



MINUTES OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 07, 2024 AT 6:00 PM  
ST. TAMMANY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX  
21490 KOOP DRIVE, MANDEVILLE, LA.

CALL TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE ARTHUR A. LAUGHLIN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY COUNCILMAN PAT PHILLIPS

INVOCATION BY PASTOR JIMMY OWENS, Executive Pastor at St. Timothy on the Northshore Church

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**

1. Introduction of Junior Council Member for March 2024 – Joel Mayeaux. (Binder) This was postponed until a later date.

- Laughlin - 2. Presentation of Proclamation to St. Tammany Parish Government Employee of the Month. (President Cooper)

-President Cooper – presented Demetrius Oatis from the Department of Public Works with the Employee of the Month proclamation.

-Laughlin - 3. Presentation from Renee Gassen on behalf of Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill. (President Cooper)

-President Cooper presented Renee with a certificate of recognition.

-Renee Gassen – made comments on behalf of the Attorney General's office.

- \*\*President Cooper took a point of personal privilege to remind the public to go out and vote.
- Laughlin - 4. Introduction of Executive Director of Council on Aging St. Tammany by Julie Agan. (Rolling)
- Julie Agan - introduced Amy Kudell and Amy Kudell gave an overview of COAST.
- O'Brien – made comments about COAST.
- Laughlin - 5. Presentation to Michael Tucker for community service. (Cogle)
- Cogle – presented Michael Tucker with a certificate of recognition.
- Tucker – spoke about the program he runs in Pearl River and the drug epidemic in the area.
- Impastato – moved to take the appeals out of order, seconded by Cazaubon. Unanimous with no one absent.

### APPEALS

**Each side is allowed 10 (ten) minutes to present their case and 3 (three) minutes for rebuttal, a 2 (two) minute conclusion per side may be allowed if questions are asked by the Council.**

- Laughlin - 1. Roland Vaughn Cimini appealing the Zoning Commission **DENIAL** on February 06, 2024 to rezone 36.85 acres of land, more or less, located on the north side of US Highway 190 and the east and west sides of Pruden Road, west of Penn Mill Road, Covington from its present A-1 (Suburban District) to an HC-2 (Highway Commercial District) and RO (Rural Overlay). (Ward 3, District 3) (2023-3665-ZC) Petitioner: Roland Vaughn Cimini; Owner: Terryland, LLC - Roland Vaughn Cimini

**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.

- Cazaubon – would like to table this in order to have a community meeting.
- Cazaubon – moved to postpone for two months, seconded by Burke.
- Laughlin – said he has 11 cards and there is a motion to postpone.
- Cazaubon – said she didn't realize there were that many people there because she wanted to contact the community to sit down and have them talk with the developer. She said they took all of the comments that were made on this at the planning and zoning and have redrawn the plans, but she wants to meet with the community to get their input and for them to see what they have come up with.
- Matthew Allen – said he appreciates the developer's comments. He said what was presented was problematic and he hopes they can work something out. and he is good with the postponement.
- Motion is unanimous with no one absent.
- Laughlin - 2. John Scaife and Stephanie Kovac appealing the Zoning Commission **APPROVAL** on February 06, 2024 to rezone 7.001 acres of land, more or less, located on the north side of Louisiana Highway 22 West, being 1846 Louisiana Highway 22 West, Madisonville from its present A-2 (Suburban District) to CBF-1 (Community Based Facilities District). (Ward 1, District 1) (2023-3609-ZC) Petitioner: Jeff Schoen; Owner: Crosby Development LLC

**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.

-Smith – said they had a community meeting prior to this, but it was on a night when there was a bad downpour and warnings were given to stay home. He said he asked the petitioners if they could postpone and set a community meeting for March 21<sup>st</sup> to give the residents along the boundary lines of District 1 and District 4 the opportunity to express their concerns. He said hopefully the developer and the petitioners can address the concerns at the community so they can come to a better decision in April.

-Smith – moved to postpone for 1 month, seconded by Seiden. Unanimous with no one absent.

### APPOINTMENTS

-Laughlin - 1. 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 made at the 02/08/2024 meeting)

-Corbin – explained that several members of the Council have been working on a process that will improve their current voting process for situations where there are more people voting than open slots.

-Corbin – moved to postpone for 1 month while the voting process is finalized and brought forward in a resolution, seconded by Binder. Unanimous with no one absent.

-Laughlin - 2. 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 made at the 02/08/2024 meeting)

-Corbin – moved to postpone, seconded by O'Brien. Unanimous with no one absent.

-Laughlin - 3. Resolution to appoint one (1) member to fill an expired term on the Board of Commissioners for Fire Protection District No. 4. (Impastato) (Nominations made at the 02/08/2024 meeting)

-Corbin – said this is the same issue and they want to approve their voting process to make it transparent and available to the public, so he would like to postpone it for one month.

-Impastato – said in this situation, there are only two nominations so he doesn't think there is any reason to postpone this one. They can move forward with it.

-Laughlin – said they have conflicting motions and there's one spot with two nominations.

-Smith – said for the most part he agrees with Councilman Corbin on postponing the first two, but in this instance, he agrees with Mr. Impastato. He said they have two candidates for one seat and he thinks it will be a fair vote. Said he is in agreement with moving forward with this.

-Couvillion – said the motion to postpone did not get a second, so they will take up the nominees. She then explained how the voting process would go.

-Laughlin – the first nominee is Earl Gorrondona who was nominated by Mr. Impastato and seconded by Mr. Burke. He also explained that the term would be drawn by lot for one or two years.

-Cogle – asked legal counsel a question about the staggering of terms.

- Couvillion – explained that it is staggered and terms would be drawn by lot.
- Motion passes with eleven (11) yeas, two (2) nays (Phillips, Tanner), and one (1) absent (Binder); becomes Resolution Council Series No. C-6902.
- \*\*Impastato draws the term from a lot and Laughlin reports that the term is for two (2) years.
- Laughlin - 4. Resolution to reappoint Wayne Kempff, Bill Boren, Clayton Boyce, Charles “Bob” Skillern, and Peter Persson to the Board of Commissioners for Sub-Drainage District No. 3 of Gravity Drainage District No. 5. (Phillips)
- Phillips – moved to reappoint/appoint, seconded by Burke. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Resolution Council Series No. C-6903.
- Laughlin – explained that these are five (5) year terms, not staggered.
- Laughlin - 5. Resolution to reappoint Wilson D. Bulloch, III (term expired) to the Board of Commissioners for Hospital Services District No. 1. (Tanner)
- Tanner – moved to reappoint, seconded by Cazaubon. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Resolution Council Series No. C-6904.
- Laughlin - 6. Resolution to reappoint Skip Phillips (3-year term) and Peter Finger (2-year term) and to appoint Marlon Parker (1-year term) to the Board of Commissioners for the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District No. 5. (Cogle/Strickland)
- Cogle – explained that this is a board that requires staggering, so they are correcting that with the two reappointments and Mr. Strickland has a new appointment.
- Cogle – moved to reappoint/appoint, seconded by Strickland. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Strickland); becomes Resolution Council Series No. C-6905.
- Laughlin - 7. Resolution to appoint Keith Espadron to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Commissioners for St. Tammany Parish Recreation District No. 10. (Cazaubon)
- Cazaubon – moved to appoint for a two (2) year term, seconded by Tanner. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Resolution Council Series No. C-6906.
- Laughlin - 8. Resolution to reappoint Susan Howell (1 year term), Krystal Easterling (2-year term), Matt Carrasco (3-year term), EJ Mayfield (4-year term), Cassie Audibert (5-year term) and John Decaro, Jr. (1-year term) to the Board of Commissioners for the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District No. 7. (Cogle/Tanner)
- Cogle – said these are all reappointments and, again, the state law requires staggering, so they are correcting that. He said there are no new members here, just reappointments to make sure they get compliant with state law.
- Cogle – moved to appoint, seconded by Tanner.
- Tanner – said they have worked on this board for a number of years and they have finally gotten members that are willing to serve. She said they have had quite a turnover and they are doing an excellent job.
- Motion is unanimous with one (1) absent (Strickland); becomes Resolution Council Series No. C-6907.
- Laughlin - 9. Resolution to reappoint Justin Adams (1-year term), Mark Files (2- year term), Michael Saladino (5-year term), Michael Michel (4-year term), and Dennis Franco (3-year term) and appoint Angela Hord to the Board of Commissioners for the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District No. 6. (Tanner)

-Tanner – moved to reappoint/appoint.

-Cogle – asked if they can do a six (6) year term.

-Couvillion confirmed.

-Cazaubon – seconded the motion to reappoint/appoint. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Impastato); becomes Resolution Council Series No. C-6908.

-Laughlin - 10. Resolution to appoint members of the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control pursuant to staggered terms as required by La. R.S. 25:214(B). (Parishwide) (Cogle)

-Cogle - read a statement regarding the Library Board of Control, staggering, and the purpose of this resolution.

-Cogle – moved to nominate Rory Roberts to the board, seconded by Burke (not clearly stated).

-Cazaubon – made comments about giving the term limits to current members, and then nominating to fill the vacant seats. She moved to postpone this resolution for one month.

-Corbin – seconded the postponement. He said there was no issue with Mr. Cogle wanting to come into compliance, but he has a problem with the process. He said this has been going on with no community meeting. He said he has spoken to people on both sides. He spoke regarding his position on the library's issues. He said it would be useful to have a community meeting that could be televised so issues could be addressed.

-Cogle – said the law is clear and are they asking the community if they should follow the law. He also made comments about things occurring behind his back regarding ignoring the law. He said you can't ignore the law for political reasons.

-Binder – said Mr. Cogle is confusing the postponement for 1 month with a no vote. He said they need to know who they will replace the board with. He said he will interview them over the next month. He also said it is not the attorney's fault that staggering got pushed to the wayside.

-Corbin – said he agrees that the board needs to be staggered. He said this has been an issue for 20 years, so he can't imagine that 1 more month will be a problem.

-Cazaubon – said they need a healing process.

-Phillips – asked if they can go into executive session to discuss the issues.

-Couvillion – explained that they would need to articulate a reason to justify going into Executive Session under Revised Statue 42:19 and she cannot think of one that would be applicable tonight.

-Rolling – said he recommends postponing, but they need a plan put in place.

-Impastato – said they are just nominating and staggering, it is not the time to postpone. He said they can postpone next month.

-O'Brien – said she has someone express interest late. She spoke in favor of the postponement.

-Burke – said he is confused. They are not talking about he issues. All they are doing is making nominations. He said there is no reason to delay.

-Council discussion ensued with additional comments from Cogle, Corbin, Burke, and Binder.

-Laughlin – explained that public comment will be on the postponement.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Cynthia Weatherly – said that for other boards, they simply renominated the people and assigned staggered terms. Asked why this one is getting all new members. She said they don't need to postpone and they don't need new members. She said treat this board like every board. She also said that Mr. Cogle is biased and needs to recuse himself.

-Anita Gamble – said she is in agreement with postponing because process has been unfair and Mr. Cogle has chosen an unfair method of carrying out what needs to be done with staggering of terms. Agrees that they should follow the law and terms should be staggered, but doesn't see why they have to get rid of the entire board. Said process is very non-transparent. She also said that she thinks they have a right to have meetings on this.

-Jeffrey Marshall – said he is in favor of postponement because this has become a hotbed issue, and he is not prepared to understand the impact of the current strategy of staggering. Explained that he is disappointed in the performance of the library board in some of the issues that have come up, so he is in favor of some time to discuss further.

-Lisa Rustemeyer – said that she is not opposed to taking more time. Agrees in doing it right, rather than rushing it through. Says she is concerned with interviewing 17 candidates when there's only one vacant seat. Said if staggering is for continuity, why would you wipe all of the seats and start over again. Says she also disagrees and there is no clear authority for the Parish Council to remove Library Board of Control members. She spoke about a couple of Attorney General opinions.

-Rachael Rhodes – asked that they be careful in the proposal to postpone. Spoke about Machiavelli tactics and machiavellism. She said the resolution is trying to remove library board members and replace them with people who agree with a one-sided viewpoint that does not represent the diverse population in St. Tammany Parish. Asked that they be careful when voting on the resolution.

-Devin Magee – said he essentially agrees to the legal outline that the appointments will happen. Says that it's been 20 years that it has been out of compliance and the appointments need to happen. Doesn't see why they can't commit to fixing the problem now instead of postponing the decision for a month. He said they are not deciding who the members are tonight or tomorrow, they are just committing to get something done.

-Roxanne Newman – said she thinks they should take the time to address the issue. Thinks the current proposal is the wrong way to go. Spoke about the library board and staggering of the terms. She said the proposal seems to be neutral on its face, but has a nefarious purpose. Thinks they should take the time to thoroughly research the issue and address other possible methods they can achieve the goal.

-Ruth Terry-Sipos – said that she agrees that they should postpone because, if nothing else, it could maybe calm things down a bit. She said they should look at a wider picture. Says she is strongly in favor of hanging out a little bit longer on this to get some logical, sensible, equitable kinds of conclusions.

-Sonnet Ireland – said she thinks they should postpone because it is late and this is going to go on forever. She said it would be wiser to organize a special meeting that would start earlier in the day where people can express both sides. She said this would give Council time to find out what the community feels. Said there is no reason to wipe the slate clean. Said she thinks they should look into how this is going to play in the public.

-Jamie Segura – said that Rebecca Taylor, Anthony Parr, Ann Shaw, Bill McHugh, and Carmen Butler should be thanked for their service to the community and should remain on the St. Tammany Library Board of Control. She said she is not in favor of postponing and not in favor of replacing the individuals who serve the community. Not in favor of replacing the entire board.

Jonathan Heiman – said he is in favor of postponing this because this issue has been going on for over two years and has caused a lot of heated arguments and opinions. He said he thinks this needs to be done as transparently as possible. He doesn't think wiping all of the board members out and replacing them is the best move to get the trust of the public.

-Donna Bonnoitt – said she has concerns about postponing because doesn't know if anything is really going to happen or if it is going to be pushed off month to month. Thinks there is no commitment to the law.

-Fran Smith – said she sees no reason to postpone. She said they all have differences of opinion, but it's the law they have to follow. She said they are not trying to vote on anybody tonight. They are trying to have nominations. She also said the problem is that the board does need to be changed out because the members who have those seats all have the same mindset and it is not diverse. She said they should go ahead and do it tonight because it is the right thing to do and they will be following the law.

-Chad Cocran – said he is firmly against postponing this any further. He said the reason this issue has raised such great controversy is because the Council has refused to act. He said there is no

reason to postpone on this because they are not voting on the nominees. He said they should move this forward to be in compliance with the law.

-Joan Simon – said she is in favor of postponing. She said there is way too much ambiguity in the. She also said she doesn't understand why they need to get rid of people who are doing a good job and could already be working on a staggered term basis. She said this whole notion of getting rid of everybody and renominating is not necessarily based on the right reasons. She said they should have a community meeting.

-Kristen Luchseyr – asked the Council a question about if they are proposing to remove all of the present board members and reappoint or take the new nominations and fill the seats. She said yes to postponing it.

-Roland Gallatin – asked the Council if the law is going to say something different next month than what it says right now. He said they are not talking about voting on members, they are talking about nominations. He said isn't there more time to include more nominations. He said following the law needs to be followed because the appointments are illegal and were made under illegal circumstances.

-Rick Franzo – said this needs to be done tonight. He said they are in violation of the law. He said putting it off a month is not going to change anything. He spoke about deciding at a later date getting more nominations.

-Camille Thompson – said she is in favor of getting the show on the road tonight. She said they are about two years late getting to the point. She said they need to protect the kids, so no more postponements.

-Terrice Moore – said they should postpone the vote. She said there is a lot of information that the new members need to know and get acquainted with. She said this board should be treated like the other boards that were also updated, they shouldn't be treated any differently.

-Rebecca Taylor – said she is in favor of the postponement. She said they need to take the time to do it right. She said it should be a public process that is transparent and fair. She said it would be most efficient to just appoint the currently serving board to the staggered terms and appoint the sixth member to the vacant position.

-Dr. Andrew Benson – said this should not be postponed. He said that Mr. Cogle addressed the law and every Councilperson agreed that he was right. He asked what is another month going to do except perpetuate the acrimony, the division, the social chaos that has been going on for a long time.

-James Prentice – spoke about the vote that took place in June and how it was done in secret. He said he doesn't think a vote should be done in secret. He said they need to know what their votes are.

-Shirly Thompson – said it seems that some of the members are already in a staggered state. She thinks this needs to be discussed and postponed because they are not treating these people the same as the other boards.

-BJ Fontaine – said that the Council said the intention of a board and staggering of the board is to keep continuity on the board's organization so that the knowledge of how to do all the things the board needs to do exists. He also spoke about how they have demonstrated other board that they are staggering without removing them. He said they should absolutely follow the law, but they should follow it in a method that keeps the continuity of the understanding of how to run the board.

-Kevin Marino – said he supports postponing this because he thinks the resolution is junk. He thinks they should not take it up and look at a right way to stagger an existing board. He said they need to get together and figure out the law because there seems to be conflicting opinion in the law. He said he thinks they should come back with a better resolution next month that does the right job.

-Kathleen Wiley – said she does not want it postponed. She said they are the Council and they need to get this done.

-Gary Lacoste – said no postponement. He said do the nominations and nobody is getting voted on tonight.

-Johanna Miner – said she is against postponing. She said there is no reason to postpone when all they are doing is talking about nominees. She said lets move forward and not postpone.

-Dr. Charles Preston – said he is encouraging them not to postpone, but to pass this resolution tonight. He said he has been on boards which were suddenly affect by the staggering law. He explained how those boards worked it out by asking if anyone is interested in getting off the board. He spoke about how the fresh Parish Council, that the public is looking to to restore trust in government, is going to stand up and say they are going to follow the law or are they going to choos which laws they want to follow. He said that is the worst example of leadership in government. He asked that they do not postpone the resolution. He also thanked Mr. Cogle for having the courage to stand up and tell the truth.

-Travis Thompson – said that the Governor, Attorney General, and DA of this parish and Washington parish all agree that they need to follow the law. He said he is not sure why the Council does not want to get in compliance. He said justice delayed is justice denied.

-Council discussion ensued with further comments from: Cogle, Binder, Phillips, Impastato, and Cazaubon.

-Laughlin – reiterated the motion to postpone was made by Cazaubon, seconded by Corbin. The motion passes with nine (9) yeas (Smith, Rolling, Cazaubon, Seiden, Tanner, O’Brien, Binder, Corbin, Strickland), five (5) nays (Phillips, Impastato, Burke, Cogle, Laughlin), and no one absent.

**CONSENT CALENDAR  
(PAGES 2 THROUGH 5)**

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
1. Ordinance Calendar No. 7510	1. Resolution Council Series No. C-6891
2. Ordinance Calendar No. 7511	7. Resolution Council Series No. C-6897
3. Ordinance Calendar No. 7512	10. Resolution Council Series No. C-6900
8. Ordinance Calendar No. 7517	11. Resolution Council Series No. C-6901
21. Ordinance Calendar No. 7530	

**MINUTES**

January 31, 2024	Agenda Review meeting minutes
January 31, 2024	Finance Committee meeting minutes
February 08, 2024	Regular Council meeting minutes

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION  
(Public Hearing: April 04, 2024)**

**DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES**

- 4. Ordinance Calendar No. 7513** - Ordinance amending the official zoning map of St. Tammany Parish, La, to reclassify a certain parcel located on the west side of Louisiana Highway 1077, south of Interstate 12, Covington and which property comprises a total of 4 acres of land more or less, from its A-3 (Suburban District) to an HC-2 (Highway Commercial District) (Ward 1, District 1). (2023-3513-ZC) (Smith/Cooper)
- 5. Ordinance Calendar No. 7514** - Ordinance amending the official zoning map of St. Tammany Parish, La, to reclassify a certain parcel located on the east side of Beech Avenue, south of Birch Avenue, Slidell and which property comprises a total of 0.253 acres of land more or less, from its A-4 (Single-Family Residential District) to an A-4 (Single-Family Residential District) and MHO (Manufactured Housing Overlay) (Ward 8, District 14). (2023-3586-ZC) (Strickland/Cooper)



6. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7515** - Ordinance amending the official zoning map of St. Tammany Parish, La, to reclassify a certain parcel located on the south side of McDonald Road, west of Louisiana Highway 1077, Covington and which property comprises a total of 1 acres of land more or less, from its present A-1 (Suburban District) to an A-2 (Suburban District) Ward 1, District 3). (2023-3666-ZC) (Cazaubon/Cooper)
7. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7516** - Ordinance amending the official zoning map of St. Tammany Parish, La, to reclassify a certain parcel located on the north side of Varnado Road, east of LA Highway 25, Folsom and which property comprises a total of 19.144 acres of land more or less, from its present A-1 (Suburban District), MHO (Manufactured Housing Overlay) and RO (Rural Overlay) to an A-2 (Suburban District), MHO (Manufactured Housing Overlay) and RO (Rural Overlay) (Ward 2, District 3). (2023-3667-ZC) (Cazaubon/Cooper)
9. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7518** - Ordinance amending the official zoning map of St. Tammany Parish, La, to reclassify a certain parcel located on the southeast corner of Gause Boulevard and Westminster Road, Slidell and which property comprises a total of .72 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 9, District 14). (2023-3669-ZC) (Strickland/Cooper)
10. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7519** - Ordinance amending the official zoning map of St. Tammany Parish, La, to reclassify a certain parcel located on the south side of Dr. TJ Smith Expressway, Pearl River and which property comprises a total of 1.25 acres of land more or less, from its present I-4 (Heavy Industrial District) and MHO (Manufactured Housing Overlay) to an I-3 (Heavy Industrial District) and MHO (Manufactured Housing Overlay) Ward 8, District 9). (2023-3670-ZC) (Cogle/Cooper)

#### **FINANCE ORDINANCES**

11. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7520** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Operating Budget – Amendment No. 4. (Laughlin/Cooper)
12. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7521** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Operating Budget – Amendment No. 5. (Laughlin/Cooper)
13. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7522** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Operating Budget – Amendment No. 6. (Laughlin/Cooper)
14. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7523** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 10 – Coastal Environmental Capital Projects. (Laughlin/Cooper)
15. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7524** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 11 – Economic Development Capital Projects. (Impastato/Cooper)
16. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7525** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 12 – Parishwide Roads & Drainage Capital Projects. (Laughlin/Cooper)

#### **CIVIL DIVISION ORDINANCES**

18. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7527** - Ordinance authorizing the Parish of St. Tammany, through the Office of the Parish President, to accept an act of dedication and donation of water and sewer lines along a portion of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (Ward 3, District 5) (Phillips/Cooper)
19. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7528** - Ordinance to authorize the Parish of St. Tammany, through the Office of the Parish President, to amend an existing conservation servitude with Delta Land Holding Company, LLC, River Club Development, LLC, and United States Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District to amend restrictions against division, partition, subdivision or conveyance (Ward 1, District 1). (Smith/Cooper)
20. **Ordinance Calendar No. 7529** - Ordinance authorizing the Parish of St. Tammany, through the Office of the Parish President, to accept a perpetual drainage servitude for drainage improvements and maintenance (Ward 8, District 9). (Cogle/Cooper)

## RESOLUTIONS

2. **Resolution Council Series No. C-6892** - A resolution declaring the intention of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, to issue taxable utilities revenue bonds, in an amount not to exceed seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) and providing for other matters in connection therewith. (Laughlin/Cooper)
3. **Resolution Council Series No. C-6893** - Resolution to take action on Performance and/or Warranty Obligations. (Laughlin/Cooper)
4. **Resolution Council Series No. C-6894** - Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds in escrow from the Voluntary Development Agreements to Capital Fund 222-4001 – Economic Development – Planning. (Laughlin/Cooper)
5. **Resolution Council Series No. C-6895** - Resolution to vacate, in part, the moratorium originally established by Ordinance Council Series No. 19-4114 on the 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, specifically on the property located at 38190 N. 2nd Ave., Slidell, Louisiana (Ward 9, District 14). (Strickland)
6. **Resolution Council Series No. C-6896** - Resolution to vacate, in part, the moratorium originally established by Ordinance Council Series No. 22-4832 on the 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”), specifically on the property located at 141 Hoover Dr., Slidell, Louisiana (Ward 8, District 13). (Corbin)
8. **Resolution Council Series No. C-6898** - Resolution to vacate, in part, the moratorium originally established by Ordinance Council Series No. 22-4832 on the 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”), specifically on 8.62 acres of land located on the west side of Louisiana Hwy. 25, north of Airport Rd. and Ronald Reagan Hwy. (District 3). (Cazaubon)
9. **Resolution Council Series No. C-6899** - Resolution to declare certain movable property surplus and authorizing disposition of same. (Laughlin/Cooper)

## END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

-Laughlin - **1. Ordinance Calendar No. 7510** - Ordinance to impose a six (6) month 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 construction or placement of any new building structures in Forest Glen Subdivision, located in Council District 7. (Impastato)

-Impastato – explained the reason for this ordinance.

-Impastato – moved to introduce, seconded by Rolling.

-Laughlin - **2. Ordinance Calendar No. 7511** - Ordinance to impose a six (6) month 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 the reason for this ordinance.

-Impastato – moved to introduce, seconded by Corbin.

- Laughlin - **3. Ordinance Calendar No. 7512** - 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 Eleventh Street, Harrison Avenue, Highway 59, Firetower Road, 5th Avenue, and Helenbirg Road, all as more particularly described herein and on the attached map (Ward 3, Districts 5 and 11) . (Phillips/Laughlin)
- Phillips – moved to introduce, seconded by Impastato.
- Laughlin - **8. Ordinance Calendar No. 7517** - Ordinance amending the official zoning map of St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances Chapter 130 – Unified Development Code, Division 25 –HC-2 Highway Commercial District amend Section 130-918 Permitted Uses: Increase the maximum allowable building size under HC-2 Highway Commercial District for (13) automotive repair and services facilities not to exceed 10,000 square feet to 40,000 square feet and Division 26 – HC-2A Highway Commercial District amend Section. 130-945 – Permitted Uses: Increase the maximum allowable building size under HC-2A for (13) automotive repair and services facilities not to exceed 10,000 square feet to 75,000 square feet. (2023-3668-ZC) (Smith/Cooper)
- Phillips – explained that the sponsor should be Phillips. He also spoke about this being a dangerous intersection. He mentioned how it is very narrow and you can't make turns. He asked if they will be able to do anything with the intersection in the future and if this is only for this location that this is being done.
- Liner – responded to Phillips questions and explained that this was met with no opposition at the Zoning commission. He explained the different building sizes under the zoning classification. He explained the purpose of this ordinance and how automotive repair facilities have been capped at 10,00 sq. ft. as opposed to the building sizes for other facilities in the HC-2A zoning classification. He also said that no matter what business goes at the location, they are going to have to meet all of the requirements to be able to ingress and egress the facility based on the driveway requirements.
- Daniel Hill – spoke about what can be done to improve the intersection at Asbury and Sharp Road. He said they evaluated what could be done from adding a simple turning lane to a roundabout. He said they are extremely restricted on right of way, so they don't really even have room to add a turning lane without imposing upon the businesses that are there. He said there are not current plans to improve the intersection.
- Paul Mayronne – said he represents Banner Ford. He spoke about working with the staff to see about preserving some of the property at that corner. He said they do not have a specific layout for that building but he believes the proposed building I maybe 20,000 square feet, not the 40,000 that is going to be permitted if the ordinance is amended. He said he thinks that will allow some room to be set aside in that corner that would form part of the intersection so that if and when there is the ability to so some improvements, they will have some area and they won't have to expropriate a building. He said they are happy to work with the staff.
- Phillips – asked if holding this up for a month or two would affect what they are trying to do.
- Mayronne – said businessmen always want to move forward yesterday, but if it would make him more comfortable to postpone it for a month so they could sit down and talk and look at what they can do to accommodate, then they are happy to do that.
- Phillips – moved to postpone for one (1) month, seconded by Seiden.
- Liner – apologized for putting Smith as the sponsor.
- Cogle – asked Liner/Hill about the updating of the UDC and if updating an entire zoning code was specifically to address one particular piece of property.
- Liner – responded and explained that the issue was brought up by one specific problem and it happens all of the time. He said the staff did a review analysis and studied why this particular use had a limitation on square footage. He said his staff could find no reason why automotive

repair had a cap at 10,000 feet when other uses in the same zoning classification had a cap at 40,000 feet. He said in addition to that, if that particular site wanted to go with a bigger facility at 20,000 feet, they would have to rezone to a more intense zoning classification of HC-3 with the people in the area did not want, so they either had to upzone to accommodate a bigger building or recognize that they have an issue with one use limitation that made no sense.

- Smith – made comments about this ordinance and how it will make everything equitable within the ordinance, not any specific job.
- Motion to postpone passes with thirteen (13) yeas, one (1) nay (Smith), and no one absent.
- Laughlin - **21. Ordinance Calendar No. 7530** - Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of St. Tammany parish, Louisiana, Part I, Chapter 28 – Offenses and miscellaneous procedures, by adding Article XVII. Transitional Facility, Sections 28-497; Definitions, Sec. 28-498; Application requirements and permit approval, and Sec. 28-499; Permit Denial, to establish a comprehensive ordinance regarding Transitional Facilities. (Impastato)
- Impastato – said there are a ton of people to speak on this, including the lady who was recently attacked, but she left because it was taking too long.
- Danny Hall – said he is there to tell them that he is scared. He spoke about the assault that recently happened in Lacombe. He said the ordinance, in his opinion, is giving them an increased level of safety from sexual crimes that are occurring and giving the people that live in the communities a peace of mind. He also said the ordinance also provides some encouragement for the sexual offenders that are living there. He spoke about how increasing the density of the individuals living in the community increases their likelihood of recommitting the crime. He also spoke about this ordinance having 24-hour monitoring and mandatory reporting of suspicious activity.
- Kevin Marino – said he thinks the ordinance is well written. He said he doesn't think there is an easy solution to the issue at hand, so he does support the resolution. He thinks that maybe a couple of things could be considered in the proposed ordinance. He spoke about having signs up permanently so that people in the area know the type of facility. He also said he had questions about the six-foot privacy fence. He also said he doesn't think there is a stipulation to how close this is to schools or libraries or other places where kids meet. He also spoke about the different tiers of sex offenders and how there may need to be some way to make sure the highest most violent offenders are not all in the houses together, maybe put a limit on the number of top tier or worst that could be in one place.
- Veles McGee – very concerned for her community. She said she is concerned for the safety of her mother and her grandkids. She said 144 sex offenders have invaded their community and caused fear and anxiety. She said she is a bus driver and many times she has had to change the stop of the kids for their safety. She also spoke about how she doesn't garden or fish anymore because she has had encounters with sex offenders.
- Cherry Slaydon – said where she lives, she helps keep the house clean. She spoke about how Harold Augustine helped her and took her off the street.
- Hunter Tippen – said looking at him, you probably wouldn't know that he was a sex offender because he doesn't fit the typical description of a sex offender. He spoke about how he made a mistake at 19 and will have to deal with that for 15 years of his life. He said he likes the ordinance, but he thinks they need to focus their attention on something else. He spoke about the offender who was recently killed and how he showed a higher sexual recidivism rate and was still allowed on the streets with little supervision. He spoke about how he has been back to jail multiple times, but never for another sexual crime. He said they are trying to impose something that is going to hinder him from becoming a citizen. He said they are trying to reinstitutionalize. He said not one offender on Shady Pine is on probation or parole, but they are all doing great because of Mr. Harold Augustine. He said they need to find a way to put a governing system over probation and parole because they don't have to knock on his door before coming in, but police do. He said the problem doesn't lie with the offenders, it lies with the supervisors over the offenders.

- Troy Williams – said forgive them for what they have don't, they are learning their lesson. The spoke about Mr. Augustine and Mr. Bob who helps them and asked that they keep them in their prayers.
- Troy Cowart – asked how long has the large amount of sexual predators been living in Lacombe. He asked did it just happen overnight and why did it take for somebody getting killed for there to be an ordinance. He mentioned Lacombe not having a police department. He spoke about the fence and how that is not going to solve the problem. He spoke further about the need for police protection.
- Robert Crisler – said he is the director of Bayou Lacombe Outreach. He said he likes the ordinance, but it is incomplete. He spoke about the need for counseling and therapy. He also spoke about things that happen at their outreach program like outpatient mental health companies coming to their compound to pick up clients. He also spoke about how the homeowner should be more responsible and accountable for it, but probation has to do better screenings. He gave a few other suggestions for improvement.
- Bryan Becnel III – he said he is neither for or against article 17. He said he agrees with most of the stipulations, namely the supervisor can't be a sex offender. He said he feels that Shady Pine's Bayou Lacombe outreach is set apart and that the occupants have cultivated a sense of community. He spoke about how he is not a sex offender, but he had nowhere to go and Robert Crisler and Harold Augustine reached out to him and took him in. He said he is at the compound often helping out. He said he is a victim of sexual violence himself, but he is able to recognize that humanity prevails at Bayou Lacombe.
- Tina Francalancia – said that she likes that they are working toward resolution and the community's concerns of the saturation of the sex offender population. She also spoke about safety first. She said the ordinance establishes parameters, but she feels that are a few things missing that correlates with some responses she has already heard. She made further comments about the ordinance.
- Melissa Miceli Reed – thanked Mr. Impastato for ordinance. Said she has worked in group homes where she has been exposed to individuals who have had prior sex offences. She said they were never left attended, so as a homeowner she was surprised at the lack of process with the individuals in these settings. She said she has read the proposal, but they need to take a look at some things. She asks question regarding processes and systems being used to set up programs. She spoke about an assault that happened to her that she did not report and the individuals went on to assault others. She asked the Council to put parameters in place that allows for sex offenders to cone into society and be their best self, but also want to protect kids and elderly.
- Heather Padgett – said she is a sex offender and lives at Harold Augustine's on Shady Pine Road. She said she does no have any money. She also said he took her in 4 years ago and she has been helping out by cleaning to pay her way.
- Lenard Nezev – said he also lives at the Bayou Lacombe Foundation since 2019. He said he had no where to go.
- Diana Norton – spoke about a woman who was assaulted on the Trace 3 years ago. She also spoke about second chances and the different tiers of sex offenders. She said one of the landlords was speaking about second chances and if they mess up then put them back in jail. She said when that happens, the woman or child is never the same. She said for them to just sit back and say that and not think of the consequences is abysmal. She thanked Mr. Impastato.
- Marilyn Batiste – said she has lived in Lacombe for 67 years and has never experienced anything like this before. Asked Council if they would like to have 15 people plus living at their back doors. Spoke about how she has to go outside to watch her grandkids play. Thanked Mr. Impastato for bringing up this matter and supporting Lacombe.
- Jamie Sims – said he understands what was brought forward today, but a wall isn't going to do it. He said it isn't their problem that offenders or alleged offenders don't have anywhere to go after they get out. He said it is not the community's problem. He said they can't be nonchalant about the problem. He also spoke about 144 to 200 people in one of the smallest

communities in the Parish and all piled up in one road area. He said they need to come together collectively and do something.

- Jeanine Meeds – spoke about an experience in which she was assaulted. She spoke about the Trace. She said she calls it a conduit of criminal activity. She said the Trace runs along her property and people come onto her property all of the time. She said she believes in giving people second chances, but she doesn't believe in putting the rest of society at risk to give them the chances. She asked Mr. Impastato to continue with what he is doing to give women in the community the help they deserve.
- John Aarons – said he lives in Lacombe in Cypress Park where they have one of those houses, and there is no structure. He said there is no supervision. He said they get cards in the mail every other day and he doesn't know whether the felons are coming or going. He spoke about his concerns for safety. He said he doesn't know if this ordinance goes far enough or if it addresses the problem, but at least it is a step in the right direction of doing something and not just turning a blind eye to what is going on in Lacombe right now.
- Cowen Vander – spoke about how his wife ran into the same guy that recently was killed. He spoke about his concerns for the safety of his family. He spoke about how they don't know the sex offenders in Lacombe and how the numbers are so high. He said they need more policing and security for themselves. He said they need something in order so they can monitor the people and they can feel comfortable in their area. He said he thinks they should be residing in a community they came from where the people know them because they need family support and where people know their backgrounds.
- Miriam Ducre – asked Mr. Impastato if there is any way possible for them to put some kind of law or ordinance in where no more can come in and to find out where all of the ones who are there now came from. She asked why would they allow them to come and why couldn't they stay in their own Parish.

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- Laughlin – said he shares Lacombe with Councilman Impastato and he was appaled at the concentration and amount. He said they do have a few in the other unincorporated areas especially in Mandeville. He said he supports this ordinance.
- Impastato – said this is something that has been in the works since October. He said he knows it has been a concern to the community and the safety of the community is the number one goal of this Parish. He spoke about unreported offenses. He read through a number of sex offenders, their crimes, and where they are from. He asked how did we get here with them in this community.
- O'Brien – asked if these homes are Oxford homes. She also said she was shocked at the number that was in one area.
- Impastato – moved to introduce, seconded by Smith.

\*\*Brief recess was taken to clear chambers.

- Laughlin - **1. Resolution Council Series No. C-6891** – Resolution in support of proposed La R.S. 13:5726.1 which makes provisions relative to the coroner of St. Tammany Parish. (Laughlin) (Postponed 02/21/2024)
- Dr. Preston – spoke about what he thinks is a critical issue that deserves all of the time so he can help to educate and give them the position as the elected coroner of St. Tammany Parish. He said it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the people of St. Tammany Parish for the last decade. He said this was the best and worst job he has ever had in medicine, and he found it very rewarding even though he was new to government service. He spoke about the coroner's office and many different aspects/areas he worked in as coroner. He went on to speak about what he has observes as unethical acts by Parish officials who wish to retake control of the coroner's office finances. He went on to speak about use of HUD CDBG money to excavate a pond. He also spoke about recent meeting held by the Parish Council that were held back-to-back that discussed issues that affects the coroner's office. He spoke about how he was intentionally not notified and the information wasn't given until 5 hours before the meeting.

- Dr. Sigillito – spoke about how the information wasn't available until 5 hours before the meeting and it was devious by design. He said it was a mistake in 2013 to put the finances under the control of the Parish government and it is a mistake now. He said in no other circumstance has an entity's finances been taken away from that entity and put under the Parish control after a misdeed of an elected official. He spoke about the previous sheriff and district attorney. He spoke about the special meeting that was called about two weeks ago and said it is supposed to be for emergency purposes. He said, in his opinion, this is nothing more than a Parish attempt to try to end the civil lawsuit that they have against the Parish.
- Allyson Keller – said she is there to support Dr. Preston and thank him for what he has done to bring the awareness of what is going on with the coroner-elect. She also make other comments regarding the coroner-elect and things going on with the coroner's office.

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- Couvillion – reminded Council that they are in litigation with the coroner's office related to the property and to be mindful of that fact as they debate the issue.
- Council discussion ensued with comments from Cogle, Binder, Phillips, Impastato, Tanner, and Smith.
- Smith – moved to adopt, seconded by Impastato. Unanimous with no one absent.
- Laughlin - **7. Resolution Council Series No. C-6897** - Resolution to vacate, in part, the moratorium established by Ordinance Council Series No. 22-4979 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 Eleventh Street, Harrison Avenue, Highway 59, Firetower Road, 5th Avenue, and Helenbirg Road, specifically the property bearing assessment #28761 (Ward 3, District 5). (Phillips)
- Phillips – moved to adopt, seconded by Seiden. Unanimous with two (2) absent (Impastato, Corbin).
- Laughlin - **10. Resolution Council Series No. C-6900** - A resolution urging the St. Tammany Legislative Delegation to propose legislation requiring the St. Tammany Parish Coroner to perform background checks on all Coroner's office personnel. (Seiden/O'Brien)
- Sieden – moved to adopt, seconded by O'Brien.
- Dr. Preston – said he thinks this resolution falls into the package of resolutions having to do with the coroner's office tonight. He said they seem to be coming out of thin air in that there is nobody who can claim where they arise from or why they arise or what is the urgency of it. He said this resolution is going to have no effect on the coroner-elect. It would only affect future folks, but he doesn't think it applies to elected officials because the elected official is not an employee of the coroner's office. He asked how far they wanted to go with screening employees. He said he thinks this is a poorly thought-out resolution. He also said he appreciated that it doesn't have the effect of the law and he will work hard to make sure that it never does have the effect of the law. He said he thinks it is really concerning that he thinks what they are really asking for is why they didn't do another additional criminal background check on Dr. Tape. He spoke about not only doing it on the coroner, but on every elected official. He said he thinks the notion of mandatory criminal background checks is good for the public eye. He asked if they really think that this is a good idea for the coroner's office wouldn't it be a good idea for all of Parish government as well. He said he opposes this as a poorly thought-out resolution.
- Dr. Sigillito – said he thinks the purpose of this is tot try and prevent another episode like the nightmare they are living through right now with Dr. Tape. He said he understands that, but the right way to do it is to correct the laws that they already have in place or the holes in the laws that they have in place.

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- Council discussion ensued with comments from O'Brien, Laughlin, Gina Hayes, Tanner, Cogle, and Corbin.
- The motion to adopt is unanimous with no one absent.
- Laughlin - **11. Resolution Council Series No. C-6901** - A resolution urging Coroner-elect Dr. Christopher Tape to resign and not assume the elected office of St. Tammany Parish Coroner. (Cazaubon)
- Cazaubon – moved to adopt, seconded by Impastato.
- Cogle – said he is in favor of this. He said he thinks the big issue is the coroner-elect has lost the trust and faith of the people of St. Tammany Parish. He said he is supposed to be an expert witness as a pathologist, and they need somebody in there that can do the job and has the trust and confidence of the people of St. Tammany Parish.
- Dr. Preston – said he agrees with them on this particular motion. He said it is sort of disappointing that this is the last resolution of the night and not the first resolution since so much other stuff seems to be attached to it. He also said he understands that these resolutions do not carry the weight of law and that they are not ordinances that will have to go to the legislature in order to become law. He said he also thinks that this resolution will be completely meaningless if it is not accompanied by a separate and independent declaration by the Parish President that he supports a request for Dr. Tape to step down.
- Council discussion ensued.
- The motion to adopt was unanimous with no one absent.

## 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) (Postponed 02/08/2024)
- Binder – asked Chris Tissue to speak on this.
- Tissue – said that fees have been discussed with builders and other shareholders in the parish. He said he thinks they have mutually agreed to an acceptable capacity fee. He said he is requesting that the Council amends their originally proposed fees to the fees that were emailed earlier. He said the original proposal was for \$12.50 a gallon for sewer and the amended request would be for \$8.50 a gallon for sewer. He said he would request that they amend the current ordinance that way the changes can be tracked and not in a separate ordinance.
- Laughlin – said they do not actually have a copy that has gone through the process for them to pass, but he believes they can postpone it until next month where they can merge the documents together.
- Binder – moved to postpone for one (1) month, seconded by O'Brien. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Rolling).
- Laughlin - **2. Ordinance Calendar No. 7349AA** - Ordinance establishing a "No Parking" zone on Canal St. (R08G003) in Ozone Pines Subdivision (Ward 8, District 9). (Smith/Cooper) (Introduced 08/03/2023) (Postponed until March 12/07/2023)



- Cogle – said this ordinance has been delayed by the previous Councilman. He said he spoke with the executive branch about it and they explained the reasons why and it is just people parking where they shouldn't be and buses can't get through those types of things.
- Cogle – moved to adopt, seconded by Impastato. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Rolling); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5382.
- Laughlin - **3. Ordinance Calendar No. 7391AA2** - Ordinance to adopt the 2024 Operating Budget. (Airey/Cooper) (Introduced 02/08/2024)
- Binder – moved to adopt, seconded by Smith. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 23-5338.
- Laughlin - **4. Ordinance Calendar No. 7392AA2** - Ordinance to establish the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets. (Airey/Cooper) (Introduced 02/08/2024)
- Tanner – moved to adopt, seconded by Corbin. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Rolling); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 23-5337.
- Laughlin - **5. Ordinance Calendar No. 7397** - Ordinance accepting Bar St. (R08M055) formerly Center St., Beverly Heights Subdivision into the Road and Drainage Inventories as per Enter the Parish R.O.W. Resolution No. 16-001. (Ward 8, District 13) (Airey/Cooper) (Introduced 10/05/2023) (Postponed 11/02/2023) (Postponed until March on 12/07/2023)
- Corbin – asked if it is typical to accept a gravel road into the Parish's inventory. He said he thought they accepted roads that were up to the Parish's standards.
- Hill – said this is an ordinance that typically goes through Public Works for acceptance of new roadways, but they typically do not accept gravel roads.
- Corbin – said he got calls when he was running about this road and getting it paved. He said it is nowhere in their plan and he doesn't know how the developer put in a gravel road.
- Hill – said he doesn't have an answer for him, that would be an answer for Jay Watson.
- Corbin – said he is fine to postpone for a month if they can make sure Jay comes next time and he is happy to work with him in advance of the meeting.
- Corbin – moved to postpone, seconded by Strickland. Unanimous with two (2) absent.
- Laughlin - **6. 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) (Introduced 02/08/2024)
- Tanner – moved to adopt, seconded by Cazaubon. Unanimous with two (2) absent (Rolling, Impastato); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5383.
- Laughlin - **7. Ordinance Calendar No. 7489** - Ordinance accepting Oak Alley Meadows Ph. 1 into the Parish Maintenance System. (Ward 3, District 3) (Cazaubon/Cooper) (Introduced 02/08/2024)
- Cazaubon – moved to adopt, seconded by Smith. Unanimous with two (2) absent (Rolling, Impastato); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5384.
- Laughlin - **8. 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) (Introduced 02/08/2024)

-Smith – said that Rolling wanted to let them know that the Zoning Commission approved this on February 8<sup>th</sup> and he wanted to move forward with an approval.

-Smith – moved to adopt, seconded by Cazaubon. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Rolling, Impastato); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5385.

-Laughlin - **9. 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) (Introduced 02/08/2024)

-Strickland – moved to adopt, seconded by Corbin. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5386.

-Laughlin - **10. 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) (Introduced 02/08/2024)

-Smith – said this one was a little bit different because this property was originally zoned HC-2, and they got the zoning changed to A-3, hoping to have a residential development built, but it was denied. He said now the owners are asking if they can revert their property back to its original zoning.

-Smith – moved to adopt, seconded by Rolling. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5387.

-Strickland – moved to adopt, seconded by Corbin. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5386.

-Laughlin - **11. 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) (Introduced 02/08/2024)

-Smith – said this is simply to give them the opportunity to build a restaurant with a bar in it and it is an appropriate location. He said he has not had any objections from the surrounding residents.

-Smith – moved to adopt, seconded by Rolling. Unanimous with no one absent; becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5388.

\*\*Impastato took over as chair.

-Impastato - **12. 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) (Introduced 02/08/2024)

-Rolling – said this is important to the Savannah’s Subdivision in Covington. He said the Parish and the City have agreed on a Cooperative agreement to get this property for improving drainage.

-Couvillion – stated that this should read “Ordinance to revoke an unopened portion of the Pellegrin Drive right-of-way located west of River Road...”

- Rolling– moved to adopt, seconded by Smith. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Laughlin); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5389.
- Impastato - **13. 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) (Introduced 02/08/2024)
- Phillips– moved to adopt, seconded by Seiden. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Laughlin); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5390.
- Impastato - **14. Ordinance Calendar No. 7496** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Grants Budget – Amendment No. 2. (Laughlin/Cooper) (Introduced 02/08/2024)
- Tanner– moved to adopt, seconded by Burke. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Laughlin); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5391.
- Impastato - **15. 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) (Introduced 02/08/2024)
- Cogle – asked for clarification because this seems like a significant jump. He asked if this is an additional expenditure or just a correction.
- Long – said that some of these budgets were developed three years ago and they had to update them.
- Tanner– moved to adopt, seconded by Cazaubon. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Laughlin); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5392.
- Impastato - **16. 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) (Introduced 02/08/2024)
- Cogle – asked about the sidewalk being \$157,000 more than it was expected to be.
- Long – explained that the administrative comment shows that the total cost is actually \$832,000 with \$500,000 coming from DOTD, so this is the required match.
- Binder– moved to adopt, seconded by Corbin. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Laughlin); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5393.
- Impastato - **17. 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) (Introduced 02/08/2024)
- Seiden– moved to adopt, seconded by Rolling. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Laughlin); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5394.
- Impastato - **18. 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) (Introduced 02/08/2024)
- Binder– moved to adopt, seconded by Burke. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Laughlin); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5395.
- Impastato - **19. Ordinance Calendar No. 7501** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 8 – Coastal Environmental Capital Projects. (Impastato/Cooper) (Introduced 02/08/2024)
- Rolling– moved to adopt, seconded by Tanner. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Laughlin); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5396.

- Impastato - **20. 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) (Introduced 02/08/2024)
- Smith– moved to adopt, seconded by Cazaubon. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Laughlin); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5397.
- Impastato - **21. Ordinance Calendar No. 7503** - Ordinance to amend the 2024 Operating Budget – Amendment No. 3. (Laughlin/Cooper) (Introduced 02/08/2024)
- Burke– moved to adopt, seconded by Corbin.
- Cogle – said this is a big jump, and asked for an explanation. He asked if this was the same project they talked about before.
- Long – explained that the first ordinance was naming the projects, and this one is the operating ordinance to fund it. She also explained that the administrative comment lets them know what the transfer of funds to Capital will cover.
- Cogle – asked if this is an additional \$217,000 over what was originally budgeted.
- Long – said that is correct. it was originally budgeted for \$350,000 and the current cost estimate is higher.
- Tissue – explained the project. He said the original intent was to do the engineering in-house and look at doing the construction in-house, but based off the current workload and the available staff, they are now looking at utilizing an outside consultant, and they are asking for additional funds to perform that project.
- Motion to adopt is unanimous with one (1) absent (Laughlin); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5398.
- Impastato - **22. Ordinance Calendar No. 7504AA** - Ordinance to extend for ~~six (6)~~ three (3) 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) (Introduced 02/08/2024)
- Strickland– moved to adopt, seconded by Corbin. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Laughlin); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5399.
- Laughlin - **23. Ordinance Calendar No. 7505AA** - Ordinance to extend for ~~six (6)~~ three (3) 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) (Introduced 02/08/2024)
- Strickland– moved to adopt, seconded by Corbin. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Laughlin); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5400.
- Impastato - **24. Ordinance Calendar No. 7506AA** - 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 & 13). (Cogle/Corbin) (Introduced 02/08/2024)
- Cogle– moved to adopt, seconded by Corbin. Unanimous with one (1) absent (Laughlin); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5401.

-Impastato - **25. Ordinance Calendar No. 7508** - An ordinance amending the official zoning map of St. Tammany Parish, La, to reclassify a certain parcel located on the west side of Howze Beach Boulevard, being Lots 5 & 6, Square 2, Homeland Heights Subdivision, Slidell and which property comprises a total of .14 acre of land more or less, from its present A-3 (Suburban District) to an A-3 (Suburban District) and MHO (Manufactured Housing Overlay) (Ward 9, District 12). (2023-3515-ZC) (Binder) (Introduced 02/08/2024)

-Binder – moved to adopt, seconded by Corbin. Unanimous with two (2) absent (Laughlin/Strickland); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5402.

#### **EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

-Impastato - **1. Ordinance Calendar No. 7531** - Ordinance to extend for an additional thirty (30) days the emergency 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)

-Burke – moved to adopt, seconded by Binder. Unanimous with two (2) absent (Laughlin/Strickland); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5403.

-Impastato - **2. Ordinance Calendar No. 7532** - Ordinance to extend for an additional thirty (30) days the emergency 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)

-Burke – moved to adopt, seconded by Seiden. Unanimous with two (2) absent (Laughlin/Strickland); becomes Ordinance Council Series No. 24-5404.

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

-Binder – moved to open the Off-the-floor agenda, seconded by Corbin. Motion fails with twelve (12) yeas, one (1) nay (Cogle), and one (1) absent (Laughlin).

#### **MARCH 07, 2024 ITEMS OFF-THE-FLOOR**

##### **APPOINTMENT**

**OTF #1. Resolution** to appoint Adam J. Hurst to fill a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners for St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 7. (Tanner)

##### **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

**OTF #2. Ordinance** to amend the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 13 – Parishwide Roads & Drainage Capital Projects. (Laughlin/Cooper)

**\*\*THE MOTION TO OPEN THE OFF-THE-FLOOR AGENDA WAS NOT UNANIMOUS, SO THE ABOVE TWO ITEMS WERE NOT ADDRESSED.**

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

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ARTHUR LAUGHLIN, COUNCIL CHAIR

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK