PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COURTHOUSE ANNEX, 206 EAST MULBERRY STREET, AMITE, LOUISIANA –

T.P. Ordinance No. 16-55- An ordinance to authorize an exchange of property between the Town of Kentwood and the Tangipahoa Parish Council- President Government for the benefit of the Tangipahoa Parish Library Board of Control- No one from the public wished to address the foregoing item.

MINUTES OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 14, 2016

The Tangipahoa Parish Council met on the 14th day of November, 2016 in Regular Session and was called to order by Mr. Lionel Wells, Vice Chairman, immediately following the public hearing held at 5:30 P.M. The Invocation was given by Mr. Louis Joseph and the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Buddy Ridgel

The following members were present: Trent Forrest, James Bailey, Louis Joseph, Carlo Bruno, Buddy Ridgel, Joey Mayeaux, Lionel Wells, David Vial, and Harry Lavine

Absent: Bobby Cortez

Item No. 5 - Cell Phones - Please Mute or Turn Off.

Item No. 6 - Adoption of Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Forrest to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated October 24, 2016 and requesting that they be dispensed and published in the Official Journal.

Roll-call vote was as follows:
Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Cortez)
Not Voting: None

Item No. 7 - Public Input - Anyone Wishing to Address Agenda Items which were not on Public Hearing - None

Item No. 8 - Parish President’s Report
a) Approval of Substantial Completion
   1) Port Manchac Improvements- A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Lavine to approve substantial completion of Port Manchac Improvements. Roll call vote was as follows:
   Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
   Nays: None
   Abstain: None
   Absent: 1 (Cortez)
   Not Voting: None
b) Approval of Change Order
   1) Amite Health Unit Flood Repairs- A motion was made by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the change order for the Amite Health Unit flood repairs. Roll call vote was as follows:
   Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
   Nays: None
   Abstain: None
   Absent: 1 (Cortez)
   Not Voting: None
c) Approval to Take into the Parish Maintenance System- Oakcrest Lane- A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Bailey giving approve to accept Oakcrest Lane into the Parish Maintenance System. Roll call vote was as follows:
   Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
   Nays: None
   Abstain: None
   Absent: 1 (Cortez)
   Not Voting: None
d) Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President - Government and the Tangipahoa Parish Communication District Number One- A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Forrest to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement as presented by Mr. Miller. Roll call vote was as follows:
   Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
   Nays: None
   Abstain: None
   Absent: 1 (Cortez)
   Not Voting: None
e) Adoption of Florida Parishes Arena Rules of Operation- A motion was made by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Ridgel to table items e & f. Roll call vote was as follows:
   Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
   Nays: None

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A motion was made by Mr. Forrest and seconded by Mr. Vial to add to the agenda by unanimous vote the matter of approval of bid for sludge dewatering box. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Cortez)
Not Voting: None

A motion was made by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Lavine to approve the only bid from Western Oilfields Supply Company dba Rain for Rent of $18,533.09 per box for a total of $37,066.18 for two boxes. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Cortez)
Not Voting: None

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Joseph to hire Lee Gray, CPA firm for a period of 2 years at $75,000 per year. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Cortez)
Not Voting: None

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to add to the agenda by unanimous vote the matter of adoption of T.P. Resolution No. R16-35- A resolution affirming the authority of Gravity Drainage District No. 4, of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana; and approving the holding of a special election by Gravity Drainage District No. 4, of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana on Saturday, March 25, 2017, to authorize the renewal of the levy of a special ad valorem tax in the District. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Cortez)
Not Voting: None

RESOLUTION NO. 16-35
A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE AUTHORITY OF GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4, OF THE PARISH OF TANGIPAHOA, STATE OF LOUISIANA; AND APPROVING THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION BY GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4, OF THE PARISH OF TANGIPAHOA, STATE OF LOUISIANA ON SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL AD VALOREM TAX IN THE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Board of the Gravity Drainage District No. 4 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District") acting as the governing authority (the "District Governing Authority"), of the District, has previously levied a special tax of two (2) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District, for a period of five (5) years commencing with the year 2013 (the "Tax"); and WHEREAS, at its meeting on August 29, 2016 the District Governing Authority did adopt a resolution...
calling for an election to be held on March 25, 2017 for the electorate of the District to consider the renewal of the Tax (the “Election”); and
WHEREAS, the Parish Council, of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish (the “Governing Authority”) desires to affirm the authority of the District to hold the Election, and in the event that the Election carries, to levy and collect the Tax as provided for therein;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Authority of the Parish that:
SECTION 1. Approval of District Elections. The Governing Authority hereby affirms the authority of the District to call elections concerning ad valorem or acreage taxes and to levy same following the approval of the qualified electors of the District at said election. Additionally, the Governing Authority hereby approves and consents to the holding of an election in the District on Saturday March 25, 2017, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (RENEWAL)

Shall the Gravity Drainage District No. 4 of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), under the provisions of Article VI, Sections 30 and 32 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, and other authority, be authorized to renew the levy and collection, and adopt an ordinance providing for same, of a special ad valorem tax of 2.0 mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the District (the "Tax") (an estimated $84,000 is reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of five (5) years, commencing with the tax collection for the year 2018, and annually thereafter, to and including the tax collection for the year 2022, and shall the proceeds of said Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collection and administration) be dedicated and used solely for the following purposes: one-half shall for the purpose of maintaining and operating gravity drainage works in the District, and the other one-half shall be for the purpose of constructing gravity drainage works in the District, title to which shall be in the public;

SECTION 2. Levy and Collection. In the event the Election carries, this Governing Authority does hereby further consent to the District levying and collecting the Tax provided for herein.

 adoption of T.P. Ordinance No. 16-55- An ordinance to authorize an exchange of property between the Town of Kentwood and the Tangipahoa Parish Council- President Government for the benefit of the Tangipahoa Parish Library Board of Control. A motion was made by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Forrest to adopt T.P. Ordinance No. 16-55. Roll call vote was as follows:
Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Cortez)
Not Voting: None

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE A PARCEL OF LAND AS BEING SURPLUS PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES BY THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH-PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXCHANGE OF THIS SAID PROPERTY WITH THE TOWN OF KENTWOOD

WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President with dedicated funds of the Tangipahoa Parish Library Board is committed to the construction of a new public library in downtown Kentwood, Louisiana; WHEREAS, this “new” public library facility will result in an improvement in the appearance of the downtown area of Kentwood, Louisiana and possibly increase downtown property values and help in the Town of Kentwood in it’s efforts to revitalize the downtown area; WHEREAS, the Town of Kentwood owns property adjacent to the proposed site of this new Kentwood Library and this property will aid and assist the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government in cooperation with the Tangipahoa Parish Library Board in its efforts to construct this “new” public library in Kentwood, Louisiana; WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government herein agrees by an act of exchange to transfer to the Town of Kentwood the site and building of the “old” Kentwood Public Library, which property will no longer be needed for public purposes upon the construction of the “new” library in Kentwood, Louisiana; WHEREAS, the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government agrees to exchange the “old” library site for the Town of Kentwood site referenced herein but provided that it is able to use the “old” library site for a public library until such time the “new” public library is completed.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Tangipahoa Parish, Hon. Charles Robert “Robby” Miller, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to enter into an act of exchange with the Town of Kentwood for and on behalf of the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government and in cooperation with the Tangipahoa Parish
Library Board of Control

In this act of exchange, the Tangipahoa Parish Board of Control shall continue to utilize and build property exchanged until such time as the “new” Kentwood Public Library has been constructed and ready for occupancy.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Tangipahoa Parish Council that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the signature of the Tangipahoa Parish President.

The above and foregoing ordinance having been duly submitted to the Tangipahoa Parish Council in writing; public hearing; after motion and second was submitted to the official vote of the Tangipahoa Parish Council.

S/Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish Council

S/Kristen Pecararo, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

Item No. 11- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 16-56- An ordinance adopting the operating budget of the Tangipahoa Parish Library Board of Control for 2017. - A motion was made by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Forrest to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 16-56 and set public hearing for Monday, December 12, 2016 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Cortez)
Not Voting: None

Item No. 12- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 16-57- An ordinance amending T.P. Ordinance No. 15-48- Adoption of the 2016 budget of the Tangipahoa Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau. - A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Forrest to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 16-57 and set public hearing for Monday, December 12, 2016 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Cortez)
Not Voting: None

Item No. 13- Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 16-58- An ordinance adopting the 2017 budget of the Tangipahoa Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau. - A motion was made by Mr. Lavine and seconded by Mr. Mayeaux to introduce T.P. Ordinance No. 16-58 and set public hearing for Monday, December 12, 2016 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Cortez)
Not Voting: None
Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Cortez)
Not Voting: None

**Item No. 14 - Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 16-59:** An ordinance placing no parking on shoulder signs on Brazile Road in District No. 5 in Tangipahoa Parish in accordance with Chapter 20, Streets, Roads, Sidewalks and Drainage - Article I, in General - Section 20-16 - A motion was made by Mr. Ridgel and seconded by Mr. Bruno to introduce T.P. Ordinance 16-59 and set public hearing for Monday, December 12, 2016 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:
Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Cortez)
Not Voting: None

**Item No. 15 - Introduction of T.P. Ordinance No. 16-60:** An ordinance placing a 4-way stop sign at Patti Road, Iverstine Lane, and T Hardy Road in District No. 5 in Tangipahoa Parish in accordance with Chapter 20, Streets, Roads, Sidewalks and Drainage - Article I, in General - Section 20-16 - A motion was made by Mr. Ridgel and seconded by Mr. Bailey to introduce T.P. Ordinance 16-60 and set public hearing for Monday, December 12, 2016 at 5:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the adoption thereof. Roll call vote was as follows:
Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Cortez)
Not Voting: None

**Item No. 16 - Appoint/Re-appoint Tangipahoa Council on Aging:** A motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Joseph to appoint Mrs. Robin Dagro to fill the expired term of Mrs. Farrah Raborn. This term will expire October 2019. Roll call vote was as follows:
Yeas: 9 (Forrest, Bailey, Joseph, Bruno, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Wells, Vial, Lavine)
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: 1 (Cortez)
Not Voting: None

**Item No. 17 - Beer, Wine, and Liquor Permits:** None

**Item No. 18 - Legal Matters:** None

**Item No. 19 - Councilmen’s Privileges:** Mr. Bruno spoke about issues with debris pickup.

**Item No. 20 - Adjourn**
With no further business appearing, on motion by Mr. Vial and seconded by Mr. Bruno, the Tangipahoa Parish Council adjourned.

**ATTEST:**
S/Kristen Pecararo S/Bobby Cortez
Clerk Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council Tangipahoa Parish Council