

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023 FOLLOWING AGENDA REVIEW

ST. TAMMANY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX
21490 KOOP DRIVE, MANDEVILLE, LA.

Call to order by Honorable Michael R. Lorino, Jr., Chair

Roll Call: Michael R. Lorino, Jr.
Rykert O. Toledano, Jr.
Cheryl Tanner
Michael "Mike" Smith
Maureen "MO" O'Brien
Jerry Binder
Jacob "Jake" A. Airey (ex officio member) ABSENT
Chris Canulette (alternate) ABSENT

Also present: Laughlin

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

-Leslie Long – explained the 3 reports that she handed out. She told the Council that they can email her anytime if there are questions.

-Binder – made comments regarding auto sales and sales tax.

-Long – responded to those comments.

-Toledano – asked what is the lag time in deposit and logging.

-Long – answered that it is about 2 months as explained.

-Campo – asked about the staff report not being in the packet.

-Long – said that Adrienne Stroble with Human Resources is there, but it is not really a finance report. She said if they have any questions then Adrienne can answer them.

-Stroble – said there are 33 vacancies, and explained the vacancies.

-Laughlin – said isn't that down about 20 from last month>

-Stroble – explained that last month included the seasonal positions, grass cutters, etc.

-Lorino - 2. Review of proposed Finance Ordinances and Resolutions on the March 02, 2023 Council Meeting Agenda. (Meeting Agenda available in Council Office or on Parish website: www.stpgov.org)

ITEMS TO PULL

Ords. for Intro.
2. Ord. Cal. No. 7211
3. Ord. Cal. No. 7212
4. Ord. Cal. No. 7213
5. Ord. Cal. No. 7214
6. Ord. Cal. No. 7215
7. Ord. Cal. No. 7216
8. Ord. Cal. No. 7217
9. Ord. Cal. No. 7218
10. Ord. Cal. No. 7219
11. Ord. Cal. No. 7220
12. Ord. Cal. No. 7221

-Lorino - 2. Ord. Cal. No. 7211 - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 5 – Parishwide Roads & Drainage Capital Projects. (Randolph/Cooper)

-Long – explained the purpose of the ordinance.

-Lorino – asked what is the status of this?

-Long – explained the status.

-Lorino – asked if the original budget was \$600,000?

-Long – said she can check on that.

-Lorino – asked who was the consultant.

-Long – said she could get that information for him.

-Lorino – asked what was the timeline.

-Long – answered the end of 2023.

-Lorino - 3. Ord. Cal. No. 7212 - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets - Amendment No. 6 Coastal Restoration Capital Projects. (Airey/Cooper)

-Long – explained the purpose of the ordinance.

-Tanner – made comments regarding Washington Parish and St. Tammany Parish being awarded \$500,000 each. Said she would like to be kept up to date on this.

-Lorino – asked about the \$100,000 on the Tchefuncte West Bank Marsh being spent or not.

-Ross Liner – answered that it was spent to determine if this was a good project.

-Lorino – asked about the consultant and time line.

-Liner – answered High Tide Consultants and 12-15 months.

-Smith – said he would like to be informed of the Pearl River Navigational Study. He asked Liner about the length of the study and timeline.

-Liner – answered.

-Lorino - 4. Ord. Cal. No. 7213 - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 7 – Culture and Recreation Capital Projects. (Davis/Cooper)

-Long – explained the purpose of the ordinance.

-Lorino – asked for the status and when will the design be complete and what is the total cost.

-Liner – said this is on a tight timeline and there is a \$1 million match grant.

-Lorino – asked if there were any funds for mitigation.

-Liner – responded.

-Lorino – asked who the consultant is, and Liner answered.

-Lorino – asked about Deep Water Horizon funding.

-Lorino - 5. Ord. Cal. No. 7214 - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 8 – Transportation. (Airey/Cooper)

-Binder – asked if this is like a school bus because \$146,000 per bus is a lot.

-Jeanne Marino – answered and explained the purchase process.

-Lorino - 6. Ord. Cal. No. 7215 - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets - Amendment No. 9 - Disaster Relief Capital Projects. (Dean/Cooper)

- Long – explained the purpose of the ordinance.
- Tanner – asked about the rent for these buildings.
- Long – answered that they do not get rent for that building, but for other buildings at the Safe Haven Campus.
- Tanner – asked why can't the rent from there cover the \$27,000?
- Long – said the rent doesn't cover the maintenance of those properties. If anything, it would come from the Capital Outlay. She said the Deep Water Horizon money was the balance of what was dedicated to Safe Haven.
- Binder – asked about the fishing pier and the cost share and the status.
- Long – explained the process to him.
- Laughlin – asked about the apartment and the reserve money.
- Lorino – asked what was the total cost of the roof repair and how much money is being given?
- Long – explained.
- Lorino - 7. Ord. Cal. No. 7216 - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets - Amendment No. 10 - Sewer/Water Quality Capital Projects. (Airey/Cooper)
- Long – explained the purpose of the ordinance.
- Lorino - 8. Ord. Cal. No. 7217 - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Grants Budget - Amendment No. 02. (Airey/Cooper)
- Long – explained the purpose of the ordinance.
- Lorino – asked for an all-in budget for Safe Haven and he asked about the Crisis Receiving Center.
- Gina Hayes – answered.
- Lorino – asked what is the operational cost of that campus.
- Lorino - 9. Ord. Cal. No. 7218 - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 11 – Justice Center Complex. (Dean/Cooper)
- Long – explained the purpose of the ordinance.
- Lorino - 10. Ord. Cal. No. 7219 - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Operating Budget - Amendment No. 02. (Airey/Cooper)
- Long – explained the purpose of the ordinance.
- Lorino - 11. Ord. Cal. No. 7220 - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Operating Budget – Amendment No. 03. (Dean/Cooper)
- Long – explained the purpose of the ordinance.
- Lorino - 12. Ord. Cal. No. 7221 - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 12 – Safe Haven Complex. (Davis/Cooper)
- Long – explained the purpose of the ordinance.
- Toledano – asked what is the percentage in service.
- Long – said she would have to ask Mary Burckell.
- Tanner – asked will they get rent.
- Hayes – answered that is the plan.
- Toledano – moved to refer to full Council, seconded by Binder. Unanimous with 1 absent (Airey).

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

MICHAEL R. LORINO, JR., COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN



KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

