

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 9TH DAY OF MAY, 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 (11). ABSENT: None (0).

The invocation was given by Mr. Dominick, and Mr. Linn led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Ms. Tangela Silvie came before the Commission in regards to the Lupus Foundation. She invite the Commissioners and public to the R. Tammy Fleming Walk to End Lupus on Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at Columbia Park. The purpose for the walk is to spread Lupus awareness to North Louisiana. Lupus is an autoimmune disease that causes joint pain, fatigue, and many other symptoms. Anyone can develop Lupus, but 90% of people with Lupus are women. She also pointed out that awareness is key.

Ms. Alison Washington, Interfaith, came before the Commission to discuss Unleashed Local, which is a coalition of working families, labor groups, community organizations, and local elected officials who are fighting to take back control of worker protection policies. They believe that local leaders should have the power to ensure that jobs in their communities can sustain their families. She said that Louisiana has the second highest poverty rates in the United States. She also pointed out that twenty-two states already allow local governments to determine minimum wage law; twenty-seven states allow local government to determine earned leave policies.

Mr. John Ratcliff, Unleashed Local, seeks to repeal the state government's ban on local and small government control over worker protection policies. He said that this is not an effort for the state to raise minimum wage nor provide for minimum leave hours. It is not an effort for the Caddo Parish to do so. It is an effort to allow parish government to do so. House Bill 422 would allow each local governing body to determine minimum. Mr. Ratcliff pointed out that each parish has a different cost of living than the other.

Mr. Gabrielle Balderas came before the Commission in support of the resolution regarding House Bill 335. He would like the resolution to be approve, so that the patrons know where their seafood is coming from. He also said that it is important to support local businesses and Louisiana shrimp and crawfish farmers.

Mr. James Lacaze asked that the Commission support his candidacy for the Ward II Industrial Board appointment.

**VISITORS**

- Pam Atchison, SRAC Executive Director  
Commons Presentation

Ms. Wendy Benscotter came before the Commission and gave update on the Shreveport Common. Shreveport Common is becoming a neighborhood, with neighbor meetings and representation on committees, arts programing with neighbor engagement, neighbor cookouts and gatherings, and it is growing economically, culturally, and as a community. The property owners are committed, and several dilapidated buildings have been rehabbed. 854-864 Texas Avenue were vacant, but now are occupied with loft apartments, artist studios, and offices.

She also talked about the economic impact for the Common. In 2010, there was \$0 invested, 46% building occupancy, 20 year decline on property values, 2 building renovations completed, and no new building construction taking place. In 2015, there was \$40M invested, 58% building occupancy, 19% property value, 8 buildings being renovated, and 1 new building being constructed. Today, there is \$50M invested, 64% building occupancy, 30% increase in property value, 23 buildings being renovated, and 2 new buildings under construction. In 2023, there is an expected \$110M being invested, 100% building occupancy, 50% increase on property value, 28 buildings under renovations, and 6 new building being constructed. Since 2010, there has been a total of \$20.2M in total investment, and a total of \$29.9M in private investment in the Shreveport Common.

She also talked about a few of the historic buildings that are going under renovation. She said that the Uneeda Biscuit building is under construction and will completed in the Summer of 2020. There will be 32 artists' apartments. The historic Louisiana Cotton Exchange is under construction and will be converted to the Ever Man a King Distillery. This will include a distillery that will be built on the lot adjacent to the Arlington Hotel, along with The Revenir (French restaurant), The Bottoms speakeasy, The Cotton Club event space, a courtyard, and commercial office space. The Andress garage is also under construction and will be shared artists' studios, gallery/marketplace, office space, etc. This garage has not been in use in over 20 years.

Ms. Benscoter also pointed out that Shreveport Common is in choice neighborhoods. The first HUD choice implementation project is the Southern University Milam Street Kitchen Incubator, which is expected to open within a month.

Mr. J.B. Beard came before the Commission and talked about the Shreveport Common Park. He said that when work was started on the park, it was a catalyst for other developer and property owners to develop their buildings. Things are happening, and they are happening quickly, so keep watching, he said.

Dr. Andrew Larson came before the Commission and said that he and his wife, Dr. Lindsey Pennington, will be renovating the Arlington Hotel to become a retail space, speakeasy, jazz club, restaurant, etc. He said that demo should start on that building towards the end of this month.

Mr. Jim Alsh owns the Address Garage. He said that the bottom floor will be an art gallery and art co-op. The second floor will be entrepreneurs or companies who support entrepreneurs. He also said that there will be about 3,700 sq. feet of flex space for those who do not need full office.

Ms. Tuareza Hose is the Executive Director for the Milam Street Incubator Kitchen. They are scheduled to open in June. The community will offer culinary training, food-related business services, and health information about the foods we eat. In alignment with the goals of the City of Shreveport's Choice Neighborhoods program, their services are aimed at uplifting the Ledbetter, Allendale, and West Edge/Shreveport Common Communities. They will also be working with LSU in regards to the medical culinary program. To date, \$1.6M has been invested into the community with \$1.2M set to the side for the second phase, a processing plant.

#### **ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, to *adopt the Regular Session Minutes from May 9, 2019. Motion carried.*

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

- Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson attended an Economic Development Conference in Detroit, which discussed technology, voting rights, civil rights, 2020 census, economic reality of in-house vs. outsourcing, water contamination (PFOA and PFOS), Generation X, criminal justice reform, bail reform, jail diversions, and charter schools. He said that conference was informative and encouraged his fellow Commissioners to attend the next meeting, which will be held in Houston, Texas.

Answering a question from Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson regarding the speed limit on Calumet Drive, Mr. Tim Weaver stated that a traffic study has been completed and an ordinance needs to be prepared to change the speed.

He then asked about sandbags for the areas that are flooding. Mr. Weaver said that approximately 6,000 sandbags have been given out so far. Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson said that the lake is rising quickly. Mr. Weaver explained that the City opened all three gates on Monday, and they are predicting the lake to rise to 173 feet. Mr. Weaver also said that there were 23 roads which were closed due to high water, along with 15 trees that had to be removed.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson thanked Animal Services for helping out with the horse on Rivera. He will be scheduling an Animal Services Committee meeting to discuss handling larger animals, such as horses, cattle, etc.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson asked Attorney Bernstein about Affordable Fence. Attorney Bernstein stated that it is still pending in court.

- Mr. Chavez thanked Animal Services for resolving a situation regarding an alligator in a neighborhood pond. They have a plan for extracting the alligator and relocating it to another location.

- Answering a question from Mr. Dominick regarding the sandbag locations, Mr. Weaver stated they are located at 1701 Monty Street or the City's Public Works office.

- Mr. Linn wanted to know how high the lake rose to in 2016. Mr. Weaver said that it was at 177 feet.

Mr. Linn also mentioned that he sent an email to Attorney Frazier regarding dollar stores restricting access to real grocery stores in food deserts. He said that New Orleans is restricting the amount of dollar store like stores in a neighborhood.

- Mr. Atkins wanted to know if the Public Works Department has any concerns regarding Wallace Lake. Mr. Weaver explained that Wallace Lake is currently at 148 feet; they are predicting it to rise to 154.5 feet.

Mr. Atkins then asked about the train derailment. Mr. Weaver said that the Public Works Department was called out to supply dirt to contain the fuel. He also said that the Sheriff's Department had a command center set up.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Gage-Watts stated that she is wearing a cape for Lupus Awareness.

She also cautioned the citizens not to drive in high water nor let their children play in the creeks. She said that the currents can sweep cars and people away. She preached the safety of the citizens. She mentioned the tornado sirens. She said this Parish is in dire need of tornado sirens in light of the stormy weather.

Mrs. Gage-Watts reminded the Commissioners about the Veterans Memorial program, which is scheduled for Friday, May 24 at 11:00 a.m. It will be held at Bill Cockrell Park Community Center, 4109 Pines Road, Shreveport, 71119. For more information, please contact Ken Epperson, Sr. at 318-773-2654.

She also talked about the Internet Essentials program that Comcast Offers, which is a high-speed, low-cost internet service for eligible low-income households at \$9.95 per month; wireless Wi-Fi is included.

Mrs. Gage-Watts announced that Juvenile Services will hold a Health Wellness Fair on June 8, 2019.

Mrs. Gage-Watts also requested that Administration provide a listing on the [www.caddo.org](http://www.caddo.org) website of all the organizations that the Juvenile Detention Center partners with.

She also wished all of the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

#### **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 zoning ordinances and cases:

- *Ordinance No. 5868 of 2019, in regards to Zoning Case P-9-19, amending the zoning of property located at the three thousand eight hundred block of Old Mooringsport Road, Caddo Parish, LA., from R-A, Rural Agriculture Zoning District to R-1-7, Single-Family Residential Zoning District*

There being no one to speak in favor of or in opposition to these zoning ordinances, 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. 5869 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$100,000 to provide an appropriation for a Law School Feasibility Study*
- *Ordinance No. 5871 of 2019, to amend Ordinance Nos. 5754, 5755, 5757, 5758, 5783, 5784, 5790, 5799, 5825, 5826, 5827, 5839, 5853, 5856, 5857, and 5861, relative to zoning matters and the Unified Development Code, by amending the reference to Uniform Development Code to read Unified Development Code wherever it appears, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5872 of 2019, to deem property surplus and authorize the sale of surplus property owned by the Parish of Caddo*
- *Ordinance No. 5873 of 2019, to deem property surplus and authorize the sale of surplus property owned by the Parish of Caddo*
- *Ordinance No. 5874 of 2019, to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending Section 15.1 Code Text Amendment regarding the Amendment Process; by amending Section 16.2 Zoning Map Amendment regarding the Amendment Process; by amending Section 16.5 Administrative Exception to*

*Zoning regarding Process and Standards; by amending Section 16.6 Site Plan Review regarding Process and Standards; by amending Article 16 Zoning Application Approval Processes to enact Section 16.11 Certificate of Occupancy*

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

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

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *that Ordinance No. 5868 of 2019, in regards to Zoning Case P-9-19, amending the zoning of property located at the three thousand eight hundred block of Old Mooringsport Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agriculture Zoning District to R-1-7, Single-Family Residential Zoning District be approved. 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).

**Substitute motion by Mr. Linn**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobo and adopt the following ordinances:*

- *Ordinance No. 5868 of 2019, in regards to Zoning Case P-9-19, amending the zoning of property located at the three thousand eight hundred block of Old Mooringsport Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agriculture Zoning District to R-1-7, Single-Family Residential Zoning District*
- *Ordinance No. 5869 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$100,00 to provide an appropriation for a Law School Feasibility Study*
- *Ordinance No. 5871 of 2019, to amend Ordinance Nos. 5754, 5755, 5757, 5758, 5766, 5783, 5784, 5790, 5799, 5825, 5826, 5827, 5839, 5853, 5856, 5857, and 5861, relative to zoning matters and the Unified Development Code, by amending the reference to Uniform Development Code to read Unified Development Code wherever it appears, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5872 of 2019, to deem property surplus and authorize the sale of surplus property owned by the Parish of Caddo*
- *Ordinance No. 5873 of 2019, to deem property surplus and authorize the sale of surplus property owned by the Parish of Caddo*
- *Ordinance No. 5874 of 2019, to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending Section 15.1 Code Text Amendment regarding the Amendment Process; by amending Section 16.2 Zoning Map Amendment regarding the Amendment Process; by amending Section 16.5 Administrative Exception to Zoning regarding Process and Standards; by amending Section 16.6 Site Plan Review regarding Process and Standards; by amending Article 16 Zoning Application Approval Processes to enact Section 16.11 Certificate of Occupancy*

**Amendment by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Cawthorne, *that Ordinance No. 5869 of 2019 note that the Caddo Parish Commission adopted Resolution No. 26 of 2019, supporting HCR 24 relative to requesting the Louisiana Board of Regents to study establishing a Southern University Law Center Campus in Shreveport.*

At this time, Mr. Jackson's amendment 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 Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *to adopt Ordinance No. 5869 as amended and englobo the following foregoing ordinances:*

- *Ordinance No. 5868 of 2019, in regards to Zoning Case P-9-19, amending the zoning of property located at the three thousand eight hundred block of Old Mooringsport Road, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-A, Rural Agriculture Zoning District to R-1-7, Single-Family Residential Zoning District*

- *Ordinance No. 5869 of 2019, amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$100,00 to provide an appropriation for a Law School Feasibility Study*
- *Ordinance No. 5871 of 2019, to amend Ordinance Nos. 5754, 5755, 5757, 5758, 5766, 5783, 5784, 5790, 5799, 5825, 5826, 5827, 5839, 5853, 5856, 5857, and 5861, relative to zoning matters and the Unified Development Code, by amending the reference to Uniform Development Code to read Unified Development Code wherever it appears, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5872 of 2019, to deem property surplus and authorize the sale of surplus property owned by the Parish of Caddo*
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At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' 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).

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 5868 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 UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED BLOCK OF OLD MOORINGSPORT ROAD, CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM R-A, RURAL AGRICULTURE ZONING DISTRICT TO R-1-7, SINGLEFAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows, to wit:

The official Zoning Map of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Area of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be amended by rezoning property located at the three thousand eight hundred Block of Old Mooringsport Road, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby amended **from R-A, Rural Agriculture Zoning District to R-1-7, Single-Family Residential District:**

As a tract of land located in Section 3, Township 18 North, Range 14 West, and also Section 34, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, lying North of and adjacent to Hamlin Partition as recorded to Twelve Mile Bayou (formerly Soda Lake Canal) and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a found ½" iron pipe on the east line of Lot 8, Hamlin Partition as recorded in Book 600, Page 347, Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, being the center of Sec 3, T18N, R14W, thence North 00°29'22" East a distance of 421.54 feet along the north-south center line of said Section 3, also being the East line of said Lot 8 to a found 3/8" iron rod; thence North 00°28'08" East a distance of 650.26 feet along said line to a point on the Government Traverse of the tract herein described; Thence North 59°21'34" West a distance of 1,524.49 feet along said Government Traverse line, also being the north line of said Hamlin Partition to a found concrete monument on the center line of a closed and abandoned 40 foot wide road shown on said Hamlin Partition; Thence leaving said line, North 00°25'27" East a distance of 1,185.63 feet to the approximate south bank of Twelve Mile Bayou; Thence along said approximate south bank the following fourteen courses: South 37°45'43" East a distance of 77.45 feet; South 12°21'06" East a distance

of 138.71 feet; South 48°19'33" East a distance of 163.53 feet; South 45°53'59" East a distance of 192.65 feet; South 70°29'22" East a distance of 102.35 feet; South 64°48'03" East a distance of 193.53 feet; South 67°02'22" East a distance of 196.59 feet; South 35°13'16" East a distance of 162.78 feet; South 22°52'53" East of distance of 265.28 feet; South 18°42'39" East a distance of 198.39 feet; South 17°46'55" East a distance of 146.31 feet; South 29°18'32" East a distance of 138.74 feet; South 28°46'21" East a distance of 156.13 feet; South 51°56'14" East a distance of 84.88 feet; Thence leaving said approximate bank, South 00°28'08" West a distance of 315.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said tract herein described containing 26.00 acres, more or less.

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 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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 5869 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR A LAW SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the only law schools in Louisiana are in New Orleans and Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, there is a potential need for a law school in North Louisiana, specifically Shreveport that could service Northwest Louisiana, East Texas, and South Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Constitution requires the Louisiana Board of Regents to conduct studies assessing the need for law schools in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to request the Board of Regents to conduct a study to determine if a law school is needed in Shreveport and Northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, it would cost approximately \$200,000 to conduct the study; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to set aside \$100,000 for a law school feasibility study with the remaining \$100,000 coming from private donations including support from the ABA; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Planning Committee of the Caddo Parish Commission recommends providing a \$100,000 appropriation to assist with a law school feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission adopted Resolution No. 26 of 2019, urging members of the northwest Louisiana Legislative delegation and the Louisiana Legislature to support House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 24 relative to requesting the Louisiana Board of Regents to study establishing a Southern University Law Center campus in Shreveport on April 18, 2019; 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 General Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund for the year 2019 are hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	
Transfer to Capital Outlay Fund	\$100,000
Fund Balance	(100,000)
<b><u>Capital Outlay Fund</u></b>	
Administration-Feasibility Studies	\$100,000
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	
Transfer from General Fund	\$100,000

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. 5871 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NOS. 5754, 5755, 5757, 5758, 5766, 5783, 5784, 5790, 5799, 5825, 5826, 5827, 5839, 5853, 5856, 5857, AND 5861 RELATIVE TO ZONING MATTERS AND THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE REFERENCE TO UNIFORM DEVELOPMENT CODE TO READ UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE WHERE EVER IT APPEARS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission adopted comprehensive land use regulations as the Unified Development Code on September 21, 2017 as Ordinance Number 5701 of 2017.

WHEREAS, subsequent ordinances have referred incorrectly to the ordinance as the "Uniform Development Code" WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to correct those references to read "Unified Development Code."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that any ordinance which references the "Uniform Development Code", including but not limited to Ordinance Nos. 5754, 5755, 5757, 5758, 5766, 5783, 5784, 5790, 5799, 5825, 5826, 5827, 5839, 5853, 5856, 5857, and 5861, is hereby amended by substituting "Unified Development Code" for "Uniform Development Code" wherever that phrase appears in said ordinances.

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. 5872 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO DEEM PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo owns the following equipment that is no longer being used:

<u>Year/Make/Model</u>	<u>License</u>	<u>VIN</u>	<u>Mileage</u>
1. 1995 Ford F-800 Water Truck	PP129902	1FDYF80C8SVA76108	-12313
2. 1986 Case 1194		11480368	1427
3. 2006 Intern. 4200 Dump Truck	PP139390	1HTMPAFNX6H326438	127460
4. 2007 Intern. 4200 Dump Truck	PP159811	1HTMPAFN47H399905	131831
5. 2007 Intern. 4200 Dump Truck	PP159810	1HTMPAFN67H399906	132380

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo no longer needs the above equipment and said equipment should be deemed surplus, obsolete or unused for present and future parish needs; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is authorized to dispose of certain supplies, materials and equipment determined to be surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo desires to dispose of the above listed equipment, by public auction; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission concurs in the finding that the items described above are surplus and are no longer needed for public purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the above described property is no longer needed for parish public purposes and is declared surplus property which is to be disposed of by public auction.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the items described above are being offered on an "as is" basis, without warranty of title or recourse whatsoever.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Administrator or his designee shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all contracts and other documents in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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 adoption.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 5873 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO DEEM PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo owns the following containers and boxes that is no longer being used or needed:

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| <u>Receiver Boxes/42 yard</u> | <u>Open Top Container/30 yard</u> |
| 1. Serial # 11340             | 10. Serial# 620850                |
| 2. Serial # 1556              |                                   |
| 3. Serial # 1558              | <u>Self-contained 255HD</u>       |
| 4. Serial # 5402              | 11. Serial# LS70308               |
| 5. Serial # 5403              |                                   |
| 6. Serial # 2375              | <u>Open Top Container/20 yard</u> |
| 7. Serial # 1979              | 12. Serial# 65469                 |
| 8. Serial # 2374              |                                   |
| 9. Serial # 1553              |                                   |

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo no longer needs the above containers and boxes and said containers and boxes should be deemed surplus, obsolete or unused for present and future parish needs; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is authorized to dispose of certain containers and boxes determined to be surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo desires to dispose of the above listed containers and boxes, by public auction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the above described property is deemed no longer needed for parish public purposes and is declared surplus property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the items described above shall be disposed of by public auction and sold on an "as is" basis, without warranty of title or recourse whatsoever.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any item above which is not offered at public auction and not sold at that public auction may be disposed of by selling said item to a salvage or scrap dealer for current market price for said item.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Caddo Parish Administrator or his designee shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all contracts and other documents in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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 adoption.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 5874 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 UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING SECTION 16.1 CODE TEXT AMENDMENT REGARDING THE AMENDMENT PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16.2 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT REGARDING THE AMENDMENT PROCESS, BY AMENDING SECTION 16.5 ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTION TO ZONING REGARDING PROCESS AND STANDARDS, BY AMENDING SECTION 16.6 SITE PLAN REVIEW REGARDING PROCESS AND STANDARDS, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 16 ZONING APPLICATION APPROVAL PROCESSES TO ENACT SECTION 16.11 CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY, 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 Unified 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 the Unified Development Code be amended as follows:

**I. Section 16.1 is amended to read as follows:**

16.1 CODE TEXT AMENDMENT

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2. Action by Metropolitan Planning Commission

- a. After receipt of a complete application, summary, and staff comments, including a recommendation from the Executive Director, the Metropolitan Planning Commission will consider the proposed Code text amendment at a public hearing in accordance with Section 15.3 (Public Hearing). Notice for the public hearing must be in accordance with Section 15.2 (Notice).
- b. The Metropolitan Planning Commission must evaluate the application based upon the evidence presented at the public hearing, pursuant to the approval standards of this section and shall recommend any of the following actions: recommendation of approval, recommendation of approval with modifications, or recommendation of denial of the application for a Code text amendment.
- c. Within 60 days of the close of the date that the recommendation is rendered, the Metropolitan Planning Commission must forward its recommendation to the Parish Commission.

3. Action by Parish Commission

- a. Upon receipt of a copy of the filed application, the Metropolitan Planning Commission Staff Report and the Metropolitan Planning Commission's recommendation the Parish Commission will follow this Code and the Parish Commission Rules of Procedure in review and action on the proposed Code text amendment.
  - i. The Parish Commission must act on the application within 90 days of receipt of the Metropolitan Planning Commission recommendation unless the Parish Commission grants additional consideration time before the 90 day period has expired.
  - ii. If the Parish Commission does not act upon the application within 90 days of receipt of the Metropolitan Planning Commission recommendation, the application is deemed denied unless the Parish Commission grants additional consideration time before the 90 day period has expired.
- b. Decisions on a Code text amendment are not final until the Parish Commission takes action on the proposed Code text amendment in one of the following ways: approval, approval with modifications, or denial. Modifications for a Code text amendment are only allowed to clarify the intent of the proposed amendment, to resolve contradictions under the Code or to correct errors such as grammatical mistakes, labeling, numbering or formatting issues. The Parish Commission may also return the application or request for a Code text amendment to the Metropolitan Planning Commission with instructions for further review and consideration.
  - i. Simple Majority Vote. If the Metropolitan Planning Commission recommended approval of the Code text amendment then the Parish Commission may render its decision to approve the amendment with a simple majority vote. (State law reference: La. R.S. 33:140.30)
  - ii. Two-Thirds Vote. If the Metropolitan Planning Commission recommended denial of the Code text amendment then the Parish Commission shall render its decision to approve the amendment with a two-thirds vote. (State law reference: La. R.S. 33:140.30)

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**II. Section 16.1 is amended by substituting Exh. A-1 hereto in place of the existing Figure 16-1 on Page 16-3**

**III. Section 16.2 is amended to read as follows:**

16.2 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

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D. Process

1. Action by Executive Director

All applications for a zoning map amendment must be filed with the Executive Director in accordance with Section 15.1 (Application). The Executive Director shall take the following actions upon submittal of an application.

- a. Once it is determined that the application is complete, the Executive Director shall review and provide a summary of the proposed zoning map amendment and shall also include staff comments and a recommendation regarding the application and proposed zoning map amendment.
- b. The Executive Director shall then schedule the application for consideration by the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

2. Action by Metropolitan Planning Commission

- a. After receipt of a complete application, summary, and comments including a recommendation from the Executive Director, the Metropolitan Planning Commission will consider the proposed zoning map amendment at a public hearing in accordance with Section 15.3 (Public Hearing). Notice for the public hearing must be in accordance with Section 15.2 (Notice).
- b. The Metropolitan Planning Commission must evaluate the application based upon the evidence presented at the public hearing, pursuant to the approval standards of this section and shall recommend any of the following actions: recommendation of approval, recommendation of approval with modifications, or recommendation of denial of the application.
- c. Within 60 days of the close of the date that the recommendation is rendered, the Metropolitan Planning Commission must forward its recommendation to the Parish Commission.

3. Action by Parish Commission

- a. Upon receipt of a copy of the filed application, the Metropolitan Planning Commission Staff Report and the Metropolitan Planning Commission's recommendation the Parish Commission will follow this Code and the Parish Commission Rules of Procedure in review and action on the proposed zoning amp amendment.
  - i. The Parish Commission must act on the application within 90 days of receipt of the Metropolitan Planning Commission recommendation unless the Parish Commission grants additional consideration time before the 90 day period has expired.
  - ii. If the Parish Commission does not act upon the application within 90 days of receipt of the Metropolitan Planning Commission recommendation, the application is deemed denied unless the Parish Commission grants additional consideration time before the 90 day period has expired.
- b. Decisions on a zoning map amendment are not final until the Parish Commission takes action on the proposed zoning map amendment for properties within the boundaries of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana in one of the following ways: approve or deny. The Parish Commission may also return the application or request for a zoning map amendment to the Metropolitan Planning Commission with instructions for further review and consideration.
  - i. Simple Majority Vote. If the Metropolitan Planning Commission recommended approval of the zoning map amendment then the Parish Commission may render its decision to approve the amendment with a simple majority vote. (State law reference: La. R.S. 33:140.30)
  - ii. Two-Thirds Vote. If the Metropolitan Planning Commission recommended denial of the zoning map amendment then the Parish Commission shall render its decision to approve the amendment with a two-thirds vote. (State law reference: La. R.S. 33:140.30)

E. Approval Standards

In making their recommendation and decision, the Metropolitan Planning Commission and Parish Commission must consider the following standards. The approval of zoning map amendments is based on a balancing of these standards:

1. The compatibility with the existing use and zoning of nearby property.
2. The extent to which the proposed amendment promotes the public health, safety, and welfare.

3. The suitability of the property for the purposes for which it is presently zoned, i.e., the feasibility of developing the property in question for one or more of the uses allowed under the existing zoning classification.
4. The consistency of the proposed amendment with the Master Plan and any adopted land use policies.
5. That the proposed amendment will benefit Caddo Parish as a whole, and not just the applicant, property owner(s), neighbors of any property under consideration, or other special interest groups, and the extent to which the proposed use would be in the public interest and would not serve solely the interest of the applicant.
6. The extent to which the proposed amendment creates nonconformities.
7. The trend of development, if any, in the general area of the property in question.
8. Whether adequate public facilities are available including, but not limited to, schools, parks, police and fire protection, roads, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, and water lines, or are reasonably capable of being provided prior to the development of the uses, which would be permitted on the subject property if the amendment were adopted.

F. Appeals

Within 30 days after the date of the decision, the applicant or any aggrieved party may appeal a Parish Commission decision on a zoning map amendment to Caddo Parish Civil District Court.

**IV. Section 16.2 is amended by substituting Exh. B-1 hereto in place of the existing Figure 16-2 on Page 16-6**

**V. Section 16.5 is amended to read as follows:**

16.5 ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTION TO ZONING

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C. Authority

Only the items listed below are eligible for an administrative exception; all other requests for relief are considered variances under Section 16.4. The Executive Director is authorized to grant administrative exceptions as follows:

1. A reduction in a required setback of the district of no more than 15%.
2. A reduction in the required setbacks for accessory structures of no more than one foot.
3. A reduction of required off-street parking spaces by no more than 10% of that required or two spaces, whichever is greater.
4. Provision of additional off-street parking spaces above any parking maximums when applicable.
5. A reduction in required bicycle parking of up to 50%.
6. A density increase of no more than 10% of the total number of residential units.
7. An increase in building height of six feet or less.
8. A hardship exists in the landscaping or screening requirements because of lot topography, size, shape, or location.

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**VI. Section 16.6 is amended to read as follows:**

16.6 SITE PLAN REVIEW

A. Purpose

1. Intent

The site plan review process is intended to promote orderly development and redevelopment in the City of Shreveport, and to assure that such development or redevelopment occurs in a manner that is harmonious with surrounding properties, is consistent with the Master Plan and adopted land use policies, and promotes the public health, safety, and welfare. This section provides standards by which to determine and control the physical layout and design to achieve compatibility of land uses and structures, efficient use of land, minimization of traffic and safety hazards, and incorporation of storm water management and sustainable design techniques.

2. Exclusion of Detached Single Family and Two Family Uses

The Site Plan process establishes a procedure for coordinating improvements to properties zoned other than detached single family or two family uses.

3. Multifamily, Townhome and Nonresidential Uses

Through Site Plan review, zoning regulations and other applicable standards or ordinances that may apply to specific site development can be uniformly implemented by this Code for multifamily, townhome and nonresidential uses.

4. Results

This procedure is intended to promote, among other items, the efficient and harmonious use of land, safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian circulation, parking and loading, lighting, screening, open space, landscaping, and natural features.

B. Authority

The Executive Director shall review and issues final approval of site plans, unless a use and/or development is required to undergo site plan review by the Metropolitan Planning Commission; in such case the Metropolitan Planning Commission has final site plan approval.

C. Applicability

1. Uses Requiring Site Plan Review

- a. All special uses require site plan review by the Metropolitan Planning Commission.
- b. Certain permitted uses are identified in the use standards as requiring site plan review. These uses are reviewed by the Executive Director unless the standards require review by the Metropolitan Planning Commission.
- c. Bus transfer stations.
- d. Food truck parks, major or minor.

2. Developments Requiring Site Plan Review

Site plan review and approval is required for the following types of developments described in this section. These developments are reviewed by the Executive Director, unless the Code specifically requires review by the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

- a. New townhouse, multi-family, and non-residential (including mixed use) construction.
- b. Additions to existing townhouse, multi-family, and non-residential (including mixed-use) development that increases the total floor area by 10% or more.
- c. New construction of parking lots of 10 or more spaces.
- d. New construction of parking structures.

- e. Any development with a drive-through facility, including a freestanding automated teller machine.
- f. Residential conversions per Section 4.2.F.
- g. Non-residential uses permitted by the RP Overlay District.

D. General Process

Site Plan Review involves a series of two plans, progressing from a generalized evaluation of a site and development concept, being a Preliminary Site Plan, to approval of a detailed development plan, being a Final Site Plan. All applications for site plan review must be submitted to the Executive Director in accordance with the requirements in Section 15.1 (Application).

1. Preliminary Site Plan

- a. The first plan in the series is the Preliminary Site Plan. A Preliminary Site Plan presents general information on building layout, parking, drives, landscaping, screening and other site improvements.
- b. Preliminary Site Plan approval assures the applicant that the general layout is acceptable prior to proceeding with detailed engineering and design work.

2. Final Site Plan

- a. A Final Site Plan is a detailed, scaled drawing of all surface improvements, structures and utilities proposed for development.
- b. Final Site Plan approval is required prior to the issuance of building permits.

3. Preliminary Site Plan and Final Site Plan Approval

- a. Preliminary Site Plans require review and approval by the Executive Director, unless otherwise specified by ordinance.
- b. Final Site Plans require review and approval by the Executive Director, unless the standards require review by the Metropolitan Planning Commission. All special use permits require final site plan review and approval by the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

E. Procedures, Forms and Standards

The Executive Director shall establish procedures, forms and standards with regard to the content, format and information constituting an application for Preliminary Site Plans and Final Site Plans. The Executive Director may amend and update the application materials from time to time.

F. Approval Criteria/Standards

The following must be evaluated in the review of site plans:

- 1. Conformity with the regulations of this Code, and any other applicable regulations within the Code of Ordinances, and the Master Plan and other adopted land use policies.
- 2. The location, arrangement, size, design and general site compatibility of structures, lighting, and signs to ensure:
  - a. Efficient use of land that responds to the existing off-site utilities and service conditions in order to minimize the demand for additional municipal services, utilities, and infrastructure.
  - b. Compatibility with, and mitigation of, any potential impact upon adjacent property.

- c. Illumination designed and installed to minimize adverse impact on adjacent properties.
  - d. Signs in conformance with this Code.
3. Landscape and the arrangement of open space or natural features on the site should:
- a. Create a desirable and functional open space environment for all site users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.
  - b. Preserve unique natural resources, including measures to preserve and protect existing healthy plantings.
  - c. Design drainage facilities to promote the use and preservation of natural watercourses and patterns of drainage.
  - d. Utilize plant materials suitable to withstand the climatic conditions of the City of Shreveport and microclimate of the site. The use of species native and naturalized to Louisiana is encouraged.
  - e. Use of screening to minimize the impact of the development on adjacent uses and impact of incompatible uses and certain site elements, and creating a logical transition to adjoining lots.
4. Circulation systems and off-street parking designed to:
- a. Provide adequate and safe access to the site for motor vehicles as well as alternate modes of transportation, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit users.
  - b. Eliminate dangerous traffic movements.
  - c. Minimize curb cuts by using cross-access servitudes and shared parking.
  - d. Clearly define a network of pedestrian connections in and between parking lots, street sidewalks, open spaces, and structures that is visible, identifiable, and safe.

G. Preliminary Site Plan

1. Preliminary Site Plan General Information

A Preliminary Site Plan is the first plan in the Site Plan approval process. A Preliminary Site Plan is less detailed and specific than a Final Site Plan in terms of exact arrangement of buildings, parking areas, open spaces, access points and any other site design features. A checklist of all required information to be depicted on a Preliminary Site Plan shall be maintained by the Executive Director.

2. Preliminary Site Plan Application Procedure and Requirements

A preliminary site plan shall be submitted in accordance with the following requirements:

a. Pre-Application Review

- i. The purpose of the pre-application review is to provide an opportunity for an informal evaluation of an applicant's proposal and to become familiar with the MPC's submittal requirements, development standards, and approval criteria with the Development Review Committee (DRC). The DRC may provide recommendations and/or inform the applicant of any potential issues that might be presented to the applicable decision-making body. The pre-application meeting does not require formal application or fee.
- ii. The Director may require an additional pre-application meeting if a complete application is not submitted within six months of the pre-application meeting.

**b. Pre-Application Evaluation Not Binding**

The informal evaluation and recommendations provided by the Executive Director or authorized staff during a pre-application meeting shall in no way be considered binding upon the applicant, the MPC or the City of Shreveport, nor represents approval of a project with respect to any official action that may be taken on the subsequent formal application.

**c. Pre-Application Waiver**

The Executive Director may waive the pre-application requirement for applications if he or she finds that the projected size, complexity, anticipated impacts, or other factors associated with the proposed development clearly, in his or her opinion, support such waiver. Granting the pre-application conference waiver may increase the risk that the application will be rejected or processing will be delayed.

**d. Preliminary Site Plan Application Submittal**

Within one (1) business day after the date of the pre-application review, the MPC shall notify the applicant in writing of its informal recommendations regarding the desired development activity. After the applicant has received written notice of the Development Review Committee's (DRC) informal comments, a formal preliminary site plan application may be submitted.

**i.** The Executive Director shall compile the requirements for application contents, forms, and fees and make such materials available to the public. The Executive Director may amend and update the application materials from time to time.

**ii.** The Executive Director shall make a determination of application completeness. If the application is determined to be complete, the application shall then be processed according to the procedures set forth in this Code.

**iii.** An application will be considered complete if it is submitted in the required form, includes all mandatory information and supporting materials specified in the application packet, and is accompanied by the applicable fee.

**iv.** If the application is determined to be incomplete, the Executive Director shall provide notice to the applicant that includes an explanation of the application deficiencies. No further processing of an incomplete application shall occur until the deficiencies are corrected in a resubmittal.

**v.** If any false or misleading information is submitted or supplied by an applicant on an application, that application will be deemed void and a new application must be submitted together with payment of applicable development review fees.

**vi.** An applicant may file a final site plan in lieu of a preliminary site plan.

**e. Preliminary Site Plan Application Review and Preparation of Staff Report**

Following a determination that an application is complete, the Executive Director shall circulate the application to staff and appropriate referral entities for review. The Executive Director may also refer applications to other boards, commissions, government agencies, and nongovernmental organizations not referenced in this Article.

**f. Executive Director Issues Decision and Findings for Preliminary Site Plan**

After consideration of the application, the staff report, comments received from other reviewers (if applicable), the Executive Director shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application based on the

applicable approval criteria/standards. Written notification of the decision shall be provided by the Executive Director to the applicant within seven business days following the decision.

**g.** Modification or Amendment to Preliminary Site Plan

The Executive Director may approve minor amendments to the site plan, an approved preliminary site plan for a small planned unit development (SPUD) and an approved final site plan for a planned unit development (PUD), provided the amendment conforms to the following standards:

- i.** The amendment does not increase the density of the development by no more than 10% in the total number of residential units.
- ii.** The amendment does not substantially alter the arrangement of buildings, increase the number or size of buildings (limited to no more than a 10% increase in the total gross floor area in square feet), or change the use of building space designated on the original plan.
- iii.** The amendment does not substantially alter the configuration of streets or lots.
- iv.** The amendment does not increase the height of buildings by more than six feet.
- v.** The amendment does not substantially alter vehicular circulation or placement of parking areas.
- vi.** The amendment does not significantly reduce or lessen the effectiveness of open space, landscape buffers, and edges.
- vii.** The amendment does not conflict with other regulations specified within the ordinance establishing the Preliminary Site Plan.
- viii.** Any other requested modifications require submittal of a new preliminary site plan for review and approval.

**H.** Final Site Plan

The site plan review and approval procedure is intended to ensure compliance with the development and design standards of this Code and to encourage quality development reflective of the goals and objectives of the Master Plan. The final site plan review procedures ensure that the MPC has the ability to address and mitigate any adverse impacts that may result from development projects.

**1.** Final Site Plan General Information

A Final Site Plan is the second plan in the Site Plan approval process. A Final Site Plan is more detailed and specific plan of the public and private improvements to be constructed. A checklist of all required information to be depicted on a final site plan shall be maintained by the Executive Director. The purpose of the plan is to:

- a.** Ensure compliance with applicable development regulations and previously approved, valid plans affecting development of the property;
- b.** Coordinate and document the design of public and private improvements to be constructed;
- c.** Coordinate the subdivision of land, including the granting of easements, rights-of-way, development agreements and provision of surety;
- d.** Promote the health, safety and welfare of the public; and
- e.** Identify and address environmental concerns (i.e., floodplain, drainage, trees, topography, etc.).

**2.** Final Site Plan Application Procedure and Requirements

A Final Site Plan is a prerequisite for the approval of any building permit. A final site plan shall be submitted and approved in accordance with the following requirements:

**a. Pre-Application Review**

A pre-application review for a final site plan is not required if the applicant has previously attended the pre-application review as a part of the preliminary site plan process or if the applicant has been granted a waiver by the Executive Director.

**b. Final Site Plan Application Submittal**

An applicant who has received approval of a preliminary site plan may submit a final site plan for approval by the Executive Director or, in the case of a special use permit or a small planned unit development (SPUD), the Metropolitan Planning Commission. This application shall include the information listed on the Final Site Plan Application Form and Checklist, which shall be created and maintained by the Executive Director.

**c. Final Site Plan Standards of Approval**

**i.** Administrative Review and Approval. The application for final site plan approval shall be reviewed by the Executive Director and all other appropriate review departments and/or agencies. The Executive Director may approve, approve with conditions or deny the application based upon the criteria listed below.

**ii.** Metropolitan Planning Commission Approval. In cases that require site plan review by the Metropolitan Planning Commission, the Metropolitan Planning Commission may approve, approve with conditions, or deny a final site plan based upon the criteria listed below.

**3. Final Site Plan Approval Criteria.**

The following must be evaluated in the review of site plans:

**a.** Conformity with the regulations of this Code, and any other applicable regulations within the Code of Ordinances, and the Master Plan and other adopted land use policies.

**b.** The location, arrangement, size, design and general site compatibility of structures, lighting, and signs to ensure:

**i.** Efficient use of land that responds to the existing off-site utilities and service conditions in order to minimize the demand for additional municipal services, utilities, and infrastructure.

**ii.** Compatibility with, and mitigation of, any potential impact upon adjacent property.

**iii.** Illumination designed and installed to minimize adverse impact on adjacent properties.

**iv.** Signs in conformance with this Code.

**c.** Landscape and the arrangement of open space or natural features on the site should:

**i.** Create a desirable and functional open space environment for all site users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

**ii.** Preserve unique natural resources, including measures to preserve and protect existing healthy plantings.

**iii.** Design drainage facilities to promote the use and preservation of natural watercourses and patterns of drainage.

- iv. Utilize plant materials suitable to withstand the climatic conditions of the City of Shreveport and microclimate of the site. The use of species native and naturalized to Louisiana is encouraged.
  - v. Use of screening to minimize the impact of the development on adjacent uses and impact of incompatible uses and certain site elements, and creating a logical transition to adjoining lots and developments.
- d. Circulation systems and off-street parking designed to:
- i. Provide adequate and safe access to the site for motor vehicles as well as alternate modes of transportation, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit users.
  - ii. Eliminate dangerous traffic movements.
  - iii. Minimize curb cuts by using cross-access servitudes and shared parking.
  - iv. Clearly define a network of pedestrian connections in and between parking lots, street sidewalks, open spaces, and structures that is visible, identifiable, and safe.
- e. Elevation drawings of proposed façades and/or façade improvements including proposed signs.

**4. Decisions for Final Site Plan**

After consideration of the application, the staff report, comments received from other reviewers (if applicable), the Executive Director or Metropolitan Planning Commission, where applicable, shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application based on the applicable approval criteria/standards.

**5. Conditions**

If the Executive Director or Metropolitan Planning Commission approves the final site plan subject to conditions, all plans and drawings submitted as part of the application for a building permit or other approval must include those conditions.

**I- Modifications to Approved Site Plans**

1. An application for an amendment to an approved site plan must be submitted to the Executive Director. Amendment applications must include a written description of the proposed change, including the reason for such change, and a notation of the location on the approved site plan.
2. The Executive Director may approve the following minor modifications to approved site plans:
  - a. Minor changes required that are related to final engineering issues during construction involving topography, drainage, underground utilities, or structural safety. The written description must show how such minor change is related to one or more of these elements.
  - b. Exterior renovations to a building façade that do not increase the building footprint or height.
  - c. The modification of existing accessory structures or the addition of new accessory structures when in conformance with the requirements of this Code.
  - d. The construction of additional bicycle or parking spaces.
  - e. A reduction in the amount of bicycle or parking spaces so long as the remaining number of spaces is in conformance with the requirements of this Code.

- f. Modifications to the approved landscape plan that does not result in a reduction of the total amount of plant material required and conform to all landscape requirements.
  - g. The modification of existing signs or the addition of new signs when in conformance with the requirements of this Code.
3. The Executive Director must approve or deny the proposed site plan modifications within 30 days of receipt of a complete application. The Executive Director may decide that the proposed change or changes to the approved site plan is such a significant change that it constitutes a new application and is subject to a complete site plan review per the provisions of this section.

**J. Façade Improvements to Existing Buildings**

1. Minor facade modifications shall be exempt from the requirements of a site plan review if the Executive Director finds all of the following conditions to exist:
  - a. No building square footage or dwelling units are added.
  - b. The minor facade modification as a whole complements the architectural style of the building.
  - c. The various facade components, including but not limited to color, construction material and architectural features, are compatible and consistent with one another and complement the architectural style of the building.
  - d. The Executive Director may condition his or her /her decision by requiring such visual elements as may be necessary.
  - e. Minor facade modifications meeting the above conditions shall require submittal and approval of a Minor Façade Improvements Review application before submittal for a building permit.
  - f. Minor facade modifications not meeting the above conditions shall require submittal and approval of a Site Plan Review application.
  - g. Minor façade improvements do not pertain to single family dwellings and duplexes, which are exempt from the provisions of this subsection.

**K. Modifications to Sites without Approved Site Plans**

1. All existing improved developments that do not have a site plan on file will be considered non-conforming. Site plan approval will not be required for all of these developments except in the following described circumstances. If any one of the following occurs, site plan approval will be required:
  - a. The existing principal structure(s) is demolished and a new principal structure(s) is constructed.
  - b. A new principal structure(s) is constructed.
  - c. The existing structure or structures is increased in total building footprint by 25% or more.
  - d. An existing parking lot of more than 20 spaces is fully reconstructed or repaved (any amount of reconstruction or repaving over 50% of the total area of the parking lot is considered 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, is not considered reconstruction.
  - e. A new driveway is constructed that is connected to a public street.
  - f. Major changes in the vehicular circulation pattern of the site that will require staff analysis of the site.

**L. Appeals**

Within 30 days after the date of the final decision, the applicant or any aggrieved party may file a written appeal of the decision of the Executive Director to the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Any appeals of Metropolitan Planning Commission decisions on site plan reviews are appealed as part of the applicable zoning application.

**VII. Section 16.11 is enacted to read as follows:**

**16.11 CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY**

The certificate of occupancy (CO) is the final construction document issued by the Zoning Administrator to authorize occupancy of a structure upon completion of all building and construction related issues. It is unlawful to operate a business without a certificate of occupancy. No building or structure shall be used or occupied, and no change in the existing occupancy classification of a building or structure or portion thereof shall be made until the Zoning Administrator has issued a certificate of occupancy. The Zoning Administrator shall keep a record of all certificates of occupancy and compliance. The Zoning Administrator may revoke a certificate of occupancy and compliance when it is found that the building or land does not conform to the use or condition, if any, in the certificate. Each day a use continues after revocation of the certificate shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punished as provided therein.

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.

**ORDINANCES (introduction by title)**

- *Ordinance No. 5875 of 2019, to set the General Purpose Millages and Special Purpose Millages and to instruct the Tax Assessor to include said millages on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2019*
- *Ordinance No. 5876 of 2019, to adopt the values fixed, or to be fixed, by the Louisiana Tax Commission on all assessments for railways and other public service corporations, and to instruct the Assessor to extend such assessments and values on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2019*
- *Ordinance No. 5877 of 2019, setting the assessment of property classified as timberlands and to instruct the Assessor to include said assessment on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2019*
- *Ordinance No. 5878 of 2019, setting the Parish Millage for the purpose of paying principal and interest, due in 2019, on outstanding Parish Bond Issues and to instruct the Assessor to include said millage on the tax roll of the Parish of Caddo for the year 2019*

It was **moved by Mr. Linn**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that the Work Session Minutes from May 6, 2019 be approved. Motion carried.*

**RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Resolution No. 31 of 2019, to authorize the acceptance of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire be approved.*

**Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Linn, *to englobo and adopt the following resolutions:*

- *Resolution No. 31 of 2019, to authorize the acceptance of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire*
- *Resolution No. 32 of 2019, supporting the construction of the Center for Medical Education and Wellness on the LSU Health Shreveport Campus*

- *Resolution No. 34 of 2019, supporting the addition of Shreveport, Caddo Parish sites to the U.S. Civil Rights Trail*
- *Resolution No. 36 of 2019, declaring May 22, 2019 as National Maritime Day*
- *Resolution No. 37 of 2019, declaring 'National Mental Health Awareness Month' in Caddo Parish, Louisiana*
- *Resolution No. 38 of 2019, urging and requesting the Louisiana Legislature to adopt House Bill 335 regarding Labeling of Imported Seafood*
- *Resolution No. 39 of 2019, declaring May as National Lupus Awareness Month in Caddo Parish*

Mrs. Gage-Watts would like to have the record to reflect to show her as a sponsor for Resolution No. 38 of 2019.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's substitute 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).

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 31 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is required to complete the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire which addresses the Commission's compliance with various State and Federal laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the questionnaire, the questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the Commission by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting; and

WHEREAS, the completed questionnaire and a copy of the adoption instrument must be presented to the Commission's auditor at the beginning of the audit which is anticipated to begin in May 2019; and

WHEREAS, the questionnaire has been completed and is now hereby presented for adoption; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal and regular session convened, hereby accepts the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as presented and accepts full responsibility for the Commission's compliance with the laws and regulations addressed by the questionnaire.

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 resolution or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 32 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION OF THE PARISH OF CADDO SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTER FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION AND WELLNESS ON THE LSU HEALTH SHREVEPORT CAMPUS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission continually strives to enhance the quality of life and the platform for economic growth for the eleven municipalities that comprise Caddo Parish;

WHEREAS, The Caddo Parish Commission acknowledges the incomparable impact of LSU Health Shreveport on the healthcare (32 specialists & patient programs not available elsewhere in the community ), post graduate medical educational opportunities (1,451 students and residents) and contributions to the local economy (\$595.4 M direct impact and \$2.99 B impact including alumni who practice in north Louisiana);

WHEREAS, The Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the paramount role that LSU Health Shreveport's 2,667 employees play in providing significant diversity within our community, high paying jobs, and unparalleled intellectual capacity;

WHEREAS, The Caddo Parish Commission desires to support the growth of LSU Health Shreveport and particularly the School of Medicine which is an institution that our citizens battled mightily to create back in 1972;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is aware of the significance and impact of having one of only one hundred and forty-one academic health science centers in the nation;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission salutes the success of the LSU Health Shreveport research enterprise in enhancing the economy due to its remarkable success in securing extramural grants, the filing of patents and creation of income from intellectual property (#2 in the LSU System behind the Ag Center);

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission supports the bold and wise vision of LSU Health Shreveport Chancellor, Dr. G. E. Ghali, to raise half of the funding for the \$60 M Center for Medical Education and Wellness;

WHEREAS, the number of people turning 65 will double by 2030 creating the need for swift solution for an increasing shortage of physicians in Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine ranks in the top 15% in the nation for their graduates practicing in state;

WHEREAS, the LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine ranks in the top 24% in the nation of graduates who practice in rural areas (six of the twelve districts in Caddo qualify as rural districts);

WHEREAS, the current size of the medical school class does not allow all qualified students to be admitted;

WHEREAS, the need for additional physicians in Louisiana is undisputed;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to publicly support the expansion of the LSU Health Shreveport campus, which has not had a new building since 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that we, the Caddo Parish Commission, do unanimously support the construction of the Center for Medical Education and Wellness on the LSU Health Shreveport campus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item 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 upon adoption.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 34 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION OF THE PARISH OF CADDO SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH SITES TO THE U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Civil Rights Trail is a collection of landmarks, particularly in the Southern states, “where activists challenged segregation in the 1950s and 1960s to advance social justice.”;

WHEREAS, currently, the only Louisiana sites on the trail are located in New Orleans and Baton Rouge;

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser is holding several town hall meetings around the state in May 2019 to solicit input on adding Louisiana stops to the trail ;

WHEREAS, he will be holding a meeting in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA on May 21, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission wishes to nominate several sites for consideration/inclusion for addition to the U.S. Civil Rights Trail;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that we, the Caddo Parish Commission, do nominate the following sites for consideration/inclusion for addition to the U.S. Civil Rights Trail:

**Antioch Baptist Church  
1057 Texas Ave, Shreveport La 71101**

The oldest African American Church in Shreveport. The Antioch Baptist Church was organized in 1866 when seventy-three newly freed blacks secured letters of honorable dismissal from the First First Baptist Church (white) and formed the First Colored Baptist Church. The church was the meeting place for many reconstruction era meetings for African Americans.

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**Star Cemetery  
2100 block of Texas Avenue**

Star Cemetery was the first cemetery established to serve Shreveport’s African American community, and the only burial ground devoted solely to the black community until the late 1920s. Oral tradition suggests that slaves were interred in this cemetery prior to its official establishment in 1883. The cemetery is not planned on a grid, but has randomly placed markers, of which there are approximately 1300. The local community believes that up to 10,000 people may actually be buried there. Most burials are below ground, with small, often hand-crafted markers, although there are a few more elaborate, commercially produced markers. Hand-crafted markers display folk motifs, such as a hand with finger pointing toward heaven, the lamb, and the dove. Symbols of important fraternal organizations and benevolent societies are also used as decorative motifs on a number of headstones, with emblems reflecting membership in the Masons, the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and so forth. The Star Cemetery is no longer used, but remains an important cultural property of the African American community in Shreveport. The Star Cemetery was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

**The Avenue  
800-1300 Texas Avenue**

Extending west on Texas Avenue from downtown Shreveport, this five block section known as “The Avenue” was a diverse and successful commercial district that developed in the first years of the 20th century. This vibrant, multicultural community was home to many African American businesses. The *Shreveport Sun* newspaper, the Star Theater, Johnson Brothers Barber Shop, Dr. Tim Johnson’s dentist office, as well as numerous mercantile establishments, haberdashers, drugstores, bakeries, and restaurants thrived along the Avenue well into the 1970s. The Avenue, dubbed The Texas Avenue Historic District, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

**Calanthean Temple  
975 Texas Avenue, Shreveport, La 71101**

The Court of Calanthe, an African-American women’s organization, built the Calanthean Temple in 1923. It stood as the largest building in the United States brought into existence by African-American creativity and savvy. Due to African Americans not being allowed to perform at the Louisiana Hayride (Municipal Auditorium) prior to the 1960s, the Calanthean Temple was a robust nighttime musical venue on the vaunted rooftop which hosted all the famous African American musicians of the day- Louis Armstrong, Dizzie Gillespie, Count Basie, Jelly Roll Morton and many more African American artists. At its peak in the early 1900s, the Calanthean Temple was home to African American professional offices; dentists, doctors, attorneys

**Old Galilee Baptist Church**  
**854 Williams Street Shreveport, La 71103**

This historical landmark church was built on the site in 1877. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave speeches at Old Galilee in 1958 and 1962, and it is considered the home of school integration in Caddo Parish. Although services are no longer held at the church, plans are underway to develop Old Galilee Baptist Church as a civil rights museum.

**Freeman & Harris Café**  
**317 Pete Harris Drive Shreveport, La 71103**

Opened in 1921 in the 1100 block of Texas Street by Jack Harris and Van Freeman, the Freeman and Harris Café was one of the first African American owned restaurants in the United States. The Café moved to the Pete Harris Drive location in 1930. Civic and business leader Pete Harris, took over the Café, which became known as Pete Harris Café in the 1990s (see #13). Since it opened, this family-run business has been a popular social center for the African American community in Shreveport. Prior to ceasing operation in the mid-2000s, it was considered to be the oldest, continuously operating, African American owned restaurant in the United States.

**KOKA Radio Building**  
**1315 Milam Street Shreveport, La 71103**

The 1959 dedication of the KOKA Radio Station building on Milam Street drew a crowd of 10,000 locals, as well as appearances by national celebrities. At that time, popular radio stations would not play music by African American artist, the beloved KOKA personalities such as Sun Rose, "Gay Poppa" Rutledge, Jr., Uncle Bill Caston, B.B. "Bird Brain" Davis, the late Eddie Jiles provided entertainment and information in a format that included gospel and rhythm and blues. KOKA is now owned by a conglomerate and its offices have relocated, but it still features gospel music for a primarily African American audience.

**Old Central Colored High School**  
**1627 Weinstock Street Shreveport, La 71103**

Built in 1917, Central Colored High School was the first and only public school for African American children at the time. Central later became a Junior High School, and now serves as an Elementary School. Old Central Colored School was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991.

**CC. Antoine Park and House**  
**1766 Milam Street Shreveport, La 71103**

Caesar Carpentier Antoine was born to a father who fought in the battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812, and a mother from the West Indies who was born to a captured African chief. Antoine established himself in the grocery business and became a successful business man. He was elected at the age of 31 as a delegate to the Louisiana Constitutional Convention. Antoine served as State Senator from Caddo Parish by popular vote, and in 1871, introduced a Senate bill to incorporate the city of Shreveport. Antoine served as Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana under Governor Kellog from 1872-1876. Antoine's Perrin Street home was built in the Queen Anne Revival style.

**Little Union Baptist Church & Anne Brewster Civil Rights Memorial**  
**1846 Milam Street Shreveport, La 71103**

Little Union Baptist Church had an original congregation of sixteen members in 1892. In 1961, former mathematics and religion teacher, Rev. C.C. McLain, became pastor. Rev. McLain was an active leader in the Shreveport community, as well as in the Civil Rights movement. During his tenure, the church became a center for NAACP and CORE meetings. The family of attorney Johnny Cochran, Jr., attended Little Union Baptist Church, where Johnnie Cochran, Sr., served as a deacon.

Ms. Anne Brewster was one of only a handful of black, female business women of her time, as co-owner of the Modern Beauty Shop. An associate of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Ms. Brewster worked closely with the NAACP and hosted Dr. King and other civil rights advocates in her home. She was jailed several times in the early 1960s for her involvement in sit-ins and other peaceful demonstrations. Ms. Brewster died in 1963, but her memory lives on in the Anne Brewster Award, given each year to a Shreveport-area civil rights leader.

**Hattie B Cochran House/ Johnnie Cochran Childhood Home**  
**1933 Milam Street Shreveport, La 71103**

Hattie B. Cochran, mother of renowned attorney the late Johnnie Cochran Jr., created the first after-school programs, which she held in her home, for African American children in her neighborhood in the 1930s. Because of her efforts, the 1800 and 1900 blocks of Milam Street has been renamed Hattie B. Cochran Drive in her honor. Inspired by

Thurgood Marshall, Johnny Cochran went on to be a successful civil rights and personal injury attorney.

**Lakeside Branch of the Shreve Memorial Library  
2104 Milam Street Shreveport, La 71103**

As African Americans were banned from the Shreveport Memorial Library downtown, the city established the Lakeside Branch to serve the local African American community in the 1950s.. Although the library was well staffed, it was small and understocked in the early years. Nevertheless, it provided a valuable resource for the Lakeside neighborhood. The first librarian, Mrs. Otis Emanuel, continued to serve as a community leader through her efforts at the Antioch Baptist Church and as a commissioner on the African American Multicultural Tourism Commission.

-Booker T. Washington High School

**Lakeside Park Gold Course/ Jerry Tim Brooks Golf Course  
2200 Milam Street Shreveport, La 71103**

The Lakeside Golf Course opened in 1938, and was re-opened to serve the African American community in the early 1950s. By the 1970s, Lakeside had become a million-dollar recreational facility housing. The golf course was renamed after the late Jerry Tim Brooks who was a civil rights activist and educator in Caddo and Bossier Parish schools systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy this resolution shall be sent to the Louisiana Lieutenant Governor, Northwest Louisiana Legislative Delegation, and the Louisiana Federal Delegation for Northwest Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item 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 upon adoption.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 36 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 22, 2019 AS NATIONAL MARITIME DAY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, on May 22, 1819, the steamship *The Savannah* set sail from Savannah, Georgia on the first successful transoceanic voyage under steam propulsion, thus making a material contribution to the advancement of ocean transportation, and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1933, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled and approved that May 22 of each year shall be designated and known as National Maritime Day, and

WHEREAS, during WW II in what became the world's largest sealift operation, more than 250,000 members of the American Merchant Marine served their country, with more than 6,700 giving their lives, hundreds being detained as prisoners of war and more than 800 ships being sunk or damaged, and

WHEREAS, waterways have enabled much of the commerce that has expanded America's economy, sprouted cities near waterways and facilitated vast domestic and international commerce crucial to our economy today, and

WHEREAS, merchant mariners have served America with distinction throughout our history, but especially at critical moments of war and natural disaster, and

WHEREAS, the United States Merchant Marine and thousands of other workers in our Nation's maritime industry continue to make immeasurable contributions to our economic strength and our ongoing efforts to build a more peaceful world, and

WHEREAS, the United States Merchant Marine also shepherds the safe passage of American goods, move exports to customers around the world, support the flow of domestic commerce on our maritime highways, strengthen our Nation's economy, bolster job creation and, along with the transportation industry, employ Americans on ships and tugs, and in ports, like our Port of Caddo Bossier, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission to increase the awareness of the maritime industry within Caddo and Bossier Parishes and the State of Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Caddo Parish Commission joins the President of the United States of America in proclaiming May 22, 2019, as **NATIONAL MARITIME DAY** and calls upon the citizens of to celebrate this observance.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 37 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING 'NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH' IN CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Mental illness is one of the leading causes of disabilities in the United States, affecting one out of every four families and victimizing both the person with the illness and those persons who care for and love the person afflicted; and

WHEREAS, serious mental illness costs Americans approximately \$193.2 billion in lost earnings per year; and

WHEREAS, fifty-seven million Americans have a mental disorder in any given year, but fewer than 40 percent of adults living with a mental illness, and slightly more than one-half of youth 8 to 15 years of age, inclusive, with a mental illness, received mental health services in the last year; and

WHEREAS, although mental illness impacts all people, many of those in lower income communities receive less care and poorer quality of care, and often lack access to culturally competent care, thereby resulting in mental health disparities; and

WHEREAS, nearly two-thirds of all people with a diagnosable mental illness do not receive mental health treatment due to stigma, lack of community-based resources, inadequate diagnosis, or no diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 70 percent of all youth in the juvenile justice system have at least one mental health condition, and at least 20 percent live with severe mental illness that is usually undiagnosed, misdiagnosed, untreated, or ineffectively treated, thus leaving those detained in the juvenile justice system in a vulnerable condition; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to improve public awareness of mental illness and to strengthen local and national awareness of brain diseases, so that all those with mental illness may receive adequate and appropriate treatment that will result in their becoming fully functioning members of society; and

WHEREAS, access to mental health treatment and services is of paramount importance; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to encourage primary care physicians to offer screenings, to partner with mental health care providers, to seek appropriate referrals to specialists, and to encourage timely and accurate diagnoses of mental disorders; and

WHEREAS, in observance of National Mental Health Awareness Month, the Caddo Parish Commission wishes to enhance public awareness of mental illness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 as:

**National Mental Health Awareness Month.**

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in an effort to focus public attention on the role and scope of Caddo Parish Government and its relationship with the health care community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 38 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT HOUSE BILL 335 REGARDING LABELING OF IMPORTED SEAFOOD AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, most seafood consumed in the United States is imported;

WHEREAS, the misuse of antibiotics, the presence of contaminants, and the overall wholesomeness of imported seafood, including but not limited to crawfish and shrimp, has been called into question;

WHEREAS, in recent data, 12% of the samples of imported shrimp and almost 10% of samples of all imported seafood showed unsafe drug residues;

WHEREAS, consumption of such seafood may pose a health risk;

WHEREAS, consumers should be informed of the source of the seafood being offered for consumption at restaurants and other food service establishments; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 335 proposes to require that food service establishments inform consumers of the country of origin of crawfish or shrimp offered for consumption.

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 Louisiana Legislature to adopt House Bill 335.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby urge and request the Northwest Louisiana legislative delegation to support House Bill 335.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to The Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of Louisiana, and to the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 39 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY AS "NATIONAL LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH" IN CADDO PARISH

WHEREAS, each year, the Lupus Foundation of America designates May as National Lupus Awareness Month to show support for the estimated 1.5 million Americans who have lupus; and

WHEREAS, lupus is an unpredictable and misunderstood autoimmune disease that can affect different parts of the body; it is difficult to diagnose and challenging to treat; and

WHEREAS, lupus can affect any part of the body, including the skin, lungs, heart, kidneys, and brain; the disease can cause seizures, strokes, heart attacks, miscarriages, and organ failure; and

WHEREAS, lupus can be particularly difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to those of many other illnesses, and major gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences of lupus. More than half of all people with lupus take four or more years and visit three or more doctors before obtaining a correct diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, while lupus most frequently affects women of childbearing age, men, children, and teenagers can also develop the disease. African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Asians, and Native Americans are two to three times more likely to develop lupus—a disparity that remains unexplained; and

WHEREAS, this month we stand with the families and friends affected by lupus, and we recognize the ongoing efforts of dedicated advocates, researchers, and health care providers who strive each day to raise the awareness about lupus in Caddo Parish.

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

**'LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH'**

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.

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, *that Resolution No. 33 of 2019, urging the Louisiana State Legislature to repeal state overreach into local control of worker protection policies* be approved.

Mr. Chavez pointed out that Louisiana ranks as one of the lowest cost-of-living states in the Nation. He understands that you cannot live off a \$7.25 minimum wage, but he does not want to “build a case of competitiveness” between Caddo and neighboring areas, like Bossier. He would like to see a resolution urging the legislature to adopt “to pay more to uniformly adopt across the state as opposed to a dial down situation where it may hurt us in business”.

Mr. Linn stated that for all of those reasons, he will vote more. He said when a business owner pays more, then they normally get a better staff in exchange. He also explained when he had his business, the minimum raise increased, so he had to let a few employees go. The rest of the crew worked harder to provide better customer service. He said that the results were positive for the company that he ran.

Mr. Cawthorne asked Mr. Chavez for more clarification on his comments. Mr. Chavez explained that as a business owner, you go down the path of least resistance. In other words, if it is going to cost you less for the same results, you would go down the path that is more affordable without compromising your services. Mr. Cawthorne understands that some businesses would relocate if it were more affordable to employ people because the minimum wage is lower in another city. He also pointed out that raising the minimum wage would attract corporations who plan to stay for the long run and who plan to keep and retain employees.

**Amendment by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Linn, *to send Resolution to all of the Northwest Louisiana Congressional Delegation.*

Mr. Jackson noted that this is not the first time that the Commission has advocated for more local control. He also said that he is open to a resolution to increase the minimum wage.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson disagreed with Mr. Chavez. He said that Arkansas' minimum wage is \$9.25/ hour, but people from Arkansas are not “rushing to Louisiana”. He also explained that the more you make, the more disposable income you have, which helps out the economy as a whole because it provides more than the necessities. He said that the economy would be better because people would have more money to spend on quality of life. He pointed out that this resolution allows that local governing body to determine what the minimum wage should be.

Mr. Louis Johnson stated that the issues have been well discussed. He believes that there is value in the local input determining the minimum wage.

Mr. Chavez explained that he sat down with the owner of all the Popeye's in Arkansas, who said when the minimum wage increased, so did the buckets of chicken. He pointed out that the price of everything across the board increased along with the minimum wage.

Mr. Atkins mentioned Supply & Demand 101, when prices go up, demand goes down. He pointed out Mr. Chavez's analysis with the Popeye's chicken; he said that when the chicken prices went up, “you can buy less chicken”. He then pointed out Mr. Linn's analysis: when the price of his employees went up, he let two go. He agreed that it is tough to make it on today's minimum wage.

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

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

At this time, Mr. Jackson's motion carried as amended, 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).

**RESOLUTION 33 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION OF THE PARISH OF CADDO URGING THE LOUISIANA STATE LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL STATE OVERREACH INTO LOCAL CONTROL OF WORKER PROTECTION POLICIES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Parish governments are closely connected to the needs of the communities they represent, and are uniquely positioned to pass laws and policies that reflect the views, values, and needs of their constituents.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is committed to protecting the power of local governments to act on the values and needs of their residents and promote a fair and equitable economy.

WHEREAS, the cost of living varies substantially across Louisiana, and the Parish of Caddo needs the freedom to determine the worker protection policies that best fit our community's needs.

WHEREAS, the United Way's ALICE Report states that 53% of Caddo Parish families are struggling to keep up with rapidly rising costs of living--including housing, health care, child care, and other basic necessities--but state law prohibits local governments from raising the local wage floor in order to help residents meet those rising costs of living.

WHEREAS, stronger worker protection policies in Caddo would give workers the security and freedom they need to spend more time with their families and lay the foundation for a safe and sustainable home environment.

WHEREAS, the local officials in Caddo Parish are dedicated to the health and well-being of our residents, and strong worker protection policies have been proven to be beneficial to individual and overall public health outcomes.

WHEREAS, stronger worker protection policies will result in a boost to our local economy through increased consumer spending at local businesses.

WHEREAS, stronger worker protection policies will provide further benefit to local businesses by boosting job retention and employee performance.

WHEREAS, higher wages for low-income earners provide a path for those workers to become more personally and financially invested in their community, since it is more likely they will become taxpayers and/or pay more into the local tax base.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that:

Section 1. That the tradition of local decision-making in Louisiana should be protected, as it provides each municipality the ability to preserve and enhance the many characteristics that make each of them unique, and allows municipalities to maintain the quality of life of their residents.

Section 2. That passage of legislation to repeal state overreach into local control of worker protection policies would help improve the lives of the residents of Caddo Parish and our local businesses by spurring consumer spending and creating a healthier, more sustainable local economy.

Section 3. That passage of legislation to repeal state overreach into local control of worker protection policies would allow the Caddo Parish Commission to act on the unique needs, values, and cost of living in Caddo Parish, including setting a local wage floor that more accurately reflects the needs of our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item 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 RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to The Honorable Governor John Bel Edwards and to the House of Representatives and Senate of the State of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

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

It was **moved by Mr. Linn**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Resolution No. 35 of 2019, urging and requesting the President of the United States to not adopt an immigration policy which would result in the separation of children from their parents* be approved.

Mr. Chavez does not want to remove families from their children, but there are several moving parts with the immigration policy. He gave an example of if he commits a crime and goes to jail, the arresting officer would separate him from his son. He said that this is similar.

Mr. Middleton said that the detention of these are being used for trafficking or pawns to get into this country. He said that there are several people getting killed or hurt on the way.

Mr. Dominick agreed with Mr. Chavez and Mr. Middleton. He said that this is not the core mission of the Parish. Parish roads, streets, drainage, animal control, economic development, etc. are the Commission's core items and should be the Commissioners' focus. He does not believe that this should be something that the Commission should focus on. He suggested that if a Commissioner feels strongly about this, then they should write a letter themselves and send it to their congressperson, legislator, or President.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson explained that America is the land of opportunity and a place where someone can better themselves and their families. He also said that "anytime you separate a child from their parent, you are interrupting that cycle of race". Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson said that this will affect the Latinos for a long period of time. He also said that the Commissioners are local elected officials, but they do have the right to reach out to any other elected officials.

Mr. Louis Johnson agreed with Mr. Dominick that the Commissioners should be addressing those core issues that he identified. He pointed out that the resolution does not address crime or the other outside issues that are being discussed. He said that the resolution is about an immigration policy.

**Amendment by Mr. Linn**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to send Resolution No. 35 of 2019 to all of the Louisiana Senators and Congress.*

Mr. Linn explained that the Department Health & Hospitals conducted a study regarding the separation of children from their parents. He said that the long term mental health costs after a child is separated from their parents is more expensive and non-repairable than it is leaving them with their parents.

Mr. Jackson mentioned that the Commissioners have a right obligation to petition to other governing bodies or legislative bodies. Mr. Bowman agreed with Mr. Jackson.

Mr. Cawthorne stated that "all politics are local". He explained that the purpose of resolutions is mechanism in which organized groups exert their political power and influence legislation as they see it on a local level.

Mrs. Gage-Watts agreed with Mr. Cawthorne and describe the Commission as the "fingers of government". She then talked about a story in which a mother who was living in a home with no running water, no electricity, holes in the roof, and holes in the floor. The woman reached out to Mrs. Gage-Watts because she did not know what else to do. Mrs. Gage-Watts further explained that the woman had a 14-year-old child who she did not want to leave behind. She advised the woman that CPS could come in and take the child from her. Mrs. Gage-Watts said at that point, the woman did not even want to talk about it anymore. She said that the woman wanted to stay with her child, even in those deplorable conditions. She said that she is in full support of this resolution.

Mr. Atkins stated that this is a broad and complex issue with several different moving parts. For this reason, he will not vote in favor of this resolution.

Mr. Chavez explained that the very essence of crossing the border illegally is a crime, thus the separation of parents and children for committing a crime. He suggested that legislation be created urging President Trump to buy that family a ticket back to their home country with a U.S. Citizen Application, rather than keeping them in detention.

**Call for the Question by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts. 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. Linn's amendment carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Bowman, Cawthorne, Chavez, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Louis Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Linn (8). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Dominick, Middleton, and Smith (4). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mr. Linn's motion carried as amended, 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 and Middleton (4). ABSENT: None (0). ABSTAIN: Commissioner Smith (1).

**RESOLUTION NO. 35 OF 2019**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO NOT ADOPT AN IMMIGRATION POLICY WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE SEPARATION OF CHILDREN FROM THEIR PARENTS; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the current immigrations laws of the United States provide a basis for the separation of children from their parents when apprehended for entering the United States illegally;

WHEREAS, childhood development experts have overwhelmingly described this as detrimental to the normal development of children;

WHEREAS, regardless of whether those families are deported or granted entry to the United States, it is antithetical to a just and caring society that individuals in the custody of its government not be mistreated while in custody; and

WHEREAS, such detrimental treatment results in children being harmed while in the custody of our government.

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 President of the United States to not adopt an immigration policy which result in the separation of children from their parents when apprehended on entering the United States illegally.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of the Commission to the President of the United States and the Northwest Louisiana Delegation.

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

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Doug Dominick	_____	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Lyndon B. Johnson	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Steven Jackson	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Matthew Linn	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Jerald Bowman	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Lynn D. Cawthorne	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Stormy Gage-Watts	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mike Middleton	_____	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
John E. Atkins	_____	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Mario Chavez	_____	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Jim Smith	_____	_____	_____	<u>  X  </u>
Louis Johnson	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

          /s/ Todd Hopkins            
 Clerk

          /s/ Stormy Gage-Watts            
 President

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobo and approve the following appointments:*

- *Confirm appointment of Mr. James Lacaze to the Ward II Industrial District, to replace Dr. Stephen Taylor. Unanimous vote to nominate by the Vivian Town Council on Monday, April 8, 2019.*
- *Confirm appointment of Mrs. Loraine Guerrero to the Caddo Parish Animal Services Board to replace Mr. John D. Brock whose appointment term expired. New term to expire January 1, 2023.*

Mr. Chavez wanted to know if the candidate for the Animal Service Board has been approved by the Animal Services Board. Dr. Wilson explained that position is a recommendation by the Administrator, per the ordinance.

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, and Smith (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman and Middleton (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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

- Mr. Linn requested that Resolution No. 35 be sent to Dr. Pam McPhearson.
- Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked Mr. Chavez for stepping up to the plate when she was going through some personal issues.

She also said that Ms. Sachari Henderson sent each of the Commissioners a request in their inboxes.

- Mr. Cawthorne congratulated the Girls Track Team at Booker T. Washington for winning Second Place in the State Championship. He also congratulated Booker T. Washington for selecting a new permanent principal.
- Mr. Jackson announced that the Housing Trust Fund will meet after this meeting. He wished all of the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.
- Mr. Chavez requested that Resolution No. 38 be sent to the Senate.

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

  
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Stormy Gage-Watts  
President

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Todd Hopkins  
Commission Clerk