



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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. ABSENT  
Cheryl Tanner  
Michael "Mike" Smith  
Maureen "MO" O'Brien  
Jerry Binder  
Jacob "Jake" A. Airey (ex officio member)  
Chris Canulette (alternate)

Also present: Cazaubon, Laughlin, Randolph

-Lorino - 1. Presentation of the Independent Auditor's Report of Parish Financial Statements by LaPorte CPAs & Business Advisors.

-Auditor from Laporte CPAs & Business Advisors made a presentation regarding the audit. He said everything was in compliance. He is happy to discuss anything in the audit. He said they got imposed the full set of statewide procedures and didn't encounter any exceptions.

-Lorino – made comments and thanked Leslie Long.

-Lorino - 2. Review of Monthly Finance Reports generated by the Finance Department.

-Leslie Long – explained the reports that she handed out.

-Lorino - 3. Review of proposed Finance Ordinances and Resolutions on the October 05, 2023 Council Meeting Agenda. (Meeting Agenda available in Council Office or on Parish website: [www.stpgov.org](http://www.stpgov.org))

-Lorino - **14. Ordinance Calendar No. 7407** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 53 – Safe Haven Facility Capital Grant. (Dean/Cooper)

-Long – explained that this was for Safe Haven cafeteria and is 100% CDBG grant.

-Lorino – said Council spoke about putting things on hold until elections are over in November.

-Tanner – made comments.

-Mary Burckell – made comments.

-Lorino - **15. Ordinance Calendar No. 7408** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 54 – Disaster Relief Capital Projects. (Dean/Cooper)

-Long – explained that this was for the Safe Haven gazebo built by Rotary. \$9,000 from insurance proceeds


-Lorino - **16. Ordinance Calendar No. 7409** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 55 – Buildings – General Capital Projects. (Davis/Cooper)

- Long – explained that this was for University Square Learning Center. \$150,000 State appropriation
- Lorino - **17. Ordinance Calendar No. 7410** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 56 – Mandatory Impact Fee – Tree Bank Capital Projects. (Dean/ Fitzgerald/Smith/Toledano/Cooper)
- Long – explained that this was for Mandatory Impact fees from tree banks.
- Canulette – made comments about a fire hydrant.
- Chris Tissue – responded.
- Smith – asked about them fixing some of the lift stations.
- Airey – asked about Meadowlake.
- Lorino - **18. Ordinance Calendar No. 7411** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 57 – District 2 Capital Projects. (Fitzgerald/Cooper)
- Long – explained that this was for +\$29,500 mill and overlay in District 2.
- Lorino - **19. Ordinance Calendar No. 7412** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 58 – District 3 Capital Projects (Cazaubon/Cooper)
- Long – explained this was for 2 projects in District 3, Bessie Booth Rd. and Stanger Rd. reconstruction & mill and overlay.
- Randolph – asked for the dollar amount.
- Long - \$10,600 & \$17, 100
- Lorino - **20. Ordinance Calendar No. 7413** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 59 – District 8 Capital Projects. (Canulette/Cooper)
- Long – explained that this was for Spheiler Rd. sidewalk in District 8. \$25,000
- Lorino - **21. Ordinance Calendar No. 7414** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 60 – District 12 Capital Projects. (Binder)
- Long – explained that this was for Chamale Dr. speed tables in District 12. \$37,000
- Binder – made comments about Chamale.
- Lorino - **22. Ordinance Calendar No. 7415** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 61 – Parishwide Capital Projects. (O'Brien/Cooper)
- Long – explained tat this was funded by the Drainage ad volorum tax for District 10. \$380, 000
- Lorino - **23. Ordinance Calendar No. 7416** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Assets – Amendment No. 62 – Parishwide Roads & Drainage Capital Projects. (Lorino/Cooper)
- Long – explained that this was funded by the Louisiana Capital Outlay Program. This is for LA22 beautification. \$500,000
- Lorino – asked how is the money coming to the Parish to be spent and are they using any funds from the Parish.
- Hill – answered that only the \$500,000 was going to be used and it is going to come through as any other grant does.
- Long – said the state has awarded them. They will sign it and return it.
- Tanner – asked if it would be bid out.
- Hill – explained the process.
- Canulette – made comments.
- Lorino – asked about the start date.
- Lorino - **24. Ordinance Calendar No. 7417** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Operating Budget – Amendment No. 15. (O'Brien/Cooper)
- Long – explained that this is a transfer for drainage in District 10. \$380, 000

- Lorino - **25. Ordinance Calendar No. 7418** - Ordinance to amend the 2023 Grants Budget – Amendment No. 10. (Lorino/Cooper)
- Long – explained that this was for 3 awards: Creative Aging Opportunity \$5,066; Urban Transit \$4.845 million; and Healthy Communities \$4,400 and also for the transfer of \$3.3 million from Hurricane Isaac funds/HUD award for the Safe Haven cafeteria.
- Randolph – asked Long to repeat the numbers.
- Canulette – asked why are funds being taken from the Hurricane for something that might not get filled.
- Tanner – moved to refer to the full Council, seconded by Canulette. Unanimous with (1) one absent (Toledano).
- There being no further business, meeting adjourned at the call of the Committee Chairman.



KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK



MICHAEL R. LORINO, JR., COMMITTEE CHAIR

