

March 20, 2014

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
COUNCIL
OF THE PARISH OF ASCENSION
GONZALES, LOUISIANA

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The Council of the Parish of Ascension, Louisiana, met in regular session on Thursday March 20, 2014 6:00 p.m., in the Ascension Parish Courthouse 828 S. Irma Blvd. Gonzales, Louisiana, with Chairman Chris Loar presiding.

The opening prayer and the pledge was offered by Ascension Parish Chief Administrative Officer, Ken Dawson

The following Council members were present:

Oliver Joseph	Travis Turner	Teri Casso
Randy Clouatre	Todd Lambert	Bryan Melancon
Kent Schexnaydre	Chris Loar	Benny Johnson
Dempsey Lambert		

Councilman Daniel Satterlee was absent.

Councilmen Travis Turner, Oliver Joseph, and Kent Schexnaydre arrived late.

Parish President Tommy Martinez was also present.

Public Service Commission Eric Skrmetta was present to inform the public of services provided by the Public Service Commission Office.

Parish President Tommy Martinez proclaimed March 2014 as “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month” in Ascension Parish.

President Martinez invited Eagle Scout Shelby Savoy, Troop 65 to the podium. He explained that his Eagle Scout project was to bring awareness to the Animal Shelter. Shelby collected \$814.00 and several animal supplies for the animal shelter. He presented a check to the Parish as a donation.

President Martinez proclaimed March 2014 “Autism Awareness Month” in Ascension Parish. Several parents and children touched by autism were present to receive the proclamation.

On a motion offered by Councilman Todd Lambert and a second to the motion offered by Councilwoman Teri Casso, the “**CONSENT AGENDA**” was unanimously adopted as follows:

- a. Change Order No. 002 – Sorrento Community Center by Washer Hill Lipscomb Cabannis Architecture
- b. Bid Items: to accept lowest responsive bid as follows:
 1. CRS-2 Asphalt Emulsion – Asphalt Products Unlimited, Inc.
 2. Cold Mix Application (for use on Parish Roads) – Material Resources, Inc.
 3. Precast Reinforced Box Culverts – Capitol Concrete Products, Inc.
- c. Balancing Change Order No. 04 for the Roddy Road Improvements Project (Hwy 621-Hwy 931) in the amount of -\$15,906.48
- d. Final Change Order No. 3 for the 2012 Road Maintenance Project in the of -\$575,275.49
- e. Lighting Resolution – LA 73 @ I-10

Legal Counsel O’Neil Parenton read the **Bill to enact legislation – Ascension Parish Infrastructure Development Districts Alternative funding mechanisms to fund and maintain subdivision infrastructure.**

There were several speakers on this item:

John Robert Sr.	Kathryn Goppelt
Roy Domangue	Clint Cointment
Martha Johnson	Earnest Opperman
Al Robert	Lyn Witmer

CAO Kent Dawson did a PowerPoint Presentation on the 2013-2014 Ascension Parish Road Improvements. Legal Counsel O’Neil Parenton gave a thorough explanation of the Bill. A lengthy discussion ensued.

A motion to approve the Resolution to support the Bill to enact legislation – Ascension Parish Infrastructure Development Districts Alternative funding mechanisms to fund and maintain subdivision infrastructure with the clarification from Senator Amedee that this legislation is only for roads in subdivisions was made by Councilman Benny Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. Councilman Todd Lambert and Councilman Bryan Melancon objected to the motion. In accordance with law, a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

YEAS: Teri Casso, Randy Clouatre, Benny Johnson, Oliver Joseph, Dempsey Lambert, Kent Schexnaydre

NAYS: Todd Lambert, Bryan Melancon, Travis Turner

ABSENT: Daniel Satterlee

NOT VOTING: Chairman Chris Loar

The motion passed.

Ms. Martha Collins presented the **Resolution – HMGP 1603n-005-0004 Wind Retrofit of Critical Facilities – Substantial Completion.** She requested the approval of the substantial completion pending the punch list to be completed. A Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dempsey Lambert and seconded by Councilman Benny Johnson. The motion passed.

The Council unanimously agreed to hold a public hearing on April 3, 2014, at the Ascension Parish Courthouse, 300 Houmas Street, Donaldsonville at 6:00 PM to consider an ordinance **to declare surplus and authorize the sale and/or transfer of miscellaneous moveable equipment** on a motion by Councilman Todd Lambert and a second by Councilman Randy Clouatre.

The Council unanimously agreed to hold a public hearing on April 3, 2014, at the Ascension Parish Courthouse, 300 Houmas Street, Donaldsonville at 6:00 PM to consider an ordinance **DR14-01 Revisions to the Drainage Regulations in the Unified Land Development Code pertaining to Erosion/Sediment Control** on a motion by Councilman Todd Lambert and a second by Councilman Randy Clouatre.

The Council unanimously agreed to hold a public hearing on April 3, 2014, at the Ascension Parish Courthouse, 300 Houmas Street, Donaldsonville at 6:00 PM to consider an ordinance **to amend an ordinance providing for the increase of fees assessed by the Sheriff** on a motion by Councilman Todd Lambert and a second by Councilman Benny Johnson.

The Council unanimously agreed to hold a public hearing on April 3, 2014, at the Ascension Parish Courthouse, 300 Houmas Street, Donaldsonville at 6:00 PM to consider an ordinance **Budget Amendment #1 to amend the 2014 Budget** on a motion by Councilman Travis Turner and a second by Councilman Todd Lambert.

Legal Counsel O'Neil Parenton read the proposed ordinance **to reroute the existing 15 ft. drainage servitude running along the northeast corner of Lot 11 in Eagles Landing Subdivision First Filing.** A motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilman Dempsey Lambert and a second by Councilman Benny Johnson. With no speakers, the public hearing was unanimously closed on a motion by Councilman Todd Lambert and a second by Councilman Daniel Satterlee.

The subsequent ordinance was adopted on a motion by Councilman Todd Lambert and a second by Councilman Bryan Melancon.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ASCENSION**

ORDINANCE

PURPOSE:

To revoke the existing fifteen foot drainage servitude located across the northeast corner of Lot 11 in Eagles Landing Subdivision, 1st filing in Ascension Louisiana and relocate that servitude within the Lot 11

WHEREAS, the petitioner has petitioned the Ascension Parish Council to revoke the dedication of the existing fifteen foot servitude located across the northeast corner of Lot 11 in Eagles

Landing Subdivision, 1st filing in Ascension Louisiana and relocate that servitude on said Lot

WHEREAS, the Planning Department, Drainage Department, Engineering, and the relevant utility companies have reviewed and researched said request and have no objection to the revocation and relocation

THE PARISH OF ASCENSION HEREBY ORDAINS, that it grants approval of the revocation and of the existing fifteen foot servitude located across the northeast corner of Lot 11 in Eagles Landing Subdivision, 1st filing in Ascension Louisiana and the relocation on same lot, more fully described on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A

REPEAL: All ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby and henceforth repealed.

SEVERABILITY: If any provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after adoption.

YEAS: Oliver Joseph, Kent Schexnaydre, Travis Turner, Dempsey Lambert, Randy Clouatre, Teri Casso, Todd Lambert, Bryan Melancon, Benny Johnson

NAYS: None

NOT VOTING: Chairman Chris Loar

ABSENT: Daniel Satterlee

And this Ordinance was passed on this 20th day of March, 2013.

/s/ Cinnamon Galtier
Secretary

/s/ Tommy Martinez
President

Legal Counsel O'Neil Parenton read the proposed ordinance **to revoke the existing 15 ft drainage servitude along the western boundary of Lots 3 and 4, Ascension Commercial Park Subdivision.** A motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilman Benny Johnson and a second by Councilwoman Teri Casso. With no speakers, the public hearing was unanimously closed on a motion by Councilman Benny Johnson and a second by Councilman Dempsey Lambert.

The subsequent ordinance was adopted on a motion by Councilman Dempsey Lambert and a second by Councilwoman Teri Casso.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ASCENSION

ORDINANCE

PURPOSE:

To revoke the existing fifteen foot drainage servitude located across Lots 3 and 4 of Lots 1-17 Tract X and Tract Y of Ascension Commercial Park, Section 50 Township 9 South Range 2 East in Geismar, Louisiana

WHEREAS, the petitioner has petitioned the Ascension Parish Council to revoke the dedication of the existing fifteen foot servitude located across Lots 3 and 4 of Lots 1-17 Tract X and Tract Y of Ascension Commercial Park, Section 50 Township 9 South Range 2 East in Geismar, Louisiana

WHEREAS, the Planning Department, Drainage Department, Engineering, and the relevant utility companies have reviewed and researched said request and have no objection to the revocation

THE PARISH OF ASCENSION HEREBY ORDAINS, that it grants approval of the revocation of the existing fifteen foot servitude located across Lots 3 and 4 of Lots 1-17 Tract X and Tract Y of Ascension Commercial Park, Section 50 Township 9 South Range 2 East in Geismar, Louisiana, more fully described on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A

REPEAL: All ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby and henceforth repealed.

SEVERABILITY: If any provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after adoption.

YEAS: Oliver Joseph, Kent Schexnaydre, Travis Turner, Dempsey Lambert, Randy Clouatre, Teri Casso, Todd Lambert, Bryan Melancon, Benny Johnson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Daniel Satterlee

NOT VOTING: Chairman Chris Loar

And this Ordinance was passed on this 20th day of March, 2013.

/s/ Cinnamon Galtier
Secretary

/s/ Tommy Martinez
President

Legal Counsel O’Neil Parenton read the proposed ordinance **to amend an ordinance to comply with Louisiana RS 18:532.1 authorizing the Parish Governing Authorities to re-establish precinct boundaries.** A motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilman Bryan Melancon and a second by Councilwoman Teri Casso. With no speakers, the public hearing was unanimously closed on a motion by Councilman Benny Johnson and a second by Councilman Bryan Melancon.

The subsequent ordinance was adopted on a motion by Councilman Todd Lambert and a second by Councilman Benny Johnson.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ASCENSION

ORDINANCE

TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE TO COMPLY WITH LOUISIANA R.S. 18:532.1
AUTHORIZING PARISH GOVERNING AUTHORITES TO RE-ESTABLISH PRECINCT
BOUNDARIES.

PURPOSE:To amend an ordinance adopted by the Ascension Parish Council on June 29, 2011, in compliance with Louisiana R.S. 18:532.1 authorizing Parish Governing Authorities to Re-establish Precinct Boundaries to repeal descriptions and designations of existing Ascension Parish Precinct Boundaries, define the territory of each precinct, describe the boundaries of each district, designate each new precinct, and to address other matters relative thereto.

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Ascension Parish Governing Authority that the ordinance to repeal descriptions and designations of existing Ascension Parish Council Precincts, define the territory of each precinct, describe the boundaries of each precinct, designate each precinct, and to address other matters relative thereto, is amended, as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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 separate, distinct, and independent provisions 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.

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

Yeas: Oliver Joseph, Kent Schexnaydre, Travis Turner, Dempsey Lambert,
Randy Cloutre, Teri Casso, Todd Lambert, Bryan Melancon, Benny Johnson

Nays: None
Not Voting: Chairman Chris Loar
Absent: Daniel Satterlee
And this ordinance was passed on this 20th day of March, 2014.
/s/ Cinnamon Galtier /s/ Tommy Martinez
Secretary Parish President

Legal Counsel O'Neil Parenton read the proposed ordinance **to amend an ordinance to re-establish precinct boundaries within existing Ascension Parish Council Districts, adopted by the Ascension Parish Council on June 29, 2011.** A motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilman Bryan Melancon and a second by Councilwoman Teri Casso. With no speakers, the public hearing was unanimously closed on a motion by Councilman Benny Johnson and a second by Councilwoman Teri Casso.

The subsequent ordinance was adopted on a motion by Councilman Todd Lambert and a second by Councilwoman Teri Casso.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ASCENSION

ORDINANCE

TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE TO RE-ESTABLISH PRECINCT BOUNDARIES
WITHIN EXISTING ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICTS, ADOPTED BY
THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL ON JUNE 29, 2011.

PURPOSE:

To amend an ordinance adopted by the Ascension Parish Council on June 29, 2011, Plan B2, and amended on August 24, 2011 in compliance with Louisiana R.S. 18:532.1 authorizing Parish Governing Authorities to Re-establish Precinct boundaries within existing Ascension Parish Council Districts.

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Ascension Parish Governing Authority that the ordinance to re-establish precinct boundaries within existing Ascension Parish Council Districts, and to address other matters relative thereto, is amended, as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.:

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 separate, distinct, and independent provisions 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.
This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Oliver Joseph, Kent Schexnaydre, Travis Turner, Dempsey Lambert,
Randy Clouatre, Teri Casso, Todd Lambert, Bryan Melancon, Benny Johnson

Nays: None

Not Voting: Chairman Chris Loar

Absent: Daniel Satterlee

And this ordinance was passed on this 20th day of March, 2014

/s/ Cinnamon Galtier

/s/ Tommy Martinez

Secretary

Parish President

There being no further business to come before the Council of the Parish of Ascension,
Louisiana, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

/s/ Chris Loar

/s/ Cinnamon Galtier

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY