

REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL  
OF THE PARISH OF ASCENSION  
GONZALES, LOUISIANA  
DECEMBER 15, 2022

The Council of the Parish of Ascension, Louisiana, met in regular session on Thursday December 15, 2022 6:00 p.m., 607 E Worthey Rd, Gonzales with Chairman John Cagnolatti presiding.

The opening prayer and the pledge were offered by Councilman Alvin Thomas.

The following Council members were present:

Alvin Thomas	Joel Robert	Travis Turner
Dempsey Lambert	Chase Melancon	Teri Casso
John Cagnolatti	Michael Mason	

Councilman Orgeron, Councilman Aaron Lawler, and Councilman Dal Waguespack were absent.

Parish President Clint Cointment was present.

Chairman Cagnolatti announced the public comment sign in period.

President Cointment announced that the bid opening for the Laurel Ridge Levy Extension. He said they would be reviewed at the Finance Meeting and selecting and approving on Monday. The approved contractor will be brought to the East Ascension Drainage Board in January 2023. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday and said that he looks forward to 2023 where he will continue to prepare and plan to make more strides in industry, education, transportation, drainage improvements, etc.

After the Consent Agendas was read in full by the Secretary, it was unanimously adopted on a motion by Councilwoman Teri Casso.

- a. Bid results and approval to enter into contract for La La Regira Fields Lighting, Donaldsonville, LA with the lowest responsive bid submitted by Geosport Lighting Systems, LLC in the amount of \$470,000.00 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- b. Approval of Contract Renewal with Unifirst Baton Rouge for industrial uniforms and flat supplies. Total contract amount per fee schedule for a not to exceed amount of \$70,000.00 (Randy Mullis, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- c. Approval to enter into Contract with Innovative Aquatic Solutions, LLC for Pond Cleanup Project at Ascension Parish Governmental Complex for a total amount of \$69,500.00 (Randy Mullis, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- d. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with National Water Infrastructure, LLC for improvements to Hwy. 42 (Oak Grove) interim regional treatment plant (Bill Dawson, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- e. Request for Quote Results and approval to enter into contract for Lamar Dixon Expo Center Buildings Fire Suppression Systems Repairs with the lowest responsive quote submitted by S&S Sprinkler in the amount of \$87,200.00 (Chris Welch, Lamar Dixon Events Operation Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- f. Approval of Contract with Larry Buquoi for real estate acquisitions and representation to the Parish in land related issues as needed and approved by the Parish. The rate will be billed at \$225 per hour for a total not to exceed amount of \$50,000.00 (Jean Paul Robert, Parish Attorney) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- g. Approval of Amendment #5 to the contract with Meyer Engineers, Ltd. for support services for the Parish Recreation Department for the Lamar Dixon Expo Center Gym expansion to extend the contract term through December 31, 2022. This is only to extend the contract term and does not

affect the contract price (Dean Thomason, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- h. Approval of Change Order No. 2 - HR Department Relocation and Renovations for changes to the reception glass and counter, and density storage sign for an additional amount of \$4,307.00 for a total contract amount of \$242,932.00 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- i. Approval of Substantial Completion of the HR Department Relocation and Renovations AP Annex - Phase 2 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- j. Approval of Change Order No. 6 - River/Road Construction, Inc. - Manchac Acres at Muddy Creek Bridge Replacement - Decrease in contract amount of \$3,435.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$380,594.18 (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- k. Approval of Substantial Completion - River/Road Construction, Inc. - Manchac Acres at Muddy Creek Bridge Replacement (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- l. Approval of Change Order No. 3 - Triumph Construction, LLC - Henry Road Safety Widening: LA 73 to Tillotson Rd./Aikens Rd. Clearing and Grubbing - Decrease in contract price by \$93,257.82 for a new contract total amount of \$411,359.23 (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- m. Approval of Substantial Completion - Triumph Construction, LLC - Henry Road Safety Widening: LA 73 to Tillotson Rd./Aikens Rd. Clearing and Grubbing (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- n. Approval of Substantial Completion of the Emergency Bridge Repair on the Chester Diez Road Bridge over Bayou Goudine (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- o. Approval of Change Order No. 1 and Final for Task Order #6 -Material Resources, Inc.- the Asphaltic Concrete Pavement Preservation 2019-2020 Project for a decrease of \$423.65 for a total contract amount of \$228,791.89 (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- p. Approval of Substantial Completion - Material Resources, Inc. - Task Order No. 6 for the Asphaltic Concrete Pavement Preservation 2019-2020 Project (Joey Tureau, Transportation Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- q. Approval of Amendment No. 1 - Clean Earth of Alabama, Inc. to increase the contract amount by an additional \$5,000.00 for additional services during Household Hazardous Materials Collection held in October for a new not to exceed amount of \$105,911.05 (Patrick Goldsmith, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- r. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Autopsy and Autopsy Forensic Services for an additional amount of \$100,000.00 for a new contract not to exceed amount of \$149,999.00 (Patrick Goldsmith, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- s. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Autopsy Transport Services for an additional amount of \$30,000.00 for a new contract not to exceed amount of \$79,999.00 (Patrick Goldsmith, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

Councilwoman Teri Casso made a motion to approve the **Name Change of Hummingbird Road to Sumter Road at the request of the Ascension Parish Sheriffs Office.** Mr. Cody Melancon with the Sheriff's Office was available to explain why the change was necessary. After a brief discussion, the motion passed.

Councilman Dempsey Lambert made a motion to approve the **Resolution – to ratify the Presidential Appointment to Utilities Director, Mr. Mathew Didier.** The motion passed with no objection.

Councilman Chase Melancon made a motion to approve the **Amendment #2 to Master Contract with Unifirst of Baton Rouge for uniform rental and flat supplies in the amount of \$4500 new total not to exceed amount of \$77,529.47.** The motion passed with no objection.

The Council unanimously agreed to hold a public hearing on December 29, 2022, at the Ascension Parish Courthouse, 607 E Worthey Rd, Gonzales, 6:30pm to consider an ordinance **to repeal descriptions and designations of existing Ascension Parish Council Districts, establish new Ascension Parish Council Districts as proposed in plan 4B, define the territory of each new district, describe the boundaries of each new district, designate each new district and to address other matters relative thereto** on a motion by Councilman Michael Mason.

The Council unanimously agreed to hold a public hearing on December 29, 2022, at the Ascension Parish Courthouse, 607 E Worthey Rd, Gonzales, 6:30pm to consider an ordinance **to comply with LA RS 18:532.1 authorizing Parish Governing authorities to re-establish precinct boundaries in order to comply with applicable law regarding redistricting and reapportionment** on a motion by Councilwoman Teri Casso.

Legal Counsel Kenneth Dupaty read the ordinance **to amend the Ascension Parish Zoning Map from Medium Intensity Residential (RM) to Crossroad Commercial (CC) – Zoning Review ID PZ-2986.22 – Tract B for Joel Sanchez – located on the north side of LA Hwy 74 approximately 1030' east of KC Road** Councilman Joel Robert made a motion to open the public hearing. The public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Michael Mason. Councilman Michael Mason made a motion to adopt the ordinance as follows:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. ZM22-07**

**ZONING CHANGE ID PZ-2986.22, CHANGING THE OFFICIAL ZONING DESIGNATION OF TRACT B - TO REZONE FROM MEDIUM INTENSITY RESIDENTIAL (RM) TO CROSSROAD COMMERCIAL (CC) PROVIDES FOR SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**PURPOSE:** This ordinance amends the official zoning designation for Tract B—per attached legal description from Medium Intensity Residential (RM) to Crossroad Commercial (CC). This rezone is identified as Zoning Review ID PZ- 2986.22.

**WHEREAS:** Ascension Parish is a local governmental subdivision as defined by Article VI, Section 44 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and

**WHEREAS:** The Parish of Ascension is the governing and responsible body over the zoning and regulations within this jurisdiction, and

**WHEREAS:** Article VI of the Home Rule Charter of Ascension Parish, adopted May 4, 1993, identifies the process and manner in which to adopt ordinances regulating the lands of this Parish, and

**WHEREAS:** The official zoning map for Ascension Parish was last adopted on March 8, 2016 and

**WHEREAS:** The Parish Council reserves the authority to make changes to the official zoning map by ordinance, and

**WHEREAS:** This request has been processed in compliance with the procedures set forth.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ascension Parish Governing Authority that the official Zoning Map of Ascension Parish Louisiana is amended to reflect the property identified in Exhibit A as “Crossroad Commercial” as the official zoning designation.

**SEVERABILITY:** In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is ever held invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction over it, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This ordinance shall be in full effect as permitted by law.

**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Legal Description
- B. Plat Map
- C. Aerial / Zoning Map

**ADOPTION:** This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Alvin Thomas, Joel Robert, Travis Turner, Dempsey Lambert, John Cagnolatti, Teri Casso, Chase Melancon, Dal Waguespack, Michael Mason

Nays: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: Corey Orgeron, Aaron Lawler

**And this ordinance was passed on this 15th day of December, 2022**

/s/ Cinnamon McKey  
**Attest: Parish Council Secretary**

/s/ Clint Cointment  
**Clint Cointment, Parish President**

Legal Counsel Kenneth Dupaty read the ordinance to amend the Ascension Parish Zoning Map from Medium Industrial (MI) to Heavy Industrial (HI) Zoning Review ID PZ-3002.22 – Batture Property for ACED, LLC – located on the east side of LA Highway 405 approximately 1400’ north of Paul Leblanc Road. Councilman Joel Robert made a motion to open the public hearing. The public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Joel Robert. The ordinance was adopted as follows on a motion by Councilman Michael Mason.

**ORDINANCE NO. ZM22-08**

**ZONING CHANGE ID PZ-3002.22, CHANGING THE OFFICIAL ZONING DESIGNATION FOR BATTURE PROPERTY- TO REZONE FROM MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL (MI) TO HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (HI), PROVIDES FOR SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**PURPOSE:** This ordinance amends the official zoning designation for Batture Property—per attached legal description from Medium Industrial (MI) to Heavy Industrial (HI). This rezone is identified as Zoning Review ID PZ- 3002.22.

**WHEREAS:** Ascension Parish is a local governmental subdivision as defined by Article VI, Section 44 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and

**WHEREAS:** The Parish of Ascension is the governing and responsible body over the zoning and regulations within this jurisdiction, and

**WHEREAS:** Article VI of the Home Rule Charter of Ascension Parish, adopted May 4, 1993, identifies the process and manner in which to adopt ordinances regulating the lands of this Parish, and

**WHEREAS:** The official zoning map for Ascension Parish was last adopted on March 8, 2016 and

**WHEREAS:** The Parish Council reserves the authority to make changes to the official zoning map by ordinance, and

**WHEREAS:** This request has been processed in compliance with the procedures set forth.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Ascension Parish Governing Authority that the official Zoning Map of Ascension Parish Louisiana is amended to reflect the property identified in Exhibit A as “Heavy Industrial” as the official zoning designation.

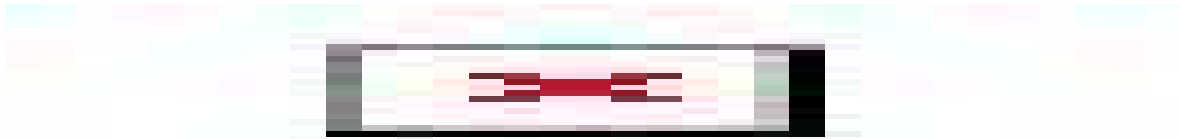
**SEVERABILITY:** In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is ever held invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction over it, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This ordinance shall be in full effect as permitted by law.

**EXHIBITS:**

- D. Legal Description
- E. Plat Map
- F. Aerial / Zoning Map

**ADOPTION:** This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:



**And this ordinance was passed on this 15th day of December, 2022.**

/s/ Cinnamon McKey  
**Attest: Parish Council Secretary**

/s/ Clint Cointment  
**Clint Cointment, Parish President**

The Council convened into Executive Session on the matter of **Settlement Demand Workmen's Compensation Claim – LCA#25604 on a motion by Councilman Michael Mason and a roll call vote as follows:**

Yeas: Alvin Thomas, Joel Robert, Travis Turner, Dempsey Lambert, John Cagnolatti, Teri Casso, Chase Melancon, Dal Waguespack, Michael Mason

Nays: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: Corey Orgeron, Aaron Lawler

The Council reconvened on a motion by Councilman Michael Mason.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

The Council convened into Executive Session on the matter of **District Attorney Ricky Babin, Sheriff Bobby Webre and the Ascension Parish Government in the name of Ascension Parish v Merrill H. Braud and Theresa M. Braud, 23<sup>rd</sup> JDC Parish of Ascension, Suit No. 135,412 Div D on a motion by Councilman Michael Mason and a roll call vote as follows:**

Yeas: Alvin Thomas, Joel Robert, Travis Turner, Dempsey Lambert, John Cagnolatti, Teri Casso, Dal Waguespack, Michael Mason

Nays: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: Corey Orgeron, Aaron Lawler, Chase Melancon

The Council reconvened on a motion by Councilman Michael Mason.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

There being no further business to come before the Council of the Parish of Ascension upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned 6:30 PM.

/s/ John Cagnolatti  
Chairman

/s/ Cinnamon McKey  
SECRETARY

