



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024 FOLLOWING AGENDA REVIEW

ST. TAMMANY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

21490 KOOP DRIVE, MANDEVILLE, LA.

Call to order by Honorable Rick Smith, Chair

-Smith – announced that Seiden cannot serve on the committee and would be replaced by Laughlin.

Roll Call: Rick Smith
~~Kathy Seiden~~ Arthur Laughlin
Cheryl Tanner
Joe Impastato
Patrick Burke, III
Jeffrey Corbin
Jimmy Strickland, III

Also present: Cogle, O'Brien, Binder

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

-Leslie Long – read through the reports. 1) Sales Tax Report 2) Budget-to-Actual Report

-Smith – asked Long about the first report.

-Smith -2. Review of proposed Finance Ordinances and Resolutions on the February 08, 2024 Council Meeting Agenda. (Meeting Agenda available in Council Office or on Parish website: www.stpgov.org)

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)

-Tanner – asked why they were on the agenda.

-Long – explained the publication issue. Said this was just to reintroduce and adopt in an abundance of caution

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

-Long – explained the 3 different budgets that Administration brings to the Council, Operating, Capital, and Grants.

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

- Long – explained that this is to recognize that the Parish has received \$1,200,749 from Opioid Abatement Settlement.

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)

- Long – Utilities fund is an Enterprise fund. Maison Du Lac Commons sewer force main, Metcalf Tammanend water distribution system, Westwood wastewater treatment plant, Jail plumbing in Bldg. A, and ERP system replacement.

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)

-Long – Judge Tanner Blvd sidewalk and Pedestrian-bicycle master plan.

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)

-Long – surveillance system trailer for Sheriff’s office and portable radios for Pearl River Police Dept.

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)

-Long – Lacombe Trace trails and nature park. \$1 grant from the State and match from Deep Water Horizon, and some CDBG entitlement funding.

-Tanner – how much is left in Deep Water Horizon.

-Long – that is just about depleted.

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)

-Long – using GoMesa dollars for Lake Pontchartrain barrier and removing Mandeville Lakefront wetlands restoration.

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)

-Long – Faubourg/Coquille water quality project. 75% funded by Capital outlay and 25% match from Utility fund.

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

-Long – amending Capital outlay portion of the Utility budget (Maison Du Lac Commons sewer force main, Metcalf Tammanend water distribution system, Westwood wastewater treatment plant, & Faubourg/Coquille water quality project)

-Phillips asked about the sidewalk on Judge Tanner Blvd.

-Long and Daniel Hill explained this project.

-Terri Lewis Stevens – made comments about this project.

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

13. Ordinance Calendar No. 7477 - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Operating Budget – Amendment No. 1. (Tanner/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)

-Long – increase in security contracts with Sheriff’s office for 3 buildings.

-Tanner – asked how much of an increase.

-Long - Justice Center +\$183,500, Koop Dr.+\$6,500, Tower’s Building \$7,300

-Tanner – asked when was the last time it was increased.

-Long – explained contract entered 2 years ago.

14. Ordinance Calendar No. 7478 - An ordinance to establish the 2024 Grants Budget. (Cazaubon/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)

-Long – first awards for 2024 – Division of the Arts, Best Friend’s Life Saving Vision, LiHeap

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)

-Long – this is for the Brownsitch Road bridge

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)

-Long – for assets being acquired from the Opioid settlement

17. Ordinance Calendar No. 7481 - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Grants Budget – Amendment No. 1. (Laughlin/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)

-Long – explained the purpose of this ordinance.

-Corbin – asked about the mandate for the jail.

-Council discussion ensued about this ordinance and the Opioid settlement funds with comments from the following individuals:

-Corbin, Couvillion, Mary Burckell, Hand, Smith, Long, Laughlin, President Cooper, Terri Lewis Stevens, Cogle, Jeanne Marino, Binder

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)

-Long – explained the purpose of this ordinance.

-Phillips – asked about Veteran’s housing at Safe Haven.

-Marino – explained the funding.

-Corbin – asked about the funds that are expiring and Marino explained them.

19. Ordinance Calendar No. 7483 - Ordinance to Amend the 2023 Operating Budget - Amendment No. 20. (Tanner/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)

-Long – explained the purpose of this ordinance.

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)

-Long – explained the purpose of this ordinance is for an increase in the funding for the Mandeville Bypass Rd.

-Tanner asks questions to Daniel Hill about the project.

-Council discussion ensued with comments from the following individuals:

-Hill, Impastato, O’Brien, President Cooper, Long, Laughlin, Binder

21. Ordinance Calendar No. 7485 - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Operating Budget – Amendment No. 2. (Impastato/Cooper) (Introduced 01/11/2024)

-Long – explained the purpose of this ordinance.

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

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

RICK SMITH, COMMITTEE CHAIR

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK