

**MINUTES OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.**

**ST. TAMMANY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX**

**21490 KOOP DRIVE, MANDEVILLE, LA.**

**Call to Order by Honorable Jerry Binder**

**Invocation by Mr. T. Smith**

**Pledge of Allegiance by Ms. O'Brien**

**Roll Call: Marty Dean ABSENT  
David Fitzgerald ABSENT  
Martha Jenkins Cazaubon  
James "Jimmie" Davis, III  
Cheryl Tanner  
Rykert O. Toledano, Jr. ABSENT  
Michael R. Lorino, Jr. ABSENT  
Christopher Canulette ABSENT  
Michael "Mike" Maxwell Smith  
Maureen "MO" O'Brien  
Steve Stefancik  
Jerry Binder  
Jacob "Jake" Airey  
Thomas (T.J.) Smith, Jr.**

**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.**

**SPECIAL ITEMS**

**Binder - 1. Ord. Cal. No. 6490AA – Ordinance to adopt the 2021 Operating Budget. (Lorino/Cooper) (Introduced 12/03/2020)**

**-Debra Hebert – read a statement in favor of slowing down development. She is against roundabouts.**

**-Dwight Doskey – this has not been properly available for inspection.**

**-Ryan Green – agrees with the previous 2 speakers.**

**-Philip Schuessler – defers comments because his are similar to the previous comments.**

**-Nancy Wagner – suggests voting on original budget because this was not properly noticed.**

**-Margie Vicknair-Pray – seconds everything everyone says. When using taxpayers' money, they need to think of taxpayers. She asks that the Council rethinks budget and do it legally.**

**-Jocelyn Lowe – concurs with what everyone else says. She doesn't understand the rush to do roads.**

**-Emily Couvillion – spoke regarding legal questions posed. She doesn't believe there is any legal impediment to the Council voting on the amended ordinances.**

**-Council discussion ensued with comments from Cazaubon, Airey, M. Smith, T. Smith, Davis, Stefancik, O'Brien, Binder.**

**-President Cooper made comments pertaining to being taken aback by the amendments at the time they were presented. Asks that the Council adopts the budget so the projects can begin.**

**-Stefancik – moved to adopt, seconded by Airey. Unanimous with 5 absent (Dean, Fitzgerald, Lorino, Toledano, Canulette); becomes Ordinance C.S. No. 20-4453.**

**-Binder - 2. Ord. Cal. No. 6491AA - Ordinance to establish the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets. (Lorino/Cooper) (Introduced 12/03/2020)**

**-Margie Vicknair-Pray – does not speak**

**-Ryan Green – lives less than 100 feet from Ochsner Blvd. The roundabout doesn't make sense.**

**-Binder – the road is in the budget and now the roundabout is in the budget.**

**-Philip Schuessler – as a citizen of Covington, he is concerned with drainage discussion. Wants to make sure the process goes to a systematic procedure.**

**-Nancy Wagner – has questions about the 3 roundabouts. Wants to know what “program management cover”?**

**-Stefancik – moved to adopt, seconded by M. Smith. Unanimous with 5 absent (Dean, Fitzgerald, Lorino, Toledano, Canulette); becomes Ordinance C.S. No. 20-4454.**

### APPOINTMENTS

**-Binder - 1. Resolution to reappoint one (1) member and appoint one (1) member to St. Tammany Parish Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee. (Lorino/Cooper)**

**-Airey – has not had an opportunity to pick a new member.**

**-Stefancik – is concerned with his appointee.**

**-Airey – moved to postpone, seconded by M. Smith. Unanimous with 5 absent (Dean, Fitzgerald, Lorino, Toledano, Canulette).**

### RESOLUTIONS

**-Binder - 1. Resolution C.S. No. C-6384 - Resolution to vacate, in part, the six (6) month moratorium established by Ordinance C.S. 15-3353 and any subsequent extensions thereof, for the limited purpose of allowing the issuance of permits for construction or placement of building structures within a portion of Voting Precinct 914, to remove and release 4.639 acres of property located on James Crosby Rd. as depicted on the attached survey (Ward 8, District 14) (T. Smith)**

**-T. Smith – moved to adopt, seconded by O'Brien. . Unanimous with 5 absent (Dean, Fitzgerald, Lorino, Toledano, Canulette).**

**-Binder - 2. Resolution C.S. No. C-6385 - Resolution to vacate, in part, the six (6) month moratorium 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 Lot 5 and 12, Square 14, West Alton Subdivision, St. Tammany Parish, LA (Ward 9, District 14) (T. Smith)**

**-T. Smith – moved to adopt, seconded by Davis. . Unanimous with 5 absent (Dean, Fitzgerald, Lorino, Toledano, Canulette)**

**-T. Smith – moved to open items Off-The-Floor, seconded by Davis. Unanimous with 5 absent (Dean, Fitzgerald, Lorino, Toledano, Canulette)**

**DECEMBER 29, 2020 - ITEMS OFF-THE-FLOOR**

-Binder – 1. Resolution to appoint Shannon Menard as the replacement member on the Board of Commissioners for Recreation District 4. (Davis)

-Davis – moved to appoint, seconded by M. Smith. . Unanimous with 5 absent (Dean, Fitzgerald, Lorino, Toledano, Canulette); becomes Resolution C.S. No. C-6386.

-Binder - 2. Ordinance Calendar No. 6562 – Ordinance to amend the 2020 Grants Budget – Amendment No. 12. (Airey)

-Airey – explained with this ordinance pertains to.

-Tanner – asked if this included GOMESA.

-Airey – moved to introduce; seconded by O'Brien.

-Binder - 3. Ordinance Calendar No. 6563 - Ordinance to amend the 2020 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 45 – Drainage Ad Valorem Parish wide. (Airey)

-Airey – this relates to the previous item.

-Airey moved to introduce; seconded by Tanner.

**DECEMBER 29, 2020 - ITEMS OFF-THE-FLOOR (PART II)**

-Binder - 1. Resolution to approve recommendation and authorize Parish President to proceed with the settlement of a Workers' Compensation claim entitled: Claim 18D90F608155, Derrick Torregano, Sr., Date of Incident: May 23, 2018.


-Airey – moved to adopt, seconded by Tanner. Unanimous with 5 absent (Dean, Fitzgerald, Lorino, Toledano, Canulette); becomes Resolution C.S. No. C-6387.

-President Cooper made comments regarding the current Covid situation.

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



MICHAEL R. LORINO, JR., COUNCIL CHAIRMAN



KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK