

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Work Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, with Mr. Chavez, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne and Gage-Watts (2).

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS

- It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to expand the agenda and add Ordinance No. 5980 of 2020, in regards to Zoning Case 20-5-P, 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 on the south side of South Lakeshore Drive and three hundred and sixty feet east of Jolly Napier Road, Caddo Parish, from R-1-7, Single-Family Residential Zoning District to R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District, and to otherwise providing with respect thereto* be added under New Business.

At this time, the President of the Commission opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the agenda addition. There being no one to speak in favor or against the agenda addition, the President closed the public hearing.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Government Chambers Protocol

Dr. Wilson provided a copy to all of the Commissioners.

Managing Face-to-Face Meetings Protocol within the Government Plaza Chamber and Meeting Conference Rooms for the Caddo Parish Commission in a Covid-19 Scenario Caddo Parish Commission Protocol for the Government Plaza Chamber:

This protocol provides for recommended preventive measures for Commissioners, Staff Members, and the general public for conducting meetings inside the Government Plaza Chamber and perimeters during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Various measures, in accordance with CDC guidelines, would be taken upon entrance, which include, required mask-wearing, body temperature screens, out-of-country travel inquiries, as well as, social distancing and hand sanitizing mandates.

To Whom Does This Protocol Apply:

This protocol applies to all Caddo Parish Commissioners, Staff Members and anyone from the general public attending a Caddo Parish Commission or Committee Meeting. All Caddo Parish Commissioners and Staff Members should take responsibility for its implementation.

Disclaimer:

This protocol was prepared by the Caddo Parish Commission in conjunction with the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Caddo Parish Commission is not responsible for the outcome of the implementation of this protocol and in no way guarantees the effectiveness of the method, materials, and protective equipment used to prevent or reduce CORONAVIRUS (Covid-19) infections among its Commissioners, Staff Members and the general public.

General Guidelines for Entering the Government Plaza Chamber and Conducting Business and/or Meetings:

Screenings at Entrance:

1. Visitors will be screened at the entrance and the screening process will include, if possible and legally allowed, measurements of body temperatures using a non-contact thermometer.
 - a. Any person registering a temperature of 99 degrees F., and above will not be allowed to attend the meeting. It is recommended that if anyone who has a persistent dry cough and shortness of breath should also not

- attend the meeting.
- b. It is advisable that those who might have been exposed by living with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 should self-quarantine. Anyone who has recently traveled to a high-risk location should voluntarily not attend the meeting.
- c. Meeting attendees will be asked the following questions prior to entrance:
 - i. Have you recently traveled out of state to an area that has been designated by the CDC as a “high concentrated area” for Covid-19?
 - ii. To the best of your knowledge, do you presently have any symptoms related to Covid-19?

Preventive Measures for the Chamber and Meeting Rooms:

1. The Environmental Services Section, of the Parish of Caddo Facilities & Maintenance Department, will ensure proper cleaning and disinfecting of the entire Chamber area and meeting rooms prior to and immediately after concluding any meetings with visitors. The staff will focus its efforts primarily where persons have had direct and constant contact with any office equipment, furniture, i.e., chairs, desks, door knobs, microphones or any other surfaces.
2. The Facilities and Maintenance Department personnel will work with the City of Shreveport building personnel to ensure adequate ventilation is available and that a percentage of outside air is constantly circulating into the Chamber area.
3. Persons attending the meeting will be advised to sanitize their hands upon entering the Chamber.
4. Anyone entering the building and/or Chamber area must wear a face mask which is in accordance with CDC guidelines and the mask must be kept on at all times, which applies to everyone.
5. Persons attending the meeting will be required to maintain social distancing of at least 2 meters (6 feet), which will reduce, if not prevent, face-to-face positioning.
6. Meetings should be held that allow for proper social distancing, depending on the size and characteristics of the room and seating arrangements, with a preference for ventilated environments. The lower the density the better. A sign should be posted on the meeting room entrance that clearly states the maximum number of persons allowed.
7. Everyone should be encouraged to avoid physical contact such as handshakes, hugging/embracing, as well as, sharing or exchanging supplies and/or equipment.
8. It is highly recommended that Commissioners and Staff Members remain at their work stations, at all times, to maintain the social distancing requirement. In addition, it is highly recommended that side-bar conferences should be curtailed. It is also advisable to refrain from passing documents and other items between individuals. This practice has a strong probability to spread germs.
9. Once the meeting is over, the public will be asked to clear the Chamber area before Commissioners and Staff leave the area to lessen crowds and to ensure social distancing rules are followed.

Steps Taken to Enhance the Environmental Safety Conditions within the Chamber Area.

1. Bio-hazardous Ultraviolet Light (UV) filtering devices were installed in all of the air ducts within the Chamber.
2. Portable free-standing bio-hazardous air filtering devices are being deployed in the Chamber to serve as an additional mechanism to remove any potential airborne bacteria.
3. Plexiglas enclosures were installed at each desk station, around the horseshoe, within the Chamber.
4. A plexiglas enclosure was installed around the podium where the public speak.
5. Audience seating was reduced to comply with the Governor’s orders, regarding the number of persons allowed to attend a public gathering/meeting, in order to maintain the proper social distancing requirements.
6. After the conclusion of each meeting, as well as, on a daily basis, the Parish of Caddo Environmental Services Section will completely sanitize the entire room and its surfaces.

Dr. Wilson reiterated that a mask must be worn correctly inside the Government Chambers.

- Phase III Update

Dr. Wilson advised the Commissioners that Louisiana is now in Phase III, so the entire workforce will be returning to the office on September 21. Employees must wear masks and practice

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social distancing. Staff meetings will be conducted via Zoom.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if there were any penalties for noncompliance. Dr. Wilson said that they would either need to comply or leave the room. He also advised that everyone entering the building must wear a mask.

- Forcht Wade Update

Dr. Wilson provided a letter to the Commissioners for support in demolishing the old Forcht Wade prison. He said that it would cost approximately \$2M to bring it up to code, and it is the recommendation from Administration to turn it into a green space.

Mr. Jackson appreciates that a jail will be torn down as well as the concept of a green space.

Mr. Epperson wanted to know if there would be any salvageable metals or scrap value. Dr. Wilson said that they will use the salvage value to pay for the cost of demolishing the building.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if the Parish will be demolishing the property. Dr. Wilson said that they will contact a contractor to demolish it.

- August 2020 Financials

Dr. Wilson said that the August 2020 monthly financials have been placed at each Commissioner's desk as well as being attached to the agenda.

Mrs. Barnett said that expenses are where they should be. Revenues are trending down slightly. Sales Tax, video poker, and riverboat is down, along with oil and gas, but nothing is substantial that the Commission cannot overcome. Due to the fund balances that have been built over the years, the Parish is in good standing right now. She also said that there will be some savings with supplies, lack of travel, and utilities.

- Dr. Wilson's response to Commissioners' requests

Mr. Jackson thanked Dr. Wilson and Administration for the way the staff has been able to respond effectively to the pandemic.

Mr. Johnson asked for an update on the Confederate Monument. Attorney Frazier said that they have had lengthy discussions with the consulting contractor, and the Purchasing Department is in the process of preparing the proposals.

Mr. Epperson wanted to know if everything related to the Confederate Monument will go. Attorney Frazier said that it will.

Mr. Johnson asked for an update on the former GM Plant. Dr. Wilson said that they have been in discussion with Mr. Stuart Lichtner with a possible tenant for the plant.

Mr. Johnson then asked for an update on Libbey Glass. Dr. Wilson said that Libbey has given an offer to the IDB, who then counter offered for the distribution part of the plant. He clarified that the negotiations are with the distribution center.

Mr. Johnson then asked for an update on Benteler Steele. Attorney Frazier said that the Parish only built a road and did not have a requirement for a number of jobs, but she will research it further.

COMMISSION REMARKS

- NOTE: The Commission will sit as the Tax Board of Review Thursday, September 17th during the Regular Commission Meeting.

- Mr. Johnson asked that Finance provide a spreadsheet for the NGOs prior to the Appropriations Committee meeting.

- Mr. Burrell thanked his fellow Commissioners for understanding the reasons they were meeting via teleconference. He also appreciated Administration and the Commission Clerk's Office for adjusting normal protocols to allow the Commissioners to meet via Zoom.

- Mr. Epperson asked that Property Standards look at 6818 Santa Monica Blvd.

OLD BUSINESS

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It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Ordinance No. 5969 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund for the year 2020 to provide an appropriation to conduct a feasibility study for a Regional Juvenile Center, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

Mr. Young said that Bossier Parish was no longer interested in the regional Juvenile Center. He wanted to know the validity of this statement, and if it was true, if there was a need for a feasibility study. Dr. Wilson agreed. He said that this is not needed at this time because a regional concept cannot be achieved without regional partners. He recommending that the Commission not pursue this at this time.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if there were other regional partners other than Bossier. Dr. Wilson said that no one else has expressed an interest in this.

Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Ordinance No. 5969 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund for the year 2020 to provide an appropriation to conduct a feasibility study for a Regional Juvenile Center, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be removed from the agenda. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Ordinance No. 5970 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund and the Oil & Gas Fund to provide an appropriation for body cameras for law enforcement and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be pulled from the agenda.

Mr. Chavez said that the agencies have already achieved their funding goal.

Substitute motion by Mr. Epperson, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that an appropriation of \$10,000 be allocated to the Shreveport City Marshal's Office for body cameras.*

Mr. Epperson said that Marshal Caldwell would like to upgrade to a better body camera system.

Mr. Young wanted to know if \$10,000 would be enough to help out the City Marshal's Office. He asked for a specific number that they are looking for. Mr. Epperson said that Marshal Caldwell would appreciate anything that the Commission can contribute.

Mr. Taliaferro asked that Marshal Caldwell provide the Commission a request, so that the Commission can fulfill that request satisfactorily. Mr. Burrell agreed.

Mr. Atkins mentioned that this can be forwarded for introduction, and the information requested can be distributed prior to a final vote.

Attorney Frazier agreed that this ordinance can be moved forward as is, and the amendments needed to be made can be done at final passage.

Mr. Taliaferro wanted to know if the smaller agencies have a need for funding for body cameras. He would like the Commission to reach out to the Chief of Police of Oil City, Vivian, and the other Caddo Parish municipalities.

Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Ordinance No. 5970 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund and the Oil & Gas Fund to provide an appropriation for body cameras for law enforcement and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

Substitute motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Ordinance No. 5970 of 2020* be remanded to the Special Needs/Long Ranging Planning Committee.

Mr. Hopkins said that this can be vetted fully in committee where the needs for the different agencies can be addressed.

Mr. Burrell said that those smaller communities may not even have an interest in cameras.

Call for the Question by Mr. Chavez, seconded by Mr. A Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that Ordinance No. 5972 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Caddo Parish Personnel Policy to require that all Parish employees hired, appointed, or promoted to Parish Administrator/CEO, Assistant Parish Administrator, Department Head, Assistant Department Head, Parish Attorney, Assistant Parish Attorney, and Commission Clerk must be residents of Caddo Parish, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be removed from the agenda. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Resolution No. 59 of 2020, a resolution recognizing August 7, 2020 as Purple Heart Day in Caddo Parish, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be removed from the agenda. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Resolution No. 60 of 2020, a resolution urging and requesting the United States Senate to pass the Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, and Johnson (6). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (4). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Resolution No. 68 of 2020, requesting the Secretary of State to authorize adding three additional early voting locations throughout Caddo Parish and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda.

Mr. Epperson pointed out that the Commission is already authorized for one early voting site. He said that if this resolution passes, then Caddo Parish would have a total of four additional early voting sites that could be placed throughout the Parish. Mr. Atkins agreed with Mr. Epperson.

Mr. Hopkins wanted to know if certain sites have been selected. Mr. Epperson suggested that the Commission get the authorization to get the site first, then choose where they will be located.

Friendly amendment by Mr. Jackson to add *requesting the Legislature to the resolution.* Mr. Epperson accepted.

Mr. Jackson said that Legislature would have to approve the sites.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion carried as amended, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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

- *Special Proclamation proclaiming August 2, 2020 as Abduhl Temple #94 Charter Day*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition & Remembrance for Mr. Louis "Luigi" Avallone*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition on the retirement of Shreveport City Council Clerk, Arthur Thompson*
- *Special Resolution of Remembrance for Pastor Odell Ross*
- *Special Resolution of Recognition for El Cabo Verde on being named the Best Mexican Restaurant in Louisiana for 24/7 Tempo's Best Mexican Restaurant in Every State list*

At this time, Mr. Hopkins' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that Ordinance No. 5981 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund and the Oil & Gas Fund to provide an appropriation for the construction and improvement of Blanchard water lines that serve unincorporated areas within Caddo Parish and the Bel-Di-Gil Water System, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction.

Mr. Hopkins said that this is an opportunity to provide water to I-49 and the rural areas of Caddo Parish.

Mayor Galambos said that Blanchard applied to the loan program through the DHH last July. This is a forgivable loan program that takes a water system that is failing with several fines and presents it to a water system that is successful. The State will fund the entire project. Mayor Galambos said that they are out to bid right now. They would like to upsize the lines that the State approved between Blanchard and the Dixie/Bel-Di-Gil area. He said that there is no development going on in that area because there is no water. He is requesting that the Commission help fund the upsizing of the project.

Mr. Epperson wanted to know if the Parish would be reimbursed for their part of the project. Mayor Galambos explained that they would not. He said that this would be an opportunity to upsize the lines for future development.

Mr. Johnson said that the project is a good one in that it will create development for the rural areas and add homes and commercial property to the tax rolls. He would like some type of reimbursement for this project though.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know why the State would not support the upsizing of the lines. Mayor Galambos explained that the State originally wanted to do smaller lines (4 inch and 8 inch), but Blanchard's engineer argued that it would not provide enough pressure to get to Belcher. They were able to get 12-inch and 16-inch lines from the State, but they would like to upsize those lines for potential economic growth in the I-49 corridor.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know why this did not come out of the Economic Development Committee. Mr. Hopkins said that this project fits several different committees. He also mentioned that there are three weeks from now and final adoption. He asked that this be introduced and discussed in committee prior to final passage.

Substitute motion by Mr. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that Ordinance No. 5981 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund and the Oil & Gas Fund to provide an appropriation for the construction and improvement of Blanchard water lines that serve unincorporated areas within Caddo Parish and the Bel-Di-Gil Water System, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be remanded to the Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Atkins would like this to be vetted a little more. He also wanted to know what is driving this demand. Mayor Galambos explained that there was an opportunity for Blanchard to take over a failing water system to provide rural citizens good water.

Mr. Chavez wanted to know the timeline for this ordinance. Mayor Galambos said that they plan to start construction in November or December of this year.

Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *that Ordinance No. 5981 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund and the Oil & Gas Fund to provide an appropriation for the construction and improvement of Blanchard water lines that serve unincorporated areas within Caddo Parish and the Bel-Di-Gil Water System, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda for introduction and have an Economic Development Committee scheduled prior to final adoption. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Substitute motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to englobo and move the following ordinances to Thursday's agenda:*

- *Ordinance No. 5982 of 2020, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter relative to Section 3-07. Commission Meetings & Rules for presentation to the electorate, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5983 of 2020, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter relative to Section 3-07.*

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- *Ordinance No. 5984 of 2020, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter relative to Section 5-05.2. Department of Fleet Services for presentation to the electorate, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*

Mr. Hopkins asked that the Charter Review Chairman come to Thursday's Regular Session to provide a report on the Charter Review Committee. The Clerk of the Commission reminded the Commissioners that there will be a Zoom meeting for public hearing and final passage on October 2 at 1:00 p.m.

At this time, Mr. Jackson's substitute motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Resolution No. 70 of 2020, a resolution supporting a request for Capital Outlay funding to upgrade Walter B. Jacobs Park, and otherwise providing with respect thereto* be moved to Thursday's agenda.

Mr. Johnson said that \$500 per square foot is expensive. Dr. Wilson said that it will be a mix of brick, wood, steel, and not a prefabricated building. Mr. Johnson then wanted to know the payback for the building. Dr. Wilson said that they have identified some revenue sources for the ongoing maintenance costs of the building. He also mentioned that this would greatly improve the quality of life for the citizens of Caddo Parish.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know the dollar amount being requested. Dr. Wilson said that they are requesting \$8.7M, but there may be some matching costs that the Parish may have to pay. Mr. Jackson then wanted to know the priority ranking of this request. He asked that the Parish request to be in either priority 2 or 3. Mr. Jackson mentioned that priority 2 gives a line of credit.

Mr. Atkins wanted to know who the lead is on this project. Dr. Wilson said that the Caddo Parish Parks & Recreation Department is the lead. Mr. Atkins wanted more information regarding the project. Dr. Wilson said that the Parish is asking for 80% state funding for this project. He also explained that a professional architectural firm designed this building.

Dr. Wilson also mentioned that the Parks Department keeps track of the number of attendees per event they host. Every year, they need more room to host these events. He mentioned that one particular event has to bus attendees in because there is not enough room currently at Walter B. Jacobs.

Mr. Young said that this came out of committee. He said that this project would allow enough space to host events, and could possibly become a revenue source for events such as wedding receptions, family reunions, etc.

Mr. Johnson wanted to know if there was an admission fee to get into the building. Dr. Wilson said that there is not an admission fee unless there is a special event that calls for it. He then asked if there are any water features included in the park. Dr. Wilson said that there is not a currently water features in the model.

At this time, Mr. Young's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to englobo and move the following appointments to Thursday's agenda:*

- *Reappointment of Thomas Michael Irving to the Communications District No. 1 Board. Term to expire September 25, 2024.*
- *Reappointment of Lasonya Hayley to the Sewerage District No. 2 Board. Term to expire September 11, 2024.*

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Johnson, *that Zoning Case* be moved

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to Thursday's agenda for introduction. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Cawthorne and Gage-Watts (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

COMMUNIQUES/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Jackson mentioned that individual FEMA assistance was approved. He asked that Administration provide the information to the citizens.
- Mr. Burrell requested that Administration craft a letter of support for the broadband survey discussed in a previous meeting.
- Dr. Wilson stated that there are 8 cases of West Nile in Louisiana with 4 of them being in Caddo Parish. Of those cases, three of them are neuro-invasive findings and one fever. He cautioned citizens to be aware of standing water. Mr. Chavez mentioned that Animal Services & Mosquito Control provides pellets that they can add to standing water to kill the mosquito larva.
- Mr. Burrell said that there is a spillway in his neighborhood that is blocked up and allows standing water which breeds mosquitos. He asked for any help in regards to this.

CONSENT AGENDA

- *Ordinance No. 5963 of 2020, an ordinance to set the General Purpose and Special Purpose Millages providing for millage rate adjustments, as allowed by Article VII, Section 23 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and LA R.S. 47:1705 (B), levying and imposing taxes and assessments for 2020 on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish of Caddo, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5964 of 2020, an ordinance 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 2020, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5965 of 2020, an ordinance 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 2020, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5966 of 2020, an ordinance setting the Parish millage for the purpose of paying principal and interest, due in 2020, 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 2020, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5976 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Oil & Gas Fund for the year 2020 to provide an appropriation for a mental health hotline and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5977 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Oil & Gas Fund for the year 2020 to provide an appropriation for Providence House Emergency Rental Assistance Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5978 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the General Fund for the year 2020 to provide an appropriation for the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 5979 of 2020, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Oil & Gas Fund for the year 2020 to provide an appropriation for childcare centers for COVID-19 related expenditures and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 51 of 2020, a resolution to authorize the Caddo Parish Administrator to request and authorize the Louisiana State Mineral & Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations and advertise for oil, gas, and mineral leases, accept bids, and award an execute oil, gas, and mineral leases on certain mineral interests owned by the Parish of Caddo, and*

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otherwise providing with respect thereto

At this time, there was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the Commission adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

/s/Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk