



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA REVIEW COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M.

ST. TAMMANY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

21490 KOOP DRIVE, MANDEVILLE, LA.

Call to order by Honorable Larry Rolling, Chair

Roll Call: Larry Rolling
 Martha Cazaubon
 Pat Phillips
 Cheryl Tanner
 Joe Impastato
 Maureen "MO" O'Brien
 Jeffrey Corbin

Also present: Smith, Laughlin, Seiden, Burke, Cogle, Binder, Strickland

-Rolling - 1. Review of Parish Council Agenda for the regular meeting on February 08, 2024. (Meeting Agenda available in Council Office or on Parish website: www.stpgov.org)

APPOINTMENTS

-Phillips – asked about staggering of terms for appointment #2, "Resolution to reappoint three (3) members whose terms have expired and to appoint two (2) members to fill vacancies on the Board of Commissioners for St. Tammany Parish Sub-Drainage District No. 2. (Phillips)".

-Emily Couvillion - responded that this board does not have staggered terms.

-Binder – asked if there were resumes for appointment #5, "Resolution to appoint nine (9) members to fill regular seats of which terms have expired and two (2) members to fill alternate seats on the Board of Commissioners for the Planning and Zoning Commission. (Parishwide) (Laughlin)".

-Council staff confirmed that there are resumes available.

-Laughlin – asked about staggered terms for appointments moving forward.

-Couvillion – explained the plan moving forward regarding staggering of terms.

-Impastato – clarified that appointment #7 should say nominate and not appoint, "Resolution to appoint Earl B. Gorrondona to replace David Lindsey (term expired) on the Board of Commissioners for Fire Protection District No. 4. (Impastato)".

-Phillips – asked about mentioning names on appointment items.

-Couvillion – gave clarity regarding nominating.

-Cogle – asked about staggering of terms and why wait.

-Couvillion – explained waiting until terms expired.

-Parish President – asked about terms running concurrent.

-Couvillion – explained that it depends on which board it is.

-Terry Hand – asked about other boards not complying when they have other members that are appointed by municipalities.

-Couvillion – responded.

-Impastato – moved to refer appointments #1 through #7 to the full Council, seconded by Corbin. Unanimous with no one absent.

-Rolling – mentioned pulling items #1 and #2 under Ordinances for Introduction.

Tanner – moved to refer Ordinances for Introduction #1 and #2 to the Finance committee, along with #11 through #18, seconded by O'Brien. Unanimous with no one absent.

-Rolling went through each category of the agenda, asking for any items that Council, Administration, and public wished to pull.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

4. Ordinance Calendar No. 7489 - Ordinance accepting Oak Alley Meadows Ph. 1 into the Parish Maintenance System. (Ward 3, District 3) (Cazaubon/Cooper)

-Cazaubon asked Jay Watson a question about phases in this subdivision.

-Watson and Daniel Hill responded to her questions.

-Cazaubon – moved to refer to the full Council, seconded by Tanner. Unanimous with no one absent.

10. Ordinance Calendar No. 7495 - Ordinance to declare a tax-adjudicated property as surplus property and to authorize the parish to proceed with the process for advertising the sale of such adjudicated property. (Phillips/Cooper)

-Phillips – asked for explanation of this ordinance.

-Couvillion – explained that this was to declare property as surplus.

RESOLUTIONS

-Tanner asked to pull #1, #7, and #8 for discussion.

-Rolling - mentioned also pulling #5.

1. Resolution Council Series No. C-6860 - Resolution to conclude the Investigation and Review, including corrective actions taken to prevent similar issues in the future, originally convened by Resolution Council Series No. C-6775 on June 01, 2023, into the manner in which the proposed Covington Trace Ridge Apartments development has been processed. (Dean) (Postponed 12/18/2023) (Postponed 01/11/2024)

-Tanner – said there are a couple of copies of this resolution that are passed around and she would like to see the one that is going to be voted on.

-Couvillion – explained that #1 has been postponed several times and should be the same.

-Tanner – asked Rolling how he was planning to handle this resolution.

-Rolling – responded that they would discuss at the Council meeting.

-Tanner – moved to refer to the full Council, seconded by Impastato. Unanimous with no one absent.

5. Resolution Council Series No. C-6878 - Resolution to concur/not concur (circle one) with the City of Slidell annexation and rezoning of Lot 3A, SQ 9 Lindberg Glen S/D, from Parish HC-2 (Highway Commercial) to City of Slidell C-4 (Highway Commercial). Property is located near intersection of interstate 10 and Robert Road, Slidell, LA, situated in Section 41, Township 8 South, Range 14 East. (Ward 8, District 13) (Corbin/Cooper)

-Clerk – explained the error in the title of this resolution.

-Couvillion – explained to Corbin that he would need to pull this at the Council meeting to concur or not concur with the annexation. She also explained that this can just be something that is corrected at the meeting next week.

-Corbin – moved to refer to the full Council, seconded by O'Brien. Unanimous with no one absent.

7. Resolution Council Series No. C-6880 - Resolution requesting outside counsel to withdraw from certain current State and Federal pending litigation against St. Tammany Parish Government and Parish Council. (Impastato)

-Tanner – said Lagarde is in attendance and he would like to withdraw. She would like to amend to take the term terminate off and make sure he is paid for his time.

-Ross Lagarde – will email everyone and explain his concerns. Said there was a different resolution drafted that led to some confusion. Will gladly withdraw and deal with payment information in the future.

-Tanner – asked if she had the right resolution.

-Clerk – responded if she got it from the website then, yes, she did.

-Tanner – refer to full Council, seconded by Impastato. Unanimous with no one absent.

8. Resolution Council Series No. C-6881 - Resolution consenting to the waiver of conflict by the current Parish Council and its members which may exist regarding the legal representation of the District Attorney in certain State and Federal litigation. (Impastato)

-Tanner – has concerns again about the wording. Doesn't know what rights Council is giving up with this resolution. Not exactly sure what this means. Asked how does this affect the Council.

-Couvillion – DA office would advise Council to seek independent 3rd party Counsel to address those issues.

-Tanner – said she is still confused and asked Lagarde to help her with this.

-Lagarde – confirmed what Couvillion said and said he has not spoken with anyone regarding this, but said he would speak with her at another time. He did not want to address it at the meeting to keep the attorney/client privilege.

-Tanner – moved to refer to the full Council, seconded by Corbin. Unanimous with no one absent.

-O'Brien – moved to refer the remainder of the items on the Consent Calendar to the full Council, seconded by Tanner. Unanimous with no one absent.

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

-Tanner – moved to refer Ordinances for Adoption #13 through #21 to the Finance committee, seconded by O'Brien. Unanimous with no one absent.

-Impastato – moved to refer the remainder of the Ordinances for Adoption to the full Council, seconded by Corbin. Unanimous with no one absent.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

1. Ordinance Calendar No. 7507 - Emergency ordinance to impose a thirty (30) day moratorium on the issuance of permits for construction or placement of building structures on any properties within the Forest Glen Subdivision located in Council District 7. (Impastato)

-Impastato – moved to refer to the full Council, seconded by Tanner. Unanimous with no one absent.

-Binder – explained that both appeals are in his district and he has done his due diligence. He said he would be prepared to move on them.

-Terri Lewis Stevens – made comments about public comments and the speaker cards.

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

LARRY ROLLING, COMMITTEE CHAIR

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK