimbursements for natural disasters.

- Mr. Louis Johnson announced that SUSLA Board of Supervisors will be conducting their meeting on February 21-February 22 at the Shreveport Convention Center.

CONSENT AGENDA

- *Ordinance No. 5851 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, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5853 of 2019, in regards to Zoning Case P-5-19, amending the zoning of property located on the north side of E. Flournoy Lucas Road, approximately 1,000 feet east of Ellerbe Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single Family Residential District, to C-1 (PUD), Neighborhood Commercial Planned Unit Development District*
- *Ordinance No. 5854 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$79,180 to provide an appropriation to add an additional boiler at the Health Unit*

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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