

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF MARCH, 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, Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (12). ABSENT: None (0).

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

VISITORS

- Mr. Adam Bailey
Metropolitan Planning Commission Update on 2030 Master Plan

Mr. Adam Bailey said that in December 2018, the chair of the Master Plan Committee, former Councilman Everson, asked that the MPC put together a Master Plan progress report. he provided a cliff notes version of the progress report to the Commissioners.

Mr. Bailey said that 38% of the midterm actions have been completed. The completed tasks include: enhance transportation downtown, establishment of a food systems master plan, creation of a one-stop shop for a historic preservation, establishment on a demolition delay ordinance for downtown Shreveport, establishment of a rental housing ordinance, implementation of an asset management system, ability to provide public education for area residents on renewable energy, the ability to provide training and technical assistance for any startup and early stage businesses, the ongoing improvement of the Shreveport SportTran bus system, and the adoption of the Shreveport UDC and Caddo Parish UDC. Many of the other goals have been started, but have not been completed.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson thanked Mr. Bailey for giving the Commission an update. He also requested that Mr. Bailey come back next month after the Commissioners have a chance to review the document he passed out.

- Gateway Development Consortium
GDC Presentation concerning Cross Bayou Development

Mr. Larry English thanked the Commission for allowing him to present a project called Cross Bayou. He introduced Gateway Development Consortium to the Commission.

He explained that Cross Bayou has been designated as an opportunity zone. Opportunity Zones gives every city in the country an opportunity to compete for funding. He also said that the Governor pledged his support and was "prepared to help them in any way he can to get the project off the ground".

Mr. English also explained that this project would be a public-private partnership. He also said that Cross Bayou would include a state building that the Governor is prepared to build. They are asking that the Commission build a new criminal justice complex at Cross Bayou. A multi-sports facility is also being proposed for Cross Bayou. STEM facilities and public/private incubators are also included in this project. There would also be residential units at Cross Bayou.

Mr. English is requesting the City and Parish to form a non-profit, assemble the properties, and clean it up. He also asked that the Parish provide a letter of intent for Cross Bayou. He would like to have the project started by December 2019.

Mr. English invited Nucleus to come forward and provide a presentation regarding their company. His company provides cyber security for codes that could be security threats to any smart device, i.e. cars, buildings, phones, etc. Nucleus stated that they are looking to relocate to this area and providing jobs to the Parish.

Mr. Atkins pointed out that there is plenty of excess capacity in downtown Shreveport at this moment. He suggested that Nucleus look into occupying some of that space.

Mr. Dominick wanted to know what code is. Nucleus explained that code is the "glue" that holds frameworks together, which creates vulnerabilities to hackers.

Mr. Louis Johnson thanked everyone who came before the Commission and provided a presentation.

Mr. Cawthorne wanted to know if GCD has formed an opportunity zone fund. Mr. English stated there are several people who are interested in an opportunity zone fund, and he will talk to Mr. Cawthorne offline regarding it.

Mr. Chavez suggested that Nucleus be invited to an Economic Development Committee to further explain their company and product.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to englobo and adopt Special Resolution of Recognition to Ms. Lauren Jones, Special Resolution of Welcome & Appreciation to National Association of Women Judges Conference, and Special Resolution recognizing women in public office.*

Mrs. Gage-Watts brought Ms. Puja, Caddo Magnet High School student, forward to read aloud a speech regarding women in public office. Ms. Puja read aloud her speech:

The area of politics is already one that is so complex from the surface, its hard to imagine how difficult it would be to be personally involved in that atmosphere. No matter whether your debate is being broadcast on national television, or whether your every move is being criticized by the public, an individual in politics is forced to face many hardships. Now, imagine being a woman in politics. Not only do you have to deal with the average public scrutiny, but you also have to overcome the stereotypes and prejudice that sadly come along with being a woman. The involvement of women is limited by the societal norm that women are not as capable as men. This leads to them being prevented from equally participating alongside men in politics. Our society believes that not all women can have jobs in political affairs and should rather be doing household duties and jobs that are more suited to the likes and capabilities of a woman. Despite these obstacles, its seen globally that women use their unfair advantages as a motivation to prevail and persevere. From being the first female Prime Minister, like Margaret Thatcher, to being one of the youngest female representatives, like Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, women are determined to overcome any hardship that comes their way. By having women participate in politics, it ensures that there is a broad representation for the people. If there were only men in politics, how would the voices of younger and older women be represented in the ways that are needed? The women in politics are responsible for the progress made to address issues, such as, unequal pay and the lack of education in countries all around the world. If policies related to these issues needed to be implemented, how could it possible that the firsthand knowledge of the women themselves? How could change be enforced if the problems are not actually understood by those who inspire the change? For decades in the United States, prior to the arrival of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, as the second Supreme Court Justice who was a female, no politician faced the issue of gender inequality within the government, workplace, and even the societies around them. RBG took initiative to take action and passed laws to ensure that women are given the same opportunity as men. An example of this initiative is seen in the United States v. Virginia case, in which women are now granted entrance in the Virginia Military Institute, ensuring that all women were no longer discriminated against and given the same opportunities as the men. Women are more likely to focus on the concerns that apply exclusively to the women themselves. This doesn't mean that all men are more likely to exclude these issues, and that all women address them, but it does mean that with the help of women politicians, these policies that are needed are more likely to be implemented. By having a balance of both men and women in politics, it allows for cooperation and different views to be brought to the table. As women implement policies that were never before enacted, it shows that they too are capable and are worthy of having a role in politics. Instead of looking at the basis of gender, or even their capabilities, its important to focus on the character of the individual. In societies all around the world, its important to see that women have played a significant role in politics as they built communities that thrive and prosper on the foundation of peaceful actions. As Margaret Thatcher said, 'if you want something said, ask a man; but, if you want something done, ask a woman'.

Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked all those women in politics who were in attendance today. She gave special thanks to Ms. Puja for her inspiring speech and wished her the best of luck on her future endeavors. She also thanked former Commissioner Stephanie Lynch for "giving her this baby".

Judge Sheva Sims announced that the National Association of Women Judges, District 6, will be in town this week for discussion regarding the following topics: Color of Justice Program, What You Need to Know Before You Drive, Safety in the Courtroom and Other Places, Everything You Need to Know About DWI, Women & Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking, Protective Orders, etc.

Mr. Bowman thanked all the women—whether or not in politics, for their roles in today's community. Mr. Cawthorne thanked Judge Sheva Sims for bringing this convention "north of I-10". Mr. Jackson echoed the same sentiments as his fellow Commissioners.

At this time, Mr. Middleton and Mr. Chavez congratulated Ms. Lauren Jones on all of her hard work and obtaining the Louisiana Champion of Change award. Ms. Jones thanked the Commission for honoring her today.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon

B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Cawthorne (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
MS. LAUREN JONES**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Caddo Parish Commission to give appropriate acknowledgment and recognition to individuals who have rendered invaluable service in its behalf to the citizens of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lauren Jones has served as ShreveCorps Garden Manager, helping to establish a program to combat food desert schools within Caddo Parish. Her development and implementation of a garden curriculum has been beneficial to the students and neighborhoods throughout Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has managed a 2-acre garden that supplies Shreveport Green's Mobile Market as well as overseeing the 12 community gardens around Caddo Parrish. The gardens are the center of the Healthy Futures Americorps Program that works with 500 plus young children across Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones' work has been recognized through-out the region and the State of Louisiana. Her efforts in combating food desert schools led her to being name one of five distinguished individuals across Louisiana as a 2018 Louisiana Champion for Change by the LSU Ag Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session convened this 21st day of March, 2019, that it does hereby convey its deepest and most sincere expressions of gratitude and appreciation to **MS. LAUREN JONES** for the invaluable contributions she has made to her Parish, and particularly for her dedicated service with Shreveport Green and AmeriCorps.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside the home; and

WHEREAS while the twentieth century was a pivotal time of growth for women entering politics, women remain underrepresented in male-dominated fields, and thus, providing opportunities to support women in public office is imperative; and

WHEREAS recognizing women in public office will bring awareness to the fundamental necessity of their work and will inspire other young people to serve their communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session that it does hereby proclaim March 19, 2019 as:

'NATIONAL WOMEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE DAY'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish to celebrate and recognize the success of women in public office.

**RESOLUTION OF WELCOME & RECOGNITION
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES CONFERENCE**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is pleased to acknowledge events of significance that occur in the community, and to recognize the organizations who are now and for a long time have been in the forefront of positive and worthy activities and deeds that accrue to the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, such an organization is the **National Association of Women Judges** who will be hosting their District Six Conference in Caddo Parish on March 20-22, with the Honorable Judge Sheva Sims as the Director; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's event is *Visionary Women: Champions of Perseverance, Persistence, & Progress*; and

WHEREAS, the topics of discussion will include: Color of Justice Program, What You Need to Know Before You Drive, Safety in the Courtroom and Other Places, Everything You Need to Know About DWI, Women & Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking, Protective Orders, etc.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in legal session convened, that it does hereby welcome the **National Association of Women Judges Conference District Six** on March 20-22, 2019 in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, entreating all citizens of the Parish to join in applauding this observance and in welcoming and honoring NWLA Full Figured Fashion and its members.

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, to *adopt the Regular Session Minutes from March 7, 2019. Motion carried.*

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Black History Parade of Vivian

Ms. Linda Carroll, Co-founder of the Black History Parade of Vivian, introduced all those who are on the committee. They came before the Commission to recognize Ms. Cattina Williams for all her hard work in making the parade and event a success. With Ms. Williams assistance and ideas, they were able to add a rodeo, car show, and a concert on the night of the parade. These ideas brought people from all over the region to attend the events.

Mr. Dominick thanked Ms. Williams and the Parks & Recreation Department for their assistance in the Black History Parade and bringing life to Vivian.

Mr. Doug Rainwater also thanked Ms. Williams for all of her hard work with every event she works on.

- Dr. Wilson provided the Commissioners with a draft copy of the 2019 Legislative Priorities.

- Dr. Wilson also announced that this is Mrs. Krystle Grindley's last meeting. He wished her the best on her future endeavors.

Mrs. Grindley thanked the Commission and Dr. Wilson for the opportunity to work as the Public Information Officer for the Parish.

Mr. Louis Johnson also thanked Mrs. Grindley for a job well done. Mr. Cawthorne also congratulated Mrs. Grindley on her new opportunities and wished her the best of luck. Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked Mrs. Grindley for her service.

COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Dominick congratulated the newly married Mario and Megan Chavez.

- Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson asked that Director Clay Walker to come before the Commission for discussion regarding the Raise the Age Act. Answering a question from Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson regarding a crisis, Mr. Walker does not believe they are in a crisis at this moment. He also explained that Judge Young is concerned with is when the violent 17 year olds come on July 1, 2020. He said that could overwhelm the beds at the Juvenile Detention Center.

Answering another question from Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson regarding the expected number of juveniles, Mr. Walker said that they are expecting between 200-300 seventeen year olds. He also explained that approximately a third of those juveniles would be misdemeanors and would go to the Misdemeanor Referral Center.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson also asked if the juveniles could be sent to another parish. Mr. Walker said that they do not have the funds to rent the beds in other parishes for juveniles who are pending trial. Mr. Walker also pointed out that "the days of renting beds are behind us". He explained that it would be \$380 per juvenile per day to rent beds.

Answering a question from Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson regarding the number of juveniles, Mr. Walker said that there are 18 juveniles currently in the detention center. He also said that they average about 19 juveniles at the detention center during the month of March.

- Following up on the questions regarding Raise the Age Act, Mr. Jackson wanted to know if a seventeen year old could stay at CCC if the detention center reached capacity. Mr. Walker explained that July 1, 2020, the seventeen year olds has to be transported through adult court to stay at CCC.

Answering another question from Mr. Jackson regarding Bishop Brandon's facility, Mr. Walker explained that Bishop Brandon has a contract to take in children after they have served a sentence in state prison. It is not meant to hold children pre-trial. Mr. Walker also pointed out that the facility is not a secured facility. He also explained that the juveniles at the detention center are in the center for public safety concerns.

- Mr. Linn suggested providing additional funding for places like the Rutherford House and Bishop Brandon's transitional home for cost effective ways to rehabilitate the juveniles. He also
- Mr. Cawthorne wanted to know the costs to make Bishop Brandon's facility secure. Mr. Walker said that it would probably be cheaper to build a new facility.
- Mrs. Gage-Watts wanted to know the costs for hiring additional probation officers. Mr. Walker said they received funding to hire five additional detention staff, not probation officers. He also explained that the detention center is comprised of three pods with eight beds each. Prior to this law, there was one adult per pod. Hiring the additional staff, it allowed two staff members per pod.

Answering another question from Mrs. Gage-Watts regarding the seventeen year olds being housed at the detention center as of March 1, 2019, Mr. Walker said that the seventeen year olds who were arrested on non-violent charges; the seventeen year olds charged with violent crimes go to CCC and the adult court system until July 1, 2020.

Answering another question from Mrs. Gage-Watts regarding the referral center, Mr. Walker said that those hours have been extended. He also pointed out that the various law enforcement agencies were made aware of the changes in the laws regarding juveniles. He also said that additional ankle monitors were purchased anticipated the influx of seventeen year olds. To date, they have only receive 3 juveniles at the detention center.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Gage-Watts read aloud the following letter from Bishop Brandon:

Attn: Commissioner Stormy Gage-Watts, President

I certainly want to being by thinking all our Caddo Parish Commissions for all that they do. As you know, I also Pastor Praise Temple and the prayer intercessors of this organization pray and mention your names every Tuesday. They realize, we are better together.

As I dictate this letter I am in Accra, Ghana where I have been given the opportunity to gather a few thoughts. I was so moved as we visited the castles where our ancestors were sold into slavery. My heart pained as I listened to the stories of how they were unimaginably and inhumanely treated. They were raped, separated from their children, mutilated, and were forced to wear heavy chains. This trip has confirmed my assignment to serve as a chief warrior to help our community resist the pipeline to prison epidemic.

Please hear my heart, we do not need another juvenile prison built in Caddo Parish. I believe there are positive alternatives to incarceration. One alternative is to retrofit the L. L. Brandon III Transitional Home for Boys (Brandon House) at a minimum cost as opposed to building a multi-million-dollar juvenile prison. Our goal is to save our children rather than incarcerate them. The Brandon House stands ready for the task.

I have spoken to State authorities who have been very supportive of our program, and unfortunately, I have also spoken to a few who attended meetings, we were not privy to, who stated they were for us but in this private meeting they were totally against our efforts. Please note, we are licensed for transitional housing through the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and we have obtained a contract from the Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ). It also appears to me that once we received the OJJ contract there was a sense of pushback between the two State agencies. For example, it was brought to our attention in January, after our contract was signed that we needed the Child Placement Agency license to house those 19-20 years old. We are currently licensed for those 13-20 years old and we are on a rapid track to receive the required Child Placement Agency license. We are not in jeopardy as some have supposed.

I would like to invite each of you to come and view our facility. We have hosted such guests as the Secretary of OJJ, his regional staff, the Honorable Ree Casey-Jones, Mr. Ted Cox the Juvenile Detention Center Administrator, and Mr. Clay Walker. They all have personally verbalized their support of our center and I believe they are integrous enough to restate the same.

I sincerely regret that I am not able to attend your first official Spring Parish Meeting this Thursday, March 21, 2019, but I will avail myself for your next meeting. Although there may be persons against this request, I believe it is positive and offers a great opportunity for our youth since our mission is to reduce the pipeline to prison. I am asking you to help

the cause and use this alternative method to reacquaint our challenged children so they can become constructive citizens.

I have spoken to more than a few citizens of Caddo Parish and the consensus is we do not need to build a new juvenile prison, we need a center to modify behavior, provide safety and mentorship, and offer opportunities for life changing experiences that lead to successful lives voice of crime, abuse, and neglect. Let's favor and save our children.

If you require additional information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Sincerely,
/s/ L. Lawrence Brandon, President*

Mrs. Gage-Watts also announced the following events that will be held this weekend 318 Restaurant Week and Crawfest.

Mr. Jackson requested a cost estimate for securing Brandon House and Rutherford House. Mr. Jackson also wanted to know the timeline for getting a bond referendum.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

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

- *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*
- *Ordinance No. 5859 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$15,000 to provide an appropriation for the Global Mixed Gender Basketball Game*
- *Ordinance No. 5860 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$3,000 to provide an appropriation to community renewal for the Allendale Food Co-Op*
- *Ordinance No. 5861 of 2019, to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Uniform Development Code, by amending Section 15.1 Application, to allow waiver of application requirements in certain cases; by amending Section 18.4 Nonconforming Lot, to delete the provision on common ownership of substandard lots of record; by amending Section 18.5 Nonconforming Site Elements, to increase the size and nature of grandfathered parking lots*

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

ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, to englobe and adopt the following ordinances:

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Section 18.5 Nonconforming Site Elements, to increase the size and nature of grandfathered parking lots

Mr. Atkins does not feel that the Commission should be in the housing business, so he is opposed to Ordinance No. 5840 of 2019. Mr. Middleton agreed with Mr. Atkins and will be voting against the englobo.

At this time, Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson'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, Middleton, and Smith (3). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez and Dominick (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 5840 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 \$350,983 TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE E. EDWARD JONES HOUSING TRUST FUND, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission adopted ordinance #5759 of 2018 establishing the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, ordinance #5759 stated the trust fund would be funded with remaining funds from completed capital projects, not to exceed \$400,000, and annual appropriations from the Economic Development Fund; and

WHEREAS, the remaining balance from several completed capital projects funded through undedicated revenues can be used to provide funding of \$350,983 to the trust fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2019 Budget in order to transfer the remaining balance for various projects to a new project to fund the E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund.

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 2018 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
Capital Outlay Fund – Administration:	
E. Edward Jones Housing Trust Fund	\$ 350,983
Capital Outlay Fund – Road and Bridge:	
Greenwood Sewer Project	\$ (4,265)
Oil City Waterline Project	\$(172,534)
Vivian Waterline Project	\$(148,688)
Water Lines – Residential	\$ (25,596)

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 5859 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 \$15,000 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE GLOBAL MIXED GENDER BASKETBALL GAME AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Global Mixed Gender Basketball (GMGB) League is the World's First Professional Co-ed Basketball League of its kind; and

WHEREAS, GMGB's mission is to transform the game of basketball with an innovative, co-ed gameplay structure; and

WHEREAS, GMGB will host a basketball game in Shreveport, LA, featuring male and female players, on April 27, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the basketball game will provide excitement, fun, and camaraderie for the entire family; and

WHEREAS, the excitement is based on the fact that EVERY TEAM is owned by a celebrity and they will be responsible for their own half-time shows, and this would be the feature presentation of the night; and

WHEREAS, audiences will not only leave the arena after seeing an incredible basketball game but they will also see a dynamic half-time performance; and

WHEREAS the Global Mixed Gender Basketball League would like to obtain \$15,000 in funding from the Caddo Parish Commission to assist with costs associated with hosting an event of this magnitude; 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>
<u>Economic Development Fund</u>	
Allocation to Other Entities	
NGO Appropriations	
Global Mixed Gender Basketball League	\$15,000
Fund Balance	(\$15,000)

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 5860 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR RIVERBOAT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION TO COMMUNITY RENEWAL FOR THE ALLENDALE FOOD CO-OP AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Community Renewal International, Inc. received an appropriation of \$5,000 in 2018 for the Allendale Food Coop; and

WHEREAS, only approximately \$2,000 of the \$5,000 was used in 2018 and the Allendale Food Co-op would like to use the \$3,000 balance in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Allendale Food Coop is a part of a multi-faceted initiative to provide better support to communities that are solving the lack of healthy food access by taking matters into their own hands through the Food Co-op Initiative; and

WHEREAS Community Renewal International will serve as the fiscal agent for the grant; 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 Riverboat Fund for the year 2019 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Riverboat Fund</u>	
Allocation to Other Entities	
NGO Appropriations	
Community Renewal – Allendale Food Coop	\$3,000

Fund Balance (\$3,000)

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 5861 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

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 SECTION 15.1 APPLICATION, TO ALLOW WAIVER OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS IN CERTAIN CASES; BY AMENDING SECTION 18.4 NONCONFORMING LOT, TO DELETE THE PROVISION ON COMMON OWNERSHIP OF SUBSTANDARD LOTS OF RECORD; BY AMENDING SECTION 18.5 NONCONFORMING SITE ELEMENTS, TO INCREASE THE SIZE AND NATURE OF GRANDFATHERED PARKING LOTS; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, on recommendation of the Shreveport-Caddo Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, adopted the Caddo Parish Uniform Development Code;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission has determined that certain provisions in that Code should be changed to address recent issues and improve the application and administration of that Code and land use in the Metropolitan Planning Commission's jurisdiction within Caddo Parish;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission, having considered the recommendations of the Metropolitan Planning Commission, agrees that such changes are desirable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Sections 15.1, 18.4, and 18.5 of Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Uniform Development Code, are hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to wit:

I. "15.1 APPLICATION.

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B. Completeness

1. The application must include all information, plans, and data as specified in the application requirements. Any required plans must be at a scale sufficient to permit a clear and precise understanding of the proposal, unless specifically required to be at a set scale.
2. The Executive Director will examine all applications within 30 days of filing to determine completeness. If the application does not include all the submittal requirements for the application, the Executive Director will reject the application and provide the applicant with the reasons for the rejection. The Executive Director will take no further steps to process the application until all deficiencies are remedied.
3. If any application submittal requirement is not applicable or inappropriate to determine the nature of the development, a submission waiver may be requested with justification for such a waiver.
4. After an application is determined to be complete, any substantive change made by the applicant to the application requires resubmittal of the entire application and a new completeness review. However, such revisions do not require an additional payment of fees.
5. Once the application is under consideration by the appropriate body, additional information or revisions requested during review do not constitute a substantive change to the application.

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II. "18.4 NONCONFORMING LOT

- A. Definition
A nonconforming lot is a lot of record that at one time conformed to the lot dimension requirements (lot area, lot width, lot depth) of the zoning district in which it is located but because of subsequent amendments to the Code no longer conforms to the applicable lot dimensions.
- B. Use
A nonconforming lot of record in a residential district may be used for a single-family dwelling. In the R-MHS District, a nonconforming lot of record may be used for a manufactured home.
- C. Development
Development of a nonconforming lot must meet all applicable dimensional or bulk regulations of the district in which it is located with the exception of any lot dimension requirement that renders it nonconforming.
- ~~D. Common Ownership of Substandard Lots of Record
In all residential districts, if two or more contiguous, lawfully established substandard lots of record are under the same ownership, such lots are considered to be one lot and undivided for the purpose of this Code, provided that the merger does not result in more than one principal building on the lot. For purposes of this provision, a garage is not considered a principal building. This also does not apply if such a merger would create a through lot.~~

III. "18.5 NONCONFORMING SITE ELEMENTS

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- C. Required Conformance
All nonconforming site elements must be brought into conformance when the following occurs:
 - 1. General
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 - e. An existing parking lot of 40 20 or more spaces is fully reconstructed or repaved, or an existing parking lot area is expanded by 50%. Resealing or re-striping of an existing parking lot, which does not entail paving, resurfacing, or replacement of the asphalt, concrete, or other surface paving material, is not considered reconstruction.
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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.

ZONING ORDINANCES (introduction by title)

- *Zoning Case P-4-19, in regards to Ordinance No. 5862 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 southeast corner of Lakeshore Drive and Interstate Twenty, Caddo Parish, LA., from R-A, Rural Agricultural District to R-1-7(PUD), Single-Family Residential District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Zoning Case P-7-19, in regards to Ordinance No. 5863 of 2019, amending the zoning of property located approximately two hundred and forty (240) feet*

northwest of Regmar Drive, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1-7, Single-Family Residential District to C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District

ORDINANCES (introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 5864 of 2019, to close and abandon a portion of a road dedication and a portion of an alley dedication in the Village of Rodessa*

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Bowman, *that the Work Session Minutes from March 18, 2019 be approved.* Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Middleton**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 11 of 2019, establishing a Citizen Advisory Committee of the Juvenile Justice Committee be approved.*

Mr. Middleton would like more citizen involvement with this issue.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson explained that the citizens voted for the Commissioners to make decisions such as this. He also said that there will be only twelve citizens on this advisory committee, so it will not be an accurate representation of the Parish. He also pointed out that the recommendation from the advisory committee may or may not be approved by the Commission. He believes it would be a “waste of time for the citizens”.

Mr. Bowman wanted to know how would they determine who would be on the committee. Mr. Middleton explained that each Commissioner would appoint a member to the committee.

Mr. Atkins understands the complexity of bringing an advisory committee such as this. He also said that they could possibly review the budget and find \$3M that could possibly be used for the operating costs of the potential expansion of the detention center.

Mr. Cawthorne understands both sides of this issue. He also pointed out that the City normally appoints a citizens advisory committee prior to sending a bond out. He suggested remanding this to this Juvenile Justice Committee for additional review.

Mr. Jackson does not believe that the Commission should be in the business of incarceration.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson reiterated that this type of decision is part of the Commissioners’ job.

Mrs. Gage-Watts will not be supporting this resolution. She said there could be several different advisory committees for the different issues that Caddo Parish is facing. She also said that this is the Commissioners’ job.

At this time, Mr. Middleton’s motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Bowman, Louis Johnson, and Middleton (4). NAYS: Commissioners Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, and Smith (6). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez and Dominick (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, *that Resolution No. 17 of 2019, authorizing Parish Administrator and Parish Commission to enter into non-binding discussion regarding Cross Bayou be approved.*

Mr. Jackson would like to set up a subcommittee for the Cross Bayou discussion.

Mr. Atkins will be supporting this resolution with the key words “non-binding”. He is interested in anyone that would like to invest in this community, but it is important to him that the Parish not be asked to lead with parish dollars. Mr. Atkins reiterated that the Parish should not be asked to lead with parish dollars. He would also like to see true financial projections, contracts, and additional information on the development.

Mr. Bowman said that this is a “once in a lifetime opportunity”. He said that this is an “investment and not a risk”.

Mr. Linn agreed with Mr. Atkins, but he would also like to receive all of the information in writing.

Mr. Cawthorne stated that this community “needs some vision and some guided vision”. He also said that this is a good project and needs to be vetted. He will be supporting this resolution.

Mr. Middleton suggested that there should be a fair trade for the land along Cross Bayou.

Call for the Question by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Bowman, Cawthorne, Jackson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Gage-Watts, and Smith (6). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Linn, Louis Johnson, and Middleton (4) ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez and Dominick (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Atkins, Bowman, Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, and Smith (9). NAYS: Commissioner Middleton (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez and Dominick (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF 2019

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BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARISH ADMINISTRATOR AND PARISH COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO NON-BINDING DISCUSSIONS REGARDING CROSS BAYOU, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, developers have approached Caddo Parish Commission Members about developing an area on Cross Bayou;

WHEREAS, these developers would like the Parish Commission to consider Caddo Parish providing support;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission wishes to engage in non-binding discussions with developers on this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, authorizes the Parish Administrator and Commission to enter into non-binding discussion about the development. These discussions shall not be construed as the Parish of Caddo committing any endorsement or funding of the project.

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 Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Middleton, *that Resolution No. 18 of 2019, proclaiming and supporting March 2019 as National Social Work Month in Caddo Parish* be approved.

Dr. Catherine Reardon said there are a number of people who are social workers, many of which go unseen. She said the social workers ensure that the hungry get fed; the homeless get shelter; ER patients have company while dealing with trauma; etc.

Mr. Chavez thanked Dr. Reardon and all social workers for all of their work in the community.

At this time, Mr. Chavez's 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, and Smith (11). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Middleton (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 18 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AND SUPPORTING MARCH 2019 AS NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH IN CADDO PARISH AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is dedicated to enhancing well-being and helping meet the basic needs of all people, especially those who are vulnerable and living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, this year's Social Work Month theme, "**Elevate Social Work**" embodies the need to recognize the extraordinary contributions of the profession to our society; and

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession is expected to grow faster than average over the next seven years, with more than 682,000 people expected to be employed as social workers by 2026; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers elevate and empower people, giving them the ability to solve problems, cope with personal roadblocks and get the resources they need to succeed; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers travel across the nation and world to help people in crisis, helping them overcome issues such as death and grief, epidemics, environmental pollution and natural disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes and floods; and

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession for more than a century has been on the cutting edge of helping create changes to make our society a better place to live, including workplace safety and social safety net programs that ameliorate poverty and hunger.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, which it does hereby proclaim March 2019, as:

NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH IN CADDO PARISH

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately

OLD BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to confirm reappointment of Captain Thomas Murphy (I) to the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission (term to expire March 31, 2025)* be approved.

Substitute motion by Mr. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Middleton, *to confirm appointment of Mr. Stephen Callaway to the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission (term to expire March 31, 2025)* be approved.

Mr. Atkins feels that twelve years on the Port Commission is adequate and feels it is appropriate to allow someone else to serve on the board. He points out that Mr. Callaway lives in that area, and believes he will serve the Port Commission well.

Mr. Linn will also be supporting Mr. Callaway. He said that Captain Murphy has served well, but believes it is time for a different perspective.

Mr. Middleton considers this a win-win situation. He said that Captain Murphy suggested that Mr. Callaway be his replacement if the Commission decides not to reappoint him.

Mr. Louis Johnson will be supporting Captain Murphy's reappointment.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson said that Mr. Callaway and Captain Murphy are good friends and support each other.

Call for the Question by Mr. Middleton, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (8). NAYS: Commissioners Bowman and Jackson (2). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez and Dominick (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mr. Atkins' motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Jackson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (5). NAYS: Commissioners Bowman, Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Louis Johnson, and Lyndon B. Johnson (5). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez and Dominick (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Bowman, Cawthorne, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Middleton, and Smith (8). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins and Linn (2). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez and Dominick (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

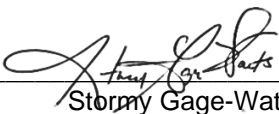
COMMUNIQUES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Jackson announced that Providence House will have their graduation tonight.
- Mr. Cawthorne announced that the Economic Development Committee will meet April 1 at 1:00 p.m. discussing opportunities zones and Cross Bayou.
- Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson announced that the Animal Services Committee will meet on April 4 at 2:00 p.m. and the Long Range Planning Committee will meet on April 1 after the Work Session.
- Mrs. Gage-Watts scheduled a Juvenile Justice Committee meeting on April 1 at 12:00 noon at the Juvenile Detention Center.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (late arrivals)

- Mr. Bill Wiener came before the Commission to discuss Cross Bayou Development. He explained that he could not speak on the item before it was voted on. He said that he will speak further on the Cross Bayou Development during the sub-committee.

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



Stormy Gage-Watts
President

Todd Hopkins
Commission Clerk