



AGENDA

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

ST. TAMMANY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX

21490 KOOP DRIVE, MANDEVILLE, LA.

CALL TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE JACOB "JAKE" A. AIREY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY MR. LORINO

INVOCATION BY MR. RANDOLPH

ROLL CALL:

Marty Dean

David Fitzgerald

Martha Jenkins Cazaubon

Michael R. Lorino, Jr.

Rykert O. Toledano, Jr.

Cheryl Tanner

James "Jimmie" Davis, III - ABSENT

Christopher Canulette

Michael "Mike" Maxwell Smith

Maureen "MO" O'Brien

Arthur Laughlin

Jerry Binder

Jacob "Jake" Airey

Ronald Randolph

PUBLIC COMMENT: A three (3) minute time limit is established for each member of the public wishing to speak (for or against) an item on the Agenda, except Appeals.

To ensure that all speakers are heard please hold cheers and applause. Anyone who wishes to place a comment in the record but who does not wish to speak at the podium may fill out a speaker card and check the box indicating they do not wish to speak.

- Collin Sims, Interim District Attorney – made comments regarding amending the District Attorney's office budget. He gave background on the legal department and its positions. He said they do not need the requested paralegal position. He asked them to give merit increases in 2023 instead, and they would return over \$80,000. He said he is also asking them to maintain the merit increases in 2024.

-Airey – asked to clarify if this is Civil, and Sims agreed.

-Binder – made comments.

-Airey explained the purpose of the Special meeting.

-Binder – moved to suspend the rules to move up Executive Session, seconded by Smith. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Davis).

-Sims – thanked Council for their hard work.

-Airey explained the need for Executive Session.

-Toledano – moved to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Lorino. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Davis).

**Council exited Chambers to convene Executive Session.

-Tanner – moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Randolph. Unanimous with 2 absent (Toledano, Davis)

SPECIAL ITEMS

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

-Airey - 1. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7391** - Ordinance to adopt the 2024 Operating Budget. (Airey/Cooper) (Introduced 09/27/2023) (Postponed 10/05/2023) (Postponed 11/02/2023)

-Tanner – spoke about amendments she will be offering and read a statement pertaining to the Parish’s budget, the deficit, and the amendments.

-Long – explained the amendment to 7391 that was passed out to the Council.

-Tanner – said there was 1 adjustment to make the 3% merit raise to the Civil department budget.

-Binder – made comments about the Revenue Review Advisory budget from the previous year and asked how it increased so much.

-Airey – asked him if he could wait until the vote on the amendment is made.

-Long – gave an explanation.

-Binder – said he would call Long.

-Tony Sanders – spoke regarding the amendment.

-Tanner – moved to amend, seconded by Toledano. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Davis).

-Tanner – moved to reintroduce as amended, seconded by Canulette; becomes Ordinance Calendar No. 7391AA.

-Airey - 2. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7392** - Ordinance to establish the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets. (Airey/Cooper) (Introduced 09/27/2023) (Postponed 10/05/2023) (Postponed 11/02/2023)

-Tanner – made comments.

-Long – explained the amendments.

-Tanner – moved to amend, seconded by Toledano. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Davis).

-Tanner – moved to reintroduce as amended, seconded by Canulette; becomes Ordinance Calendar No. 7392AA.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

DEVELOPMENT CODE ORDINANCES

-Airey - 1. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7465** - Ordinance to rename and reorganize existing Part II – Land Development Code (LDC) of the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances to re-establish Part II as a Unified Development Code (UDC), update standards within and across Part II: Unified Development Code in keeping with best practices, and to streamline, simplify and improve overall code navigation (Parishwide). (Davis)

- Amy Ybarzabal - read a statement regarding the Unified Development Code and the rewrite process. She spoke about 10 amendments they would like to propose. She said they provided a letter to Councilmembers with the proposed amendments.
- Lorino – thanked Davis for his work on this and wished him a speedy recovery. He also thanked Mr. Liner and spoke about the changes Ms. Ybarzabal proposed. He asked Liner if he could sit down with the Home Builders before the next meeting to see if they could work some things out. If not, he would likely propose an amendment.
- Toledano – thanked Liner and Ybarzabal. He said he is probably in favor of all of the suggestions. Asked Liner how would they work on making those changes.
- Liner – explained as with ever process.
- Binder – made comments and asked to be included in the meeting.
- Lorino – moved to introduce, seconded by Canulette.
- Airey - 2. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7466** - Ordinance to relocate existing Finance and Economic Development Districts in existing Part 2: Chapter 120 – Planning and Development of the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances not having an impact on development standards or permitting to Part 1, Chapter 2 - Administration, Article XI – Special District Budgets; retitle Article XI. “Special District Budgets” to “Special Districts;” and treat elements like board creation, boundaries, authority, and budgets comprehensively (Parishwide).
- Liner – explained they are just moving sections because it is in the wrong section.
- Toledano – moved to introduce, seconded by Lorino.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE

- Airey - 1. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7324** - Ordinance to amend St. Tammany parish Code of Ordinances Sections 130-918, 130-945, 130-969 to remove the term apartments from the definition of lodging as set forth in those ordinances and to exempt certain zoned parcels with zoning as of right. (Airey) (Introduced 07/13/2023)
- Airey – said there's an amendment that's been requested because this is being appealed. If they are not going to adopt the amendment then this will be on the council agenda as an appeal on December 7th. Asked if there was a motion and a second to amend.

**There was no motion/second, so item moves to the December 07, 2023 meeting as an appeal.

RESOLUTIONS

- Airey - 1. **Resolution Council Series No. C-6851** - Resolution to approve recommendations and authorize Civil Division Assistant District Attorney to proceed with the settlement of a charge entitled: Charge Number 461-2022-00720, Zachary Cuny. (Airey/Cooper)
- Tanner – moved to adopt, seconded by Toledano. Motion passes with eleven (11) yeas, two (2) nays (Canulette, Airey), and one (1) absent (Davis).
- Airey - 2. **Resolution Council Series No. C-6852** – Resolution to authorize the Parish President and Administration to apply for, commit, contract and utilize one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) in Community Development Block Grant funding to be utilized for infrastructure in conjunction with the development of workforce housing in District 2 of St. Tammany Parish. (Airey/Cooper)
- Airey – said seeing that there was a lack of action on the previous ordinance, then someone could make a motion to postpone indefinitely.

-Fitzgerald – moved to postpone indefinitely, seconded by Dean

**There were several cards, but no one spoke.

-Motion passes with twelve (12) yeas, one (1) nay (Airey), and one (1) absent (Davis)

-There being no further business, meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman.

, COUNCIL CHAIR

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK