



## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023 FOLLOWING AGENDA REVIEW

ST. TAMMANY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

21490 KOOP DRIVE, MANDEVILLE, LA.

Call to order by Honorable Michael R. Lorino, Jr., Chair

Roll Call: Michael R. Lorino, Jr.  
Rykert O. Toledano, Jr.  
Cheryl Tanner  
Michael "Mike" Smith  
Maureen "MO" O'Brien  
Jerry Binder  
Jacob "Jake" A. Airey (ex officio member)  
Chris Canulette (alternate)

Also present: Cazaubon, Davis, Laughlin, Randolph

-Lorino - 1. Review of Monthly Finance Reports generated by the Finance Department.

-Leslie Long – explained the reports that she handed out.

-Tanner – asked about the sales tax revenue that has decreased by 3%.

-Long – explained the sales tax revenue.

-Randolph – asked about the Parish's participation in tax free day and how it will affect the Parish.

-Long – responded that the Parish always participates, but it doesn't affect the Parish enough for an amendment.

-Toledano – asked a question about lighting districts and the amounts in the reports.

-Long – explained that the note gives an explanation for the lighting district numbers.

-Lorino - 2. Review of referred proposed Finance Ordinances and Resolutions on the September 07, 2023 Council Meeting Agenda. (Meeting Agenda available in Council Office or on Parish website: [www.stpgov.org](http://www.stpgov.org))

-Lorino - 11. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7368** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Operating Budget – Amendment No. 13. (Lorino/Cooper)

-Long – explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to transfer \$1.772 million for the LA-22 Wastewater plant.

-Lorino - 12. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7369** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Operating Budget – Amendment No. 14. (Airey/Cooper)

-Long – explained that the purpose of this ordinance is for \$53,000 for estimated election costs for the Public Health Tax in November.

-Lorino - 13. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7370** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 47 – Safe Haven Facility Capital Projects. (Dean/Cooper)

- Long – explained that the purpose of this ordinance is for Safe Haven. It is a net increase of \$0. They are removing some projects and using those funds for the HVAC project.
- Lorino - 14. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7371** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 49 – Sewer/Water Quality Capital Projects. (Lorino/Cooper)
- Long – explained that the purpose of this ordinance is the \$1.772 million for the LA-22 Wastewater project.
- Lorino - 15. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7372** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 50 – St. Tammany Regional Airport Capital Projects. (Tanner/Cooper)
- Long – explained that the purpose of this ordinance is for FAA and LADOTD increased funding.
- Lorino - 16. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7373** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 46 – Parishwide Roads & Drainage Capital Projects (Dean/Fitzgerald)
- Long – explained that the purpose of this ordinance is for 5 projects: 1) LA1077 @ Brewster Rd. roundabout \$120,000; 2) LA1077 to LA21 connector road new contract \$6,575,000; 3) LA21 @ Greenbriar Blvd. intersection \$200,000; 4) Million Dollar Rd. \$1,502,000; 5) Oak Harbor Blvd. @Landmark Dr. intersection \$160,000
- Lorino – asked Long if she thought the impact fees were too high.
- Long – said they are going to ask for a study of fees to see if they are too high or too low.
- Lorino – asked when the last study was done.
- Long – said the original fees were imposed in 2005 and updated and reduced in 2013.
- Lorino – said he would ask again if in her opinion are they too high.
- Long – said there are a lot of factors that go into this.
- Lorino - 17. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7374** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets - Amendment No. 48 - Economic Development Capital Projects. (Laughlin/Lorino)
- Long – explained that the purpose of this ordinance is for \$75,00 for an impact fee study of the Bayou Liberty land use.
- Lorino - 18. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7375** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 51 – Grants Capital Projects. (Tanner/Cooper)
- Long – explained that the purpose of this ordinance is for \$6.1 million for the Rural Internet Connectivity for broadband internet access in high priority zones.
- Cazaubon – asked for a list of the zones.
- Long – said Gina Campo has a report.
- Tanner – said she will let this be introduced because she doesn't want to hold up the project. She said she knows that franchise fees need to be done before they bid this out. She asked Grant Blank a question about franchise fees. She said this could be a possible stream of income.
- Black – answered that he will speak someone who could possibly help with this.
- There being no further business, meeting adjourned at the call of the Committee Chairman.

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MICHAEL R. LORINO, JR., COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK