



MINUTES OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2024 AT 6:00 PM
ST. TAMMANY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX
21490 KOOP DRIVE, MANDEVILLE, LA.

CALL TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE ARTHUR LAUGHLIN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY MR. BURKE

INVOCATION BY MR. COUGLE

ROLL CALL:

Rick Smith
Larry Rolling
Martha Cazaubon
Kathy Seiden
Pat Phillips
Cheryl Tanner
Joseph Impastato
Patrick Burke, III
David Cogle
Maureen O'Brien
Arthur Laughlin
Jerry Binder
Jeffrey Corbin
Jimmy Strickland, III

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.

PRESENTATIONS

- Laughlin - 1. Presentation of Proclamation to St. Tammany Parish Government Employee of the Month. (President Cooper)
- President Cooper – presented David Casse from the Department of Technology with the Employee of the Month proclamation.
- Laughlin - 2. Certificate of Recognition to Liz's Where Y'at Diner for being presented with Louisiana Travel Association 2024 Louey Award for Restaurateur of the Year. (O'Brien)
- O'Brien – makes a presentation to Liz Munsen.
- Liz Munsen – makes comments about her business.

APPOINTMENTS

- Laughlin - 1. Resolution to appoint D. David Johnson, Jacob Groby, or Glen Boyer to fill vacancies on the Board of Commissioners for the St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District. (Laughlin) (Nominated 01/11/2024)
 - Council proceeded to vote on nominees in order of nominations. (Groby, Boyer, and Johnson) The first vote was on Groby (nominated by Impastato, seconded by O'Brien on 01/11/2024).
 - Impastato – moved to appoint Groby, seconded by O'Brien. Motion passes with thirteen (13) yeas and one (1) abstention (Smith); becomes Resolution Council Series No. C-6882.
 - Binder – asked about the other 2 nominees and if they would lay over for a month after the first vote was made.
 - It was explained that they were nominated at the previous meeting and the nominees had to lay over until the February meeting.
 - Council proceeded to vote on the second nominee, Boyer (nominated by Burke, seconded by Impastato on 01/11/2024).
 - Burke – moved to appoint Boyer, seconded by Cogle. Motion passes with twelve (12) yeas, one (1) nay (O'Brien), and one (1) abstention (Smith); becomes Resolution Council Series No. C-6883.
 - After the second vote, Binder questioned using the vote sheets as previously done. He said he did not know about the voting process.
 - Emily Couvillion – explained the process and the Attorney General opinion.
 - Laughlin - 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)
 - Phillips – moved to appoint/reappoint, seconded by Impastato. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Resolution Council Series No. C-6884.
 - Laughlin - 3. Resolution to reappoint three (3) members whose terms have expired and appoint one (1) member to fill a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners for Fire Protection District No. 3. (Impastato)
 - Impastato – moved to appoint Danny Hall (2-year term), Leo Casnave (2-year term), Murphy Arsenaux (1-year term), and Jeanne Hutchison (1-year term), seconded by Rolling. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Resolution Council Series No. C-6885.
 - Laughlin - 4. Resolution to appoint/reappoint six (6) members to fill seats of which terms have expired on the Board of Commissioners for St. Tammany Parish Recreation District No. 1. (Impastato)
 - Laughlin – explained that terms would be determined by lot.
 - Cogle – asked about lots.
 - Couvillion – explained how the terms would be determined by lot.
 - Impastato – moved to nominate Barret McGuire (1-year term), Edward Bee (3-year term), and John Neill (5-year term), seconded by Burke.
 - Phillips – moved to nominate Rick Danielson (4-year term), seconded by O'Brien.
 - Seiden – moved to nominate Cammie “deShea” Richardson (6-year term), seconded by O'Brien.
 - Rolling – moved to nominate Shearn Lemoine (2-year term), seconded by Burke.
 - Impastato – moved to appoint for the aforementioned staggered terms in-globo, seconded by Seiden. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Resolution Council Series No. C-6886.
 - Laughlin - 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)
- *Nominations are taken for the nine (9) regular seats:

Cogle – moved to nominate AG Crowe, seconded by Binder
Tanner – moved to nominate Tom Seeger, seconded by Impastato
Cazaubon – moved to nominate John Gaines, seconded by Smith
Rolling – moved to nominate Ben Martino, seconded by Smith
Smith – moved to nominate Fritz Walker, seconded by Rolling
Seiden – moved to nominate Phillip Truxillo, seconded by Impastato
Impastato – moved to nominate Pat Milligan, seconded by Corbin
Burke – moved to nominate Dave Doherty, seconded by Corbin
O’Brien – moved to nominate Carlo Hernandez, seconded by Impastato
Binder – moved to nominate Robert Troncoso, seconded by Tanner
Impastato – moved to nominate Gerrin Narcisse, seconded by Strickland
Strickland – moved to nominate Master John Horne, seconded by Impastato
Impastato – moved to nominate Lisa Ciuffi, seconded by Burke

*Nominations are taken for the two (2) alternate seats:

O’Brien – moved to nominate Dexter Accardo, seconded by Impastato

*The vote on this will lay over until the next meeting.

-Laughlin - 6. Resolution to appoint four (4) members to fill regular seats of which terms have expired and two (2) members to fill alternate seats on the Board of Zoning Adjustments. (Parishwide) (Laughlin)

*Nominations are taken for the four (4) regular seats:

Impastato – moved to nominate Ron Glockner, seconded by Tanner
O’Brien – moved to nominate Michael Blache, seconded by Seiden
Burke – moved to nominate Kristy Thomas, seconded by O’Brien
Strickland – moved to nominate Shana Tranchant, seconded by Impastato
O’Brien – moved to nominate William “Tom” Ballantine, seconded by Phillips

*There are no nominations for the two (2) alternate seats. The nominations are left open until the next month’s meeting.

*The vote on this will lay over until the next meeting.

-Laughlin - 7. Resolution to ~~appoint~~ nominate Earl B. Gorrondona to replace David Lindsey (term expired) on the Board of Commissioners for Fire Protection District No. 4. (Impastato)

-Impastato – moved to nominate Earl Gorrondona, seconded by Burke.

-Phillips – moved to nominate David Lindsey, seconded by Tanner.

-Impastato – moved to layover, seconded by Rolling. Unanimous with no one absent.

-Impastato – moved to take appeals out of order, seconded by Cogle. Unanimous with no one absent.

*Binder took a point of personal privilege to recognize Sheriff Randy Smith.

-Sheriff Smith – made comments.

APPEALS

- Laughlin - 1. Robert Moseley appealing the Zoning Commission APPROVAL on November 01, 2023 to rezone 0.14 acres of land, more or less, located on the west side of Howze Beach Boulevard, being Lots 5 & 6, Square 2, Homeland Heights Subdivision, Slidell from its present A-3 (Suburban District) to A-3 (Suburban District) and MHO (Manufactured Housing Overlay). (Ward 9, District 12) (2023-3515-ZC) Petitioner: Maggie McBride; Owner: Alba Paguada (Postponed 12/07/2023) (Postponed 01/11/2024)

NOTE: To concur with Zoning APPROVAL, a simple majority vote is required and introduction of an ordinance.

NOTE: To override Zoning APPROVAL, a majority vote of the Council is required and adoption of a resolution.

APPELLANT

-Robert Mosely – spoke against having a trailer in the area. He said the area is becoming nothing but a trailer park. He also spoke about sewage in the ditch. He said he cleaned the place up and has been working at it for 14 years. He also spoke about how he has worked with Code Enforcement.

OWNER/PETITIONER

-Maggie McBride and Alba Paguada – said she doesn't know what he has against them. Said they have cleaned the lot. Said she believes he is a racist because he has never tried to get to know them. Said they just want to make a home.

REBUTTAL

-Mosely – said this is where he stands. Said he doesn't want to see it trailered up again. He also spoke about the border and cartel and gangs.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

-Smith – asked Binder to address this and speak about the area since he has been working with Mosely over the years.

-Binder – spoke about the area. He said he drives in that area every day. He also said there are mobile homes in the area. He mentioned that if he concurred with the MHO, he will not allow it to go past that block. He also spoke about the property and the area and some issues that the area has had. He said it is a combination of stick built and mobile homes in the area. He also described the property in relation to Mosely's property. He said if he goes with this, he is not going to go past Desoto St with the MHO.

-Cazaubon – asked about the family that has cleaned the property. She spoke about how it sounded like they are contentious and would be an asset to the area.

-Binder – said the mother-in-law's property is well kept. He said the rest of the area is derelict and when they get funds, they will work on removing the derelict structures. He asked Ross Liner a question about the location of the property on the attached document/plat and spoke again about not allowing mobile homes past Desoto.

-Rolling – asked administration if anyone from Code Enforcement was there. Asked Liner about violations in the area.

-Liner – said it was average.

-Binder – moved to concur with the Zoning approval, seconded by Burke. Unanimous with no one absent.

-Binder – moved to introduce an ordinance, seconded by Impastato; becomes Ordinance Calendar No. 7508.

-Laughlin - 2. James D. Maddox & Evangelina J. Ussin appealing the Zoning Commission DENIAL on November 01, 2023 to rezone .20 acres of land, more or less, located on the north side of Dubuission Road, being Lot 58-A, Slidell Oak Ridge Subdivision, Slidell from its present A-3 (Suburban District) to an A-3 (Suburban District) and MHO (Manufactured Housing Overlay). (Ward 9, District 12) (2023-3562-ZC) Petitioner: James D. Maddox; Owner: Evangelina J. Ussin (Postponed 01/11/2024)

NOTE: To concur with Zoning DENIAL, a simple majority vote is required and adoption of a resolution.

NOTE: To override Zoning DENIAL, a majority vote of the entire Council is required and introduction of an ordinance.

-Binder – said he spoke to the gentleman twice on the phone. He said he understands that he would love to have a home. He also said this is a very different situation. He said this property is A-3 and lots of the property is derelict.

NOT IN FAVOR

-Donna McDonald – said she is asking Council to uphold the denial.

-Kevin McDonald – spoke about the area and gave a bit of history regarding trailers in the area. he said he and his wife own 4 lots on the west of the property. Asked the Council to please confirm the denial of the Zoning commission.

-Laughlin – said there was 1 other card not in favor that did not wish to speak.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

-Binder – said that homes in the area need to be raised. He made other comments about the area.

-Cogle – mentioned issues he has in his district with a derelict trailer.

-Binder – moved to concur with the Zoning denial, seconded by Cazaubon. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Strickland).

-Binder – moved to adopt a resolution, seconded by Impastato. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Strickland); becomes Resolution Council Series No. C-6889.

-Impastato – moved to move up the Off-the-floor agenda, seconded by Smith. Unanimous with no one absent.

NOTE: A unanimous vote of members present is needed to open the off-the-floor agenda.

-Rolling – moved to open the Off-the-floor agenda, seconded by Corbin. Unanimous with no one absent.

FEBRUARY 08, 2024 ITEMS OFF-THE-FLOOR

APPOINTMENT

-Laughlin - **OTF #1. Resolution** to appoint Tony Puglia to replace Pam Beard (resigned) for a 2-year term on the Board of Commissioners for St. Tammany Recreation District No. 4. (Impastato)

-Impastato – moved to appoint, seconded by Burke. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Resolution Council Series No. C-6887.

RESOLUTION

-Laughlin- **OTF #2. Resolution** to declare certain movable property surplus and authorizing disposition of same. (Laughlin).

-Impastato – moved to adopt, seconded by Smith. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Resolution Council Series No. C-6888.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

-Laughlin - **OTF #3. Emergency ordinance** to impose a thirty (30) day moratorium on the receipt of submissions by the St. Tammany Parish Department of Planning and Development and/or the issuance of permits by the Department of Permits and Inspections for the construction or placement of any new residence or dwelling within Tammany Forest Subdivision, as described in the attached recorded plat, located within the geographic boundaries of Council District 7, east of Hwy. 434 and on the east and west sides of Berry Todd Road. (Impastato)

-Impastato – explained why this emergency moratorium is needed.

-Impastato – moved to adopt, seconded by Burke. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Calendar No. 7509 and Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5381.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Laughlin - **OTF #4.** Lawsuits entitled: *Military Road Revitalization Company, LLC versus St. Tammany Parish Government*, Docket Number 2023-13320, 22nd Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Tammany filed on June 30, 2023 and *Military Road Revitalization Company, LLC and BCP Northshore Properties, LLC versus St. Tammany Parish Government*, Case Number 2:2024cv0005, United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana filed on January 5, 2024.
- Cazaubon – moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Seiden. Unanimous with no one absent.
- *Council members leave Chambers to go into Executive Session.
- Impastato – moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Seiden. Motion passes with thirteen (13) yeas and one (1) absent (Binder).

**CONSENT CALENDAR
 (PAGES 2 THROUGH 4)**

Any items not pulled from the Consent Calendar are automatically approved in whole by one vote. Items pulled from the Consent Calendar are discussed and voted upon individually. A majority vote of the entire Council (8) is required to adopt the Consent Calendar.

ITEMS PULLED

Ordinances for Introduction	Resolutions
11. Ordinance Calendar No. 7496	1. Resolution Council Series No. C-6860
15. Ordinance Calendar No. 7500	5. Resolution Council Series No. C-6878
17. Ordinance Calendar No. 7502	7. Resolution Council Series No. C-6880
18. Ordinance Calendar No. 7503	8. Resolution Council Series No. C-6881
19. Ordinance Calendar No. 7504	
20. Ordinance Calendar No. 7505	
21. Ordinance Calendar No. 7506	

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**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION
 (Public Hearing: March 07, 2024)**

FINANCE/BUDGET ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7391AA2** - Ordinance to adopt the 2024 Operating Budget. (Airey/Cooper)
2. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7392AA2** - Ordinance to establish the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets. (Airey/Cooper)

PUBLIC WORKS ORDINANCES

3. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7488** - Ordinance accepting finalized subdivision into the Road and Drainage Inventories, specifically Tamanend Subdivision, Ph. 1A. (Ward 7, District 11) (Laughlin/Cooper)
4. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7489** - Ordinance accepting Oak Alley Meadows Ph. 1 into the Parish Maintenance System. (Ward 3, District 3) (Cazaubon/Cooper)

DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES

5. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7490** - Ordinance amending the official zoning map of St. Tammany Parish, La, to reclassify a certain parcel located on the northwest corner of Bogue Falaya Avenue & E 2nd Street, Covington and which property comprises a total of .33 acres of land more or less, from its present A-4 (Single-Family Residential District) to an A-4 (Single-Family

Residential District) and MHO (Manufactured Housing Overlay). (Ward 3, District 2) (2023-3622-ZC) (Rolling/Cooper)

6. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7491** - Ordinance amending the official zoning map of St. Tammany Parish, La, to reclassify a certain parcel located on the north side of 2nd Street, east of North 5th Street, Pearl River and which property comprises a total of .22 acres of land more or less, from its present A-4 (Single-Family Residential District) and PF-1 (Public Facilities District) to an A-4 (Single-Family Residential District) and MHO (Manufactured Housing Overlay). (Ward 8, District 14) (2023-3624-ZC) (Strickland/Cooper)
7. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7492** - Ordinance amending the official zoning map of St. Tammany Parish, La, to reclassify a certain parcel located north of Jessikat Lane, Madisonville and which property comprises a total of 19.152 acres of land more or less, from its A-3 (Suburban District) to an HC-2 (Highway Commercial District). (Ward 1, District 1) (2023-3629-ZC) (Smith/Cooper)
8. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7493** - Ordinance amending the official zoning map of St. Tammany Parish, La, to reclassify a certain parcel located on the northwest side of Louisiana Highway 21, Covington and which property comprises a total of 1.285 acres of land more or less, from its present HC-2 (Highway Commercial District) to an HC-2 (Highway Commercial District) and EO (Entertainment Overlay). (Ward 1, District 1) (2023-3633-ZC) (Smith/Cooper)
9. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7494** - Ordinance to revoke an unopened portion of right-of-way located west of River Road and north of Branch Crossing Drive. (Ward 3, District 2) (REV23-12-007) (Rolling/Cooper)

CIVIL DIVISION ORDINANCE

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)

FINANCE ORDINANCES

12. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7497** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 4 – Utilities, Jail and Technology Capital Projects. (Laughlin/Cooper)
13. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7498** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 5 – Parishwide Roads & Drainage Capital Projects. (Laughlin/Cooper)
14. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7499** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 6 – Grants- Other – Homeland Security & Emergency Operations Capital Assets. (Smith/Cooper)
16. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7501** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 8 – Coastal Environmental Capital Projects. (Impastato/Cooper)

RESOLUTIONS

2. **Resolution Council Series No. C-6875** - Resolution to acknowledge and confirm the nominations the St. Tammany Parish President will submit to the Governor of Louisiana for appointment to the St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District Board. (Laughlin/Cooper)
3. **Resolution Council Series No. C-6876** - Resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) for improvements at the St. Tammany Regional Airport. (Laughlin/Cooper)
4. **Resolution Council Series No. C-6877** - Resolution supporting and authorizing St. Tammany Parish Government and all eligible water districts/systems under its jurisdiction in the State of Louisiana to execute a contract for legal services related to AFFF/PFAS litigation services. (Laughlin/Cooper)

- 6. Resolution Council Series No. C-6879** - Resolution to take action on Performance and/or Warranty Obligations. (Laughlin/Cooper)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

-O'Brien – moved to adopt the Consent Calendar, less items pulled, seconded by Impastato. Unanimous with no one absent.

-Laughlin - **11. Ordinance Calendar No. 7496** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Grants Budget – Amendment No. 2. (Laughlin/Cooper)

-Robert Barnett – asked about oversight by Council for use of funds or are funds solely used by the Parish President.

-Mary Burckell – explained how these funds are used.

-Barnett – made other comments.

-Couvillion – spoke about the Opioid Task Force.

-Impastato – moved to introduce, seconded by Binder.

-Laughlin - **15. Ordinance Calendar No. 7500** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 7 - Culture and Recreation Capital Projects. (Impastato/Cooper)

-Robert Barnett – asked about this project and what happened to increase this project.

-Corbin – moved to introduce, seconded by Impastato.

-Laughlin - **17. Ordinance Calendar No. 7502** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 9 – Sewer/Water Quality Capital Projects. (Smith/Cooper)

-Corbin – said they needed to look at #17 and #18 together because the statement at the end of #18 pertains to #17.

-Annie Perkins – explained the 2 ordinances and the administrative comment on #18.

-Corbin – moved to introduce, seconded by Strickland.

18. Ordinance Calendar No. 7503 - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Operating Budget – Amendment No. 3. (Laughlin/Cooper)

-Corbin – moved to introduce, seconded by Strickland.

MORATORIUM ORDINANCES

-Amy Ybarzabal with the Home Builders' Association – spoke in general about moratoriums and how they affect citizens. She mentioned that there are 7 moratoriums on the agenda and that is not good for business.

-Laughlin - **19. Ordinance Calendar No. 7504** - Ordinance to extend for six (6) months the moratorium on issuance of building or conditional use permits for construction or placement of building structures on property within a portion of unincorporated Town of Alton Subdivision. (Ward 9, District 14) (Strickland)

-Strickland – moved to amend to extend for three (3) months, seconded by Impastato. Unanimous with no one absent.

-Strickland – moved to introduce as amended, seconded by Impastato; becomes Ordinance Calendar No. 7504AA.

-Laughlin - **20. Ordinance Calendar No. 7505** - Ordinance to extend for six (6) months the moratorium on the receipt of submissions by the Parish Zoning and Planning Commissions for the rezoning or re-subdivision of property and/or on the issuance of permits for construction or placement of any building structures on property south of Interstate 12, north of Highway 190, west of Highway 11, and east of the Precinct S19 boundary line within unincorporated boundaries of Ward 9 in District 14. (Strickland)

- Strickland – moved to amend to extend for three (3) months, seconded by Impastato. Unanimous with no one absent.
- Strickland – moved to introduce as amended, seconded by Burke; becomes Ordinance Calendar No. 7505AA.
- Laughlin - **21. Ordinance Calendar No. 7506** - Ordinance to extend for six (6) months the moratorium on receipt of submissions by the Parish Planning and Zoning Commission for the re-subdivision or re-zoning of certain property and/or on the issuance of certain permits by the Parish Department of Planning and Development/Permits for the construction or placement of certain building structures on property in the area bounded by S. Military Road, Gause Blvd E, Amber St, Lake Village Blvd, Cross Gates Blvd, Hwy 1090, E. Porters River Rd, Porters River, West Pearl River, and Doubloon Branch (Ward 8, District 9). (Cogle)
- Cogle – said this needs to be amended to add District 13 due to the changing of Council District boundaries.
- Corbin – moved to introduce as amended, seconded by Cogle; becomes Ordinance Calendar No. 7506AA.
- Laughlin - **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)
- Terri Lewis Stevens –. She said she has a copy of all public records and has looked through them to see if there was anything not appropriate and can say there was not. She said there is no credible evidence that is untoward this project.
- Lynn Fritscher – said the investigation was not done properly. She spoke against the project.
- Laughlin – clarified that comments needed to remain on the investigation.
- Fritscher – said she thinks the investigation should continue.
- Margarite Duvic – said she thinks the investigation should continue. She said she is trying to come up with a timeline. She then read something that was said by the Parish President.
- Megan Westervelt – said she thinks the investigation should continue and then she read something regarding 3 permits.
- Cathy Rackley – said she would like to see the investigation continue and then spoke about notification.
- Robert Barnett – submitted a document into the record. He said he wants to know why the Parish is protecting the project. He spoke as to why the investigation should continue. He mentioned forming a committee.
- Karen Howard – is against the resolution because she feels like they are being kept in the dark. She wants to know where the studies are and she spoke about public notice. She said they have not been adequately notified. She also asked about a moratorium on the river.
- Steven Howard – spoke about the project. Shad the investigation should continue to figure out why this can continue.
- Muldraw Etheredge – from the Bayou Gardens/Beau Glen Civic Association area – said they are all against this. He said the investigation needs to continue to find out the effect on Bayou Gardens/Beau Glen Civic Association area. he spoke about flooding and asked why the developer is lying. He also spoke about forming a committee.
- Patricia Fox – is against the termination of the investigation. Said they need to find out how this project came to be.
- Laughlin – named other people who turned in speaker cards against this, but did not wish to speak.

- Claire Freidrichs – spoke about part of the Charter that says the Council can speak with departments and an email that went out regarding no contact with the departments. She spoke further about why the investigation should continue.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Rolling – spoke to clarify some things. He spoke about the findings that were previously submitted. He asked Laughlin to read the findings.
- Laughlin – read through the Findings of Fact.
- Rolling – made other comment and asked about Gina Hayes’ response and if it was on the website and part of public record.
- Hayes – responded that they were not on the website and read the responses aloud.
- Council discussion ensued with comments from Rolling, Hayes, and Binder.
- Cogle – asked about a substitute resolution.
- Cazaubon – offered a substitute.
- Laughlin – read the substitute aloud.
- Tanner – asked about any new information that may be available.
- Cazaubon – moved to substitute, seconded by Tanner. Motion passes with thirteen (13) yeas and one (1) nay (Rolling).
- Discussion ensued with comments from Rolling, Robert Barnett, Cogle, Tanner, and Cazaubon.
- Tanner – moved to adopt as amended, seconded by Cazaubon. Motion passes with thirteen (13) yeas and one (1) nay (Rolling); becomes Resolution Council Series No. C-6860AA.
- Laughlin - **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)
- Corbin – moved to concur with the annexation, seconded by Binder. Unanimous with no one absent.
- Laughlin - **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)
- Robert Barnett – said it is his understanding that this resolution is moot.
- Impastato – moved to remove this resolution from the agenda, seconded by Tanner. Unanimous with no one absent.
- Laughlin - **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)
- Robert Barnett – said this is all being done wrong. He said the District Attorney’s office shouldn’t be here. He said they are waiving someone else’s privilege. He talked about there being no firewall and this being problematic. He said they can’t waive this and if they want to waive it, they are asking for more litigation.
- Patricia Fox – said they should reconsider that it is maybe not the time to waive this. She said maybe they should postpone this and have someone look at it.
- Impastato – moved to adopt, seconded by Seiden. Motion passes with twelve (12) yeas, one (1) nay (Rolling), and one (1) abstention (O’Brien).

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

- Laughlin - **1. Ordinance Calendar No. 7127** - Ordinance to amend portions of Ordinance C.S. No. 12-2707, adopted April 5, 2012 and Codified as Sec. 40-333(A) of the Code of Ordinances of

the Parish of St. Tammany, which established and validated fees for sewerage and water services provided by systems owned and operated by the Parish. (Binder/Cooper) (Introduced 10/06/2022) (Postponed until 02/02/2023 on 11/03/2022) (Postponed 02/02/2023) (Postponed for 3 months on 03/02/2023) (Postponed for 3 months 06/01/2023) (Postponed for 3 months 09/07/2023) (Postponed for 2 months 12/07/2023)

- Binder – spoke about this ordinance. He said he needs a clear understanding of what the fees will be. He said if the Council is ready to move then he is okay, but he would consider postponing for one (1) month.
- Laughlin – asked about postponing indefinitely.
- Chris Tissue – made comments explaining what is occurring because the rates have not been increased since 2010. He said he is requesting an amendment for \$8.50/gallon for wastewater and \$3.50/gallon for water.
- Cazaubon – asked Tissue a question about this.
- Binder – moved to postpone, seconded by Impastato. Motion is unanimous with two (2) absent (Smith, Rolling).
- Laughlin - **2. Ordinance Calendar No. No. 7324AA** - 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 as amended 12/18/2023) (Postponed 01/11/2024)
- Impastato – moved to remove from the agenda, seconded by Smith.
- Robert Barnett – said if it is to be removed, then he has no comments.
- Motion is unanimous with one (1) absent (Rolling).
- Laughlin - **3. Ordinance Calendar No. 7467** - Ordinance to impose a six (6) month moratorium on the receipt of submissions by the St. Tammany Parish Department of Planning and/or the issuance of permits by the Department of Permits and Inspections for the rezoning and/or subdivision/re-subdivision and/or any construction or placement for any of the following: (1) any parcel of land ten (10) acres or larger which would result in an allowable density of any residentially-zoned parcel greater than A-2 Suburban District (one [1] unit per acre); or (2) any residential permitted use in a Planned Unit Development (PUD); or (3) any residential permitted use in a Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND); or (4) any single family dwelling unit and/or lodging permitted use in a Highway Commercial (HC) zoning district; or (5) any residential permitted use in a Planned Business Campus (PBC) zoning district, within the boundaries of council district 7 as established by Ordinance Council Series No. 22-5061 and within Council District 11 above Interstate 12 and below Hwy 36 in effect as of 2023. (Impastato) (Introduced 01/11/2024)
- Impastato- moved to adopt, seconded by Burke. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5359.
- Laughlin - **4. Ordinance Calendar No. 7468** - Ordinance to impose a six (6) month moratorium within the boundaries of Council District 9, as established by Ordinance Council Series No. 22-5061, on the receipt of submissions by the St. Tammany Parish Department of Planning & Development and/or the issuance of Permits by the St. Tammany Parish Department of Permits and Inspections for the rezoning and/or subdivision/resubdivision and/or any construction or placement for any of the following: (1) any parcel of land ten (10) acres or larger which would result in an allowable density of any residentially zoned parcel greater than or more dense than A-2 Suburban District (one [1] single family unit per acre); or (2) any parcel of land less than or smaller than ten acres (10) which would result in an allowable density greater than or more dense than A-3 Suburban District (two (2) single family units per acre); or (3) any residential permitted use in a Planned Unit Development Overlay ("PUDs") or; (4) any residential permitted use in a Traditional Neighborhood Development ("TNDs"); or (5) any single family dwelling and/or lodging permitted use in any Highway Commercial Zoning District or; (6) any residential permitted use in a Planned Business

Campus ("PBC") Zoning District or; (7) any residential properties one acre or greater on all roads without a land clearing permit. (Cogle) (Introduced 01/11/2024)

-Corbin – asked if this ordinance supersedes Ordinance Calendar No. 7506 because this one covers all of District 9 and the other one only a portion of District 9 and 13.

-Cogle – explained that the area overlaps, but the actual thing it covers is not the same.

**Impastato took over as Chair.

-Corbin – asked Liner about the differences.

-Liner – said he would need his notes.

-Couvillion -responded and answered Corbin's questions.

-Cogle – moved to adopt, seconded by Impastato. Unanimous with two (2) absent (Laughlin, Binder); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5360.

-Impastato - **5. Ordinance Calendar No. 7469AA** - Ordinance to extend a moratorium on receipt of submissions by the Parish Zoning Commission for Rezoning of property which would result in an increase in the allowable density of a residentially-zoned parcel greater than A-4 (four [4] units per acre), a Planned Unit Development overlay ("PUD") or a Traditional Neighborhood Development District ("TND"). (Parishwide) (Cazaubon/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)

-Corbin – asked what was the time for this extension.

-Cazaubon – responded that it was 3 months.

-Cazaubon – moved to adopt, seconded by Tanner. Unanimous with two (2) absent (Laughlin, Binder); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5361.

-Laughlin - **6. Ordinance Calendar No. 7470AA** - Ordinance to amend St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances to add Section 40-41. Boil Water Advisory Notification to require a boil water advisory to be issued by the Department of Utilities where pressure in the system lines drop below 20 psi or recorded residual is less than 0.5 mg/l in Districts 9 and 13. (Cogle/Corbin) (Introduced as amended 01/11/2024)

-Cogle – explained this ordinance.

-Corbin – gave further clarification.

-Cogle – moved to adopt, seconded by Corbin. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Laughlin); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5362.

-Laughlin - **7. Ordinance Calendar No. 7471** - Ordinance accepting finalized subdivision into the road and drainage inventories, specifically Perrilloux Trace Subdivision. (Ward 1, District 4) (Seiden/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)

-Seiden – moved to adopt, seconded by Smith. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Laughlin); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5363.

-Laughlin - **8. Ordinance Calendar No. 7472** - Ordinance amending the official zoning map of St. Tammany Parish, La, to reclassify a certain parcel located on the west side of Beverly Drive, north of Karrie Lane, Covington and which property comprises a total of 1 acre of land more or less, from its present A-2 (Suburban District) to an A-2 (Suburban District), RO (Rural Overlay) and MHO (Manufactured Housing Overlay). (Ward 3, District 3) (2023-3512-ZC) (Cazaubon/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)

-Cazaubon – moved to adopt, seconded by Rolling. Unanimous with two (2) absent (Seiden, Laughlin); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5364.

-Laughlin - **9. Ordinance Calendar No. 7473** - Ordinance amending the official zoning map of St. Tammany Parish, La, to reclassify a certain parcel located on the northeast corner of Coast Boulevard and Bosworth Avenue, being Lots 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, square 6, Central Park Subdivision Section A, Slidell and which property comprises a total of 0.64 acres of land more or less, from its present A-4A (Single-Family Residential District) to an I-1 (Industrial District). (Ward 8, District 12) (2023-3398-ZC) (Binder/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)

- Binder – said this was the right way to go.
- Binder – moved to adopt, seconded by Strickland. Unanimous with three (3) absent (Cazaubon, Seiden, Laughlin); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5365.
- **Laughlin returned as Chair.
- Laughlin - **10. Ordinance Calendar No. 7474** - Ordinance amending the official zoning map of St. Tammany Parish, La, to reclassify a certain parcel located east of U.S. Highway 190, west of Falconer Drive, south of Harrison Avenue, and north of 8th Avenue, Covington and which property comprises a total of 3.34 acres of land more or less, from its present HC-1 (Highway Commercial District) and A-4A (Single-Family Residential District) to an HC-2 (Highway Commercial District). (Ward 3, District 2) (2023-3585-ZC) (Rolling/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)
- Rolling – explained this ordinance.
- Rolling – moved to adopt, seconded by Impastato. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Cazaubon); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5366.
- Laughlin - **11. Ordinance Calendar No. 7475** - Ordinance amending the official zoning map of St. Tammany Parish, La, to reclassify a certain study area located on the east side of La Highway 41, south of Earl Bennett Road, and north of Coci Road, of which property comprises a total of 586.21 acres of land more or less, from its present A-4 (Single-Family Residential District) and MHO (Manufactured Housing Overlay) to A-2 (Suburban District) and MHO (Manufactured Housing Overlay). (Ward 6, District 6) (2023-3600-ZC) (Tanner) (Introduced 01/11/2024)
- Tanner – explained this ordinance.
- Tanner – moved to adopt, seconded by Cogle. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5367.
- Laughlin - **12. Ordinance Calendar No. 7476** - An ordinance amending the official zoning map of St. Tammany Parish, LA, to reclassify a certain parcel located on the west side of LA Highway 40, south of Stermer Road, Bush and which property comprises a total of 3.36 acres of land more or less, from its present A-1A (Suburban District) To A-1A (Suburban District) And MHO (Manufactured Housing Overlay) (Ward 2, District 6). (2023-3639-ZC) (Tanner) (Introduced 01/11/2024)
- Tanner – moved to adopt, seconded by Cazaubon. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5368.
- Laughlin - **13. Ordinance Calendar No. 7477** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Operating Budget – Amendment No. 1. (Tanner/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)
- Tanner – explained the purpose of this ordinance.
- Tanner – moved to adopt, seconded by Impastato. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5369.
- Laughlin - **14. Ordinance Calendar No. 7478** - An ordinance to establish the 2024 Grants Budget. (Cazaubon/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)
- Cazaubon – explained the purpose of this ordinance.
- Cazaubon – moved to adopt, seconded by Rolling. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5370.
- Laughlin - **15. Ordinance Calendar No. 7479** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 1 – Parishwide Roads & Drainage Capital Projects. (Burke/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)
- Burke – moved to adopt, seconded by Impastato. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5371.
- Laughlin - **16. Ordinance Calendar No. 7480** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 2 – Grants – Other – Health & Human Services Capital Assets. (Laughlin/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)

- Steven Michele, Assistant Fire Chief of the Coving Fire Department – spoke on #16 and #17 regarding the opioid epidemic.
- O'Brien – thanked him.
- Impastato – moved to adopt, seconded by Seiden. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5372.
- Laughlin - **17. Ordinance Calendar No. 7481** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Grants Budget – Amendment No. 1. (Laughlin/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)
- Impastato – moved to adopt, seconded by Rolling. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5373.
- Laughlin - **18. Ordinance Calendar No. 7482** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 68 – Safe Haven Facility Capital Projects. (Laughlin/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)
- Impastato – moved to adopt, seconded by Burke. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5374.
- Laughlin - **19. Ordinance Calendar No. 7483** - Ordinance to Amend the 2023 Operating Budget - Amendment No. 20. (Tanner/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)
- Tanner – moved to adopt, seconded by Corbin. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5375.
- Laughlin - **20. Ordinance Calendar No. 7484** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 3 – Parishwide Roads & Drainage Capital Projects. (Impastato/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)
- Cogle – asked Hill about funds and Hill responded.
- Annie Perkins – gave a breakdown of the project.
- Binder – asked Perkins if the \$29 million was additional.
- Perkins – responded that the \$29 million was an addition to the \$8 million that was added to the initial \$5 million.
- Binder – made further comments about the cost of the project.
- Hill – responded to Binder's comments.
- Tanner – asked Hill about subsurface drainage and if that can be taken out and they just do ditches.
- Hill – explained that there was only minor subsurface.
- Tanner – asked if the City of Mandeville has given an additional \$2 million.
- Impastato – responded that he believes so.
- Tanner – asked if the Parish funds would go down.
- Perkins – explained how the payment would occur.
- Corbin – asked Hill about the schedule of completing this project and time of Construction, and Hill responded.
- Phillips – made comments about the subsurface drainage and the \$2 million.
- Impastato – said he thinks this is a great project. He spoke about the importance of the project.
- Burke – said they need to move on this and stop stalling.
- Corbin – asked Hill another question about the potential engineering changes.
- Hill – responded and spoke about the pedestrian path.
- Impastato – moved to adopt, seconded by Seiden. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5376.
- Laughlin - **21. Ordinance Calendar No. 7485** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Operating Budget – Amendment No. 2. (Impastato/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)

- Corbin – made comments about the bridge on Brownsitch.
- Impastato – moved to adopt, seconded by Burke. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Cazaubon); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5377.
- Laughlin - **22. Ordinance Calendar No. 7486** - Ordinance to declare multiple tax-adjudicated properties as surplus property and to authorize the parish to proceed with the process for the advertising and sale of such adjudicated properties. (Tanner/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)
- Tanner – moved to adopt, seconded by Cogle. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5378.
- Laughlin - **23. Ordinance Calendar No. 7487** - Ordinance to adopt a second amendment to a (Voluntary) Developmental Agreement between the Parish of St. Tammany and Advance Mortgage Company, LLC, the developer of a portion of Tammany Hills Subdivision, Squares or Portions of Squares 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37, located in Ward 3, District 2. (Rolling/Cooper) (Introduced 01/22/2024)
- Rolling – explained the purpose of this ordinance.
- Rolling – moved to adopt, seconded by Seiden. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5379.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

- Laughlin - **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 – explained the need for this emergency ordinance.
- Impastato – moved to adopt, seconded by Cazaubon. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5380.
- There being no further business, meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

ARTHUR LAUGHLIN, COUNCIL CHAIR

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK