



MINUTES OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023 5:00 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. Davis

INVOCATION BY Mr. Fitzgerald

ROLL CALL:

Marty Dean

David Fitzgerald

Martha Jenkins Cazaubon

Michael R. Lorino, Jr. ABSENT

Rykert O. Toledano, Jr.

Cheryl Tanner

James "Jimmie" Davis, III

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.**

**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.**

-Airey – explained the reason for the meeting was because of a potential conflict of current legal course.

**RESOLUTIONS**

-Airey - 1. Reso. C.S. No. C- 6783- Resolution to appoint Ross F. Lagarde, APLC, as special legal counsel for St. Tammany Parish Council for purposes of convening an investigation and review into the manner in which the proposed Covington Trace Ridge Apartments Development has been processed and any related matters, including litigation relating in any way to the processing of the development. (Airey)

-Adeline Rutherford – said she is praying that counsel would be best for people of the Parish.

-Donald Grossnickel – lives in Riverpark Estates and is the Vice President of the Homeowners' Association. He is against the project.

-Sherry Crawford – hopes the lawyer is best for the Parish.

- John LaMartina – said so many issues have come up that require legal representation. He said they will need an attorney. He asked who is the attorney and how well is he going to represent the people.
- Nancy Wagner – is against the hiring of Ross Lagarde. She spoke about money and how much Lagarde would be paid per hour and how many hours. She doesn't think this would be the best choice. She asked why not use investigators in the DA's office.
- Robert Barnett – spoke about the hiring of attorney and that it goes by the Attorney General's rules. He spoke about the investigation and how he put in a public records request that would take 8 weeks. He also spoke about administration refusing to look into this Code Enforcement complaints because of the investigation. He wholeheartedly supports the hiring of Lagarde.
- Louis Ogle – said his objection is not on hiring the attorney, but he looked at the ordinance. He spoke about the zoning of the property. He said it bothers him that the Council approved this zoning during Comprehensive Rezoning. He said it seems absurd that the Council that allowed this zoning now wants to investigate administration for issuing a permit that the Council approved.
- Peter McEnery – supports the Council hiring an attorney. Said the zoning says rooms, not units.
- Airey read out individuals who put in cards and did not want to speak and an email in support of the hiring of counsel was placed into the record.
- Toledano – moved to adopt, seconded by Fitzgerald. Unanimous with 1 (one) absent (Lorino).
- There being no further business, meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman.

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JACOB "JAKE" A. AIREY, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK