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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASCENSION PARISH COUNCIL

March 19, 2026 - 6:00 PM
ASCENSION PARISH COURTHOUSE
607 E Worthey Rd
Gonzales

AGENDA

- (1) **Call To Order / Invocation and Pledge**
- (2) **Roll Call**
- (3) **Presentations**
 - a. David Cresson, President and CEO of the Louisiana Chemical Association and the Louisiana Chemical Industry Alliance
 - b. Proclamation - to proclaim April 2026 "Fair Housing Month" in Ascension Parish
 - c. Proclamation - to proclaim April 6-10 "Community Development Week" in Ascension Parish
- (4) **Chair's Additions**
- (5) **Public Comment Sign- In Period**
- (6) **Parish President's Report:**
- (7) **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Donaldsonville for the 31st Annual Juneteenth Music Festival to be held on June 13, 2026, in the amount of \$10,000.00 (Ruth Phillips, Infrastructure Division Director) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - b. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Master Services Contract with Joey Thibodeaux Drain Cleaning & Plumbing, LLC for water leaks and distribution repairs for Parish Utilities of Ascension. The compensation to the Provider for these services is amended to include an increase of \$150,500.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$200,000.00 through December 31, 2026 (Jason Licciardi, Director Utilities) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
 - c. Approval of Contract Renewal with Triton Controls & Engineering, Inc., for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Support. This renewal shall have a term of one

year, beginning April 17, 2026, with an option of a one-year renewal, in the amount of \$150,000.00 (Ryan Wilsey, Automation Integration Specialist) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- d. Approval to accept the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$132,550.00 submitted by Dantin Builders for the Pavillion at Oak Grove Park and to authorize the Parish President to enter a contract for the project (Geoff Sanders, Supervisor IV Recreation)
- e. Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Grass Cutting Contract with E&C Bush Hogging, LLC to amend Attachments A & B to include one (1) additional location. The total amendment amount is \$4,320.00 for a new total contract amount of \$212,508.00 (Geoff Sanders, Supervisor IV Recreation) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- f. Approval of Amendment No. 4 to the Master Contract for Professional Services with ELOS Environmental, LLC for the Energy Transition Parkway Environmental Services - Phase II contract. This amendment extends the contract term to April 30, 2026, and is retroactive to December 31, 2025 and does not affect the original contract price of \$52,500.00 (Daniel Helms, Director Transportation) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- g. Approval of Amendment No. 9 to the Master Contract for Professional Services with T. Baker Smith, LLC for the LA Hwy 3127 Extension Design Services. This amendment extends the contract term to April 30, 2026, and is retroactive to December 31, 2025 and does not affect the original contract price of \$2,362,671.00 (Daniel Helms, Director Transportation) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- h. Approval of Articles of Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Ascension Water Company for utility relocations near the LA 44 at Parker Road Roundabout project in the amount of \$103,264.61, and approval for Parish President Clint Cointment to execute the agreement (Daniel Helms, Director Transportation) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- i. Approval of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) for the LA 73 at LA 74 Intersection Improvements Project (H.015107), and approval for Parish President Clint Cointment to execute the Agreement (Daniel Helms, Director Transportation) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- j. Approval of Recommendation of Final Acceptance of the Manchac Acres Road and HH Wilson Road Bridges Project, State Project H.013458.6, Michael Baker International, Inc. (Daniel Helms, Director Transportation) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- k. Approval of Change Order No. 3 to the Contract with M&J Civil Construction, LLC for the Dutchtown Rear Access Road project, to increase the contract time by 5 days due to unsuitable material that was encountered when removing existing pavement. This change order only increases the contract time and does not affect the contract price (Daniel Helms, Director Transportation) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- l. Approval of Change Order No. 1 - Triumph Construction, LLC, for the PR 929 at PR 930 Roundabout Project in the Move Ascension Program, Contract #250209, to provide for exploratory excavation due to utility conflicts. This change order will add one (1) additional day to the project duration and increase the contract amount by \$8,867.54, for a new total contract amount of \$2,166,704.04 (Daniel Helms, Director Transportation) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- m. Approval of Change Order No. 2 - Triumph Construction, LLC, for the PR 929 at PR 930 Roundabout Project in the Move Ascension Program, Contract #250209, to provide for utility survey and CAD file documentation. This change order will increase the contract amount by \$3,768.96, for a new total contract amount of \$2,170,473.00 (Daniel Helms, Director Transportation) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- n. Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) for the LA 73 to Bluff Road (LA 928) Connector Project, Project Agreement Number PA610016,

and approval for Parish President Clint Cointment to execute the Agreement (Daniel Helms, Director Transportation) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

- o.** Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) for the LA 73 at Corner view Road (LA 429) Roundabout Project, Project Agreement Number PA610007, and approval for Parish President Clint Cointment to execute the agreement (Daniel Helms, Director Transportation) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- p.** Approval of Amendment No. 3 to the Master Contract for Professional Services with McKim & Creed, Inc. for the Water Sector Program, to extend the contract to May 31, 2026, and is retroactive to February 28, 2026. The amendment only extends the term of the project and does not affect the original contract price of \$1,258,563.95 (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- q.** Approval of Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Cypress Roofing, LLC for the Remove and Replace the Utilities West Billing Office Roof Project for additional materials to elevate ponding areas found after the old tar and rock system was removed from the original roof. This will increase the contract price by \$4,678.98 for a total contract price of \$86,057.86. This will also increase the contact time by 25 days for a total contract time of 115 days (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- r.** Approval to accept the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$466,801.00 submitted by Dixie Painting and Sandblasting, Inc. for the Parish Utilities of Ascension Water Plant Feed Tank Planning and Construction and to authorize the Parish President to enter a contract for the project (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- s.** Approval of Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Command Construction, LLC for the Water Sector Program (Round 1) Project. This change order will increase the contract time by 303 days due to delayed delivery of the Booster Station and testing and does not affect the contract price (Dean Thomason, Project Manager III) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- t.** Approval of Renewal of Legal Services Contract with Daigle, Fisse & Kessenich for general legal matters. The rate at which attorney may bill the Parish shall not exceed the Attorney General rate and shall not exceed \$395,000.00 (Jean-Paul Robert, Parish Attorney) *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- u.** Approval of Renewal of Legal Services Contract with Kean Miller, LLP for the preparation of trust documents for retiree medical plan, coordination with health plan, pension plan and related documentation, and consultation with respect to related tax consequences and regulatory compliance. The rate at which attorney may bill the Parish shall not exceed the Attorney General rate and shall not exceed \$8,000.00 (Jean-Paul Robert, Parish Attorney) *Finance Committee Recommendation*

(8) Personnel Recommendations (Chairman Dennis Cullen)

- a.** Animal Services Board Appointments
- b.** Planning and Zoning Commission Appointment and Reappointments
- c.** Fire Protection District 3 Board Reappointments

(9) General Business

- a.** Resolution - ordering and calling a special election to be held in Road Lighting District No. 7 of the Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana on Saturday, June 27, 2026, for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of the five (5.00) mill tax on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the District for a period of ten years, for the purpose of providing funds to acquire, improve and equip the system of the road lighting on the streets, roads, highways, alleys and public places of the District, and to provide funds to pay the operation and maintenance costs and expenses in connection therewith; and further making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization

to hold the aforesaid election; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith (Bond Counsel)

- b. Resolution for the Board of Commerce and Industry regarding the Council's recommendation concerning BASF's non-compliance in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program, contracts 20170548-ITE, 20170550-ITE, 20190056-ITE, and 20210225-ITE for project year 2023 (Kate MacArthur, Ascension Economic Development Director)

(10) Introduction of Ordinances - (Legal Counsel)

- a. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Zoning Map from Rural (R) to Medium Intensity Residential (RM) Zoning Review ID PZ-3822.25 - Lot 4-B for Mickey Robertson (Patrick Catalano) - located on the north side of LA Highway 621 approximately 3350' west of LA Highway 44
- b. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Article III, Section 18-30 - East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1- to update wording from "police jury" to "council members" and to designate the Parish President as the administrator of all services and work by the District
- c. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Political Subdivisions - Autonomous Boards, Commissions and Authorities Article III - Drainage Districts, Section 18-31 - West Ascension Drainage District No. 1 - to update wording from "police jury" to "council members", to outline the board make-up and to designate the Parish President as the administrator of all services and work by the District
- d. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Political Subdivisions - Autonomous Boards, Commissions and Authorities, Article I - In General. - to remove Section 18-2 Louisiana Square Park: joint service agreement (with the City of Donaldsonville)
- e. Introduction of Ordinance- to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Article II, Division 2, Section 15-31 Guidelines for use regarding the Louisiana Square Park
- f. Introduction of Ordinance - to amend the Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances, specifically Subdivision, 2- General Provisions, Sec. 18-116 (n) - Stormwater Management Account - all funds collected will be deposited into the Parish General Fund
- g. Introduction of Ordinance - declaring surplus and authorization of the sale and/or transfer of miscellaneous movable equipment *Finance Committee Recommendation*
- h. Introduction of Ordinance - to provide for the temporary assignment of staggered terms for members of the Ascension Parish Zoning Board of Adjustments and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- i. Introduction of Ordinance - to acquire two drainage servitudes for the Phase 4 - Fontenot Road Ditch Dredging Project, Ascension Parish Project 22503635 consisting of Parcel 4-3 for the price of \$10,948.00 and Parcel 4-4 for \$36,366.00. for drainage improvement throughout the Parish

(11) Executive Session

- a. Final approval of settlement agreement for DEMCO vs Ascension Parish, 23rd JDC, Parish of Ascension, Suit No. 134,841, Div.: "D"
- b. Approval of Claim for LCA-0035708 - Lajuan Brown

(12) Adjourn

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