The Chairman, Mr. A. Tillman, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room. Following the Invocation, led by Councilwoman T. Cavalier, Minute Clerk V. Whitney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call, Council Members recorded as present were: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes. A quorum was declared present.

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council convene as the Board of Review for the purpose of hearing and considering written protests on the Parish Assessments, as presented by the Parish Assessor.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Gene Bonvillain, Terrebonne Parish Assessor, who stated that no written protests have been received this year and he commended his staff for the work they have done over the years to insure that property values are equitable.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre and Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council accept the 2007 property assessment list as presented by the Parish Assessor.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council convene back to the regular order of business.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre and Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Council approve the minutes of the Regular Council Session held on 8/22/07.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Council approve the Parish Bill List dated 8/22/07.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Ms. A. Williams.
SECONDED: Unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-349

WHEREAS, the annual Donner Reunion Day is a widely recognized family festival, which began many years ago as a way to celebrate the beginning of the town of Donner Louisiana in the early 1900’s, and

WHEREAS, this newly-constructed town was begun when a group of settlers constructed a levee around approximately one and one-half square miles of low lying land near the site of one of the largest sawmills in the South, and

WHEREAS, the Donner community continued to grow and soon the area was booming with businesses such as drug stores, a movie theater, barber shops, a large merchandise store, and other “modern” amenities, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to preserve the rich legacy of the brave pioneers who envisioned a town in the northern part of Terrebonne Parish and to allow many old families and friends to reunite, the first Donner Reunion was held in 1974 and attracted over one thousand people, and

WHEREAS, this annual event continues to grow and old acquaintances are renewed, while new bonds of friendship are developed, and

WHEREAS, due to the unique flavor of this local South Louisiana event, the reunion has peaked the interest of historians, local residents and visitors and has gradually grown into a major tourist event.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of Parish President Don Schwab and the entire Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that Sunday, October 7, 2007 be hereby declared

“DONNER REUNION DAY IN HOUMA-TERREBONNE”

and that all people, both Terrebonne Parish residents and tourists alike, be urged to participate in this wonderful, family-oriented event.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 26th day of September, 2007.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Joanne Plessala, Donner Reunion Committee, who thanked the Council and Parish President for the proclamation and invited them to attend the reunion.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Lucretia McBride, Gray resident, who expressed her concerns relative to the lack of availability of information relative to the local Government Assistance Program and the funds allocated before the matter was addressed in committee this past Monday. She stated that she contacted Council Clerk P. Labat who provided her with the information and she thanked him for that. She stated that she is not opposed to someone purchasing the Indian Mound, but expressed the need to preserve this Indian Mound because of its cultural history. She expressed her concerns relative to a possible conflict in the situation of a Council Member’s wife being a Real Estate Agent for the company that owns a portion of the Indian Mound.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council extend Ms. Lucretia McBride’s time an additional two minutes.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. Lucretia McBride continued her presentation regarding her concerns with the Indian Mound property in Dulac and the need to preserve it for the Indian culture.

The Chairman recognized Mr. S. P. LaRussa, local realtor, who explained that LNR Reality owns a third of the property where the Indian Mound is located, but LaRussa Real Estate does not own the property and LaRussa Real Estate is not selling the property. He explained how the property was acquired by the partners in the 1980’s and how the Indian Mound property was leased for $1.00 a year to allow the Indian community to do something with it. He said the property was taken back because motorcycles and bicycles were riding on it destroying it, so one of the property owners fenced in the Indian Mound.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Nathan Trosclair, Dulac resident, who expressed his concerns relative to the need to preserve the Indian Mound property in Dulac to protect the Native American people culture and heritage. He presented the following questions, which he stated should be answered: 1) who are all the landowners on the land title? 2) Is anyone on the Parish Council associated with or has vested interested or conflict of interest issues in regards to the landowners or any particular owner of the Indian Mound? 3) Is the land publicly owned or privately owned? 4) Is Terrebonne Parish buying the land, and, if not, then who is? 5) What as the original purchase price; 6) what is the asking price? 7) Is there an application on file requesting funding, who filed the application, and why can’t the application be accessed online right now? 8) What the application filed and completed before action was taken, which was after the fact?

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council extend Mr. Nathan Trosclair’s time an additional two minutes.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None
Mr. Nathan Trosclair continued with the following questioning: 9) Why was the Indian Mound purchase not included on tonight’s agenda?

Chairman A. Tillman requested that Mr. Trosclair’s questions be given to the Council Clerk so he can forward them to the Parish Attorney’s office for review and response.

In response to a question, Council Clerk P. Labat stated that he spoke with the Louisiana Office of local Governmental Affairs and there is time to hold the issue over for a two week period so that issues regarding it can be addressed.

Councilman C. Voisin who stated that there is a group of people who have owned the Indian Mound for at least 20 to 25 years. He said at one point, for about 15 years, it was leased to the Houma Indians for $1.00 a year and all they only needed to maintain and/or improve it, but it was not maintained and it was actually being torn up, so the owner fenced it in. He stated he informed Mr. Kirby Verret of possible available grants funds available to preserve the Indian Mound and it was determined that it would be a legitimate idea to apply for funds. He stated he will accept the challenge to find funding to help preserve the Indian Mound and encouraged the individuals who spoke this evening to help find funding. He further stated that Mrs. Brenda Dardar Robichaux, who is the Chief of the Houma Indians, has been authorized by the Tribe to purchase anything concerning the Indian Mound.

Upon questioning by Chairman A. Tillman, Mr. Nathan Trosclair explained that it has been discovered that there have been burials on Indian Mounds and artifacts are located in them and are very sacred to the Native American people.

Upon further questioning, Mr. S. P. LaRussa explained that probably 100 tracts of land have been developed on Shrimper’s Row and Grand Caillou over the last 25 years. He explained that the Indian Mound property is on Shrimper’s Row, was a plantation. He stated that at one time the mounds may have been as high as this building, but are not near as high today due to neglect. He stated the Indian Mound is contained within about 5 acres of land and has been carved out in order not to further disturb it.

Parish President D. Schwab stated that Administration did not present this matter for consideration.

Chairman A. Tillman stated that he will call a meeting ASAP to address this issue prior it to being discussed in committee again and will invite Mr. Kirby Bonvillain, Mrs. Brenda Dardar Robichaux, Mr. S. P. LaRussa and other parties involved with the property, Councilman Clayton Voisin and one other Council representative.

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council open public hearings at this time, 6:47 p.m.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

A. A proposed ordinance that will rezone from O-L (Open Land) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) a 24.031 tract of land on the east side of Patriot Point Subdivision

There were no comments from the public on the proposed resolution.
Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. Voisin.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS:  P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. P. Rhodes.

ORDINANCE NO. 7351

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE URBAN SERVICES DISTRICT OF HOUMA ZONING MAP SO AS TO REZONE FROM O-L (OPEN LAND ZONING DISTRICT) TO R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT) A 24.031 ACRE TRACT OF LAND ON THE EAST SIDE OF PATRIOT POINT SUBDIVISION, AS DEPICTED ON THE ATTACHED PLAT AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, hereby declares that it has adopted a resolution giving notice of intent to adopt the following ordinance hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, has conducted a public hearing on Wednesday, September 26, 2007; and

WHEREAS, after considering all comments received, if any, the following action is hereby taken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 24.031 acre tract of land on the east side of Patriot Point Subdivision, as depicted on the attached plat and legally described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the north right-of-way line of Dawes Street and the southeast property corner of Lot 10, Block 2 of Patriot Point Subdivision, said point being the point of beginning; thence, N 0°04'18" W, a distance of 128.37 feet to a point; thence, N 4°17'18" W, a distance of 179.19 feet to a point; thence, N 25°56'55" E, a distance of 27.65 feet to a point; thence, N 0°03'05" W, a distance of 741.29 feet to a point; thence, N 14°48'51" E, a distance of 373.08 feet to a point; thence, N 28°15'54" E, a distance of 291.44 feet to a point; thence, S 24°26'36" E, a distance of 279.19 feet to a point; thence, S 27°29'20" E, a distance of 388.27 feet to a point; thence, S 0°29'50" E, a distance of 62.43 feet to a point; thence, S 0°29'50" W, a distance of 50.00 feet to a point; thence, N 0°29'50" W, a distance of 62.93 feet to a point; thence, N 0°29'50" E, a distance of 50.00 feet to a point; thence, N 28°15'54" E, a distance of 291.44 feet to a point; thence, S 24°26'36" E, a distance of 279.19 feet to a point; thence, S 27°29'20" E, a distance of 388.27 feet to a point; thence, S 0°29'50" W, a distance of 62.43 feet to a point; thence, S 0°29'50" E, a distance of 50.00 feet to a point; thence, N 0°29'50" W, a distance of 62.93 feet to the point of beginning, said tract containing 24.031 acres;

be rezoned from O-L (Open Land Zoning District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential Zoning District).

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:
THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 26th day of September, 2007.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

B. A proposed ordinance to amend the 2007 Budget to provide for third quarter adjustments and/or funding to the Criminal Court, Coastal Restoration, Head Start, Parishwide Recreation, Department of Urban/Community Affairs, and La. Housing Finance Agency Funds

There were no comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Rhodes.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.
SECONDED BY: Ms. K. Elfert.

ORDINANCE NO. 7352

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2007 ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THE TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ADJUSTMENTS AND/OR FUNDING TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.

I. Increase Criminal Court Fund Revenue/Fund Balance:  $ 11,730
II. Rescind Gulf of Mexico Grant for Coastal Restoration Fund:  $ 50,000
III. Adjust HUD Head Start Program Revenue/ Supplement:  $ 76,191
IV. Adjust Parishwide Recreation Revenue: $112,156
V. Close-out Department of Urban/Community Affairs Fund:  $ 249
VI. Close-out LA Housing Finance Agency Fund:  $ 1,522

SECTION I

WHEREAS, the Criminal Court Fund Court Fines Revenue Account is projected to receive court fines in excess of the 2007 projections, and

WHEREAS, the beginning 2007 fund balance was $11,730 less than projected,

WHEREAS, the District Attorneys Office is recommending the use of the 2007 excess revenues to adjust the 2007 Fund Balance.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2007 Adopted Budget of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

FUND 299 - CRIMINAL COURT FUND
SECTION II

WHEREAS, the Parish applied for a Gulf of Mexico Foundation Grant in the amount of $50,000 with a $50,000 match in 2007, and

WHEREAS, the Parish was unable to obtain the funds for the calendar year 2007, which was budgeted for both the match and grant, and

WHEREAS, the reduction to the 2007 Gulf of Mexico Foundation Grant Revenue results in the Projected 2007 Revenue to be more than 5% less than the Revenue Budgeted, which by State Law, requires a reduction to the 2007 Revenue Budgeted.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2007 Adopted Budget of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

FUND 215 - COASTAL RESTORATION/PRESERVATION FUND
215-000-6343-21 Gulf of Mexico Foundation 50,000
215-301-8353-41 Gulf of Mexico Foundation (100,000)
215-000-5111-00 Fund Balance (Increase) 50,000

SECTION III

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department estimated the receipt of $1,362,584 from the Housing and Urban Development for the operations of the Head Start Program in the 2007 calendar year, and

WHEREAS, the grant received for 2007 adjusted by a cost-of-living increase totaled $1,248,139, and

WHEREAS, based on the expenditure projections through the end of the year, the adjustment to the General Fund Match, net of In-Kind Services totals $76,191.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2007 Adopted Budget of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

FUND 239 - HUD HEAD START PROGRAM
239-000-7101-51 General Fund (76,191)
239-000-5111-00 Fund Balance (Increase) 76,191

FUND 151 - GENERAL FUND
151-999-9102-39 HUD Head Start Program 76,191
151-000-5111-00 Fund Balance (Decrease) (76,191)

SECTION IV

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department recorded an adjustment to the 2006 Parishwide Recreation Fund, Market Value Under/Over Investment which was reversed in 2007, and

WHEREAS, this offset to the 2007 Revenue resulted in the Projected 2007 Revenue to be more than 5% less than the Revenue Budgeted, which by State Law, requires a reduction to the 2007 Revenue Budgeted.
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BE IT ORDAINED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2007 Adopted Budget of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

FUND 280 - PARISHWIDE RECREATION FUND
280-000-6711-08 Market Value Under/Over Investment
280-000-5111-00 Fund Balance (Decrease) (112,156)

SECTION V

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2007-7323 approved the transfer of $100,356 from the Department of Urban/Community Affairs Fund which represented the fund balance and estimated interest from a closed grant program

WHEREAS, the actual interest earnings, net of fees totaled $279, which left a $30 residual balance, and

WHEREAS, the adjustments recommended are to balance and closeout the fund in 2007.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2007 Adopted Budget of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

FUND 226 - DEPARTMENT OF URBAN/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
226-000-6711-06 Interest Income - Checking (299)
226-612-8349-01 Other Fees 20
226-999-9106-59 Capital Projects Control Fund 30
226-000-5111-00 Fund Balance (Increase) 249

FUND 659 - CAPITAL PROJECTS CONTROL FUND
659-000-7102-26 Dept. of Urban/Comm. Affairs 30
659-194-8912-04 Head Start Classroom 30

SECTION VI

WHEREAS, the LA Housing Finance Agency, Metro Housing Assistant Program closed-out in 2004-2005, and

WHEREAS, the grant provided for Administrative Fees for the Housing and Human Services Department to manage the program, and

WHEREAS, the balance of Administrative Fees in the amount of $1,522 is due to the General Fund for reimbursement for those management costs associated with the grant operations.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2007 Adopted Budget of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

FUND 217 - LA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY
217-000-6711-00 Interest Income (13)
217-999-9101-51 General Fund 1,522
217-000-5111-00 Fund Balance (Decrease) (1,509)

FUND 151 - GENERAL FUND
151-000-7102-17 LA Housing Finance (1,522)
This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:

**THERE WAS RECORDED:**
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 26th day of September, 2007.

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C. A proposed ordinance to establish a “No Parking” zone on the south side of Dr. Hugh St. Martin Road from 100 Dr. Hugh St. Martin Road to its intersection with Highway 56

There were no comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. P. Lambert moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes and Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Lambert.

**UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:**
YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 7353**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARISH CODE OF TERREBONNE PARISH, CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE V (STOPPING, STANDING & PARKING), DIVISION 2 (PARISH), SECTION 18-223 (NO PARKING ZONES): TO AUTHORIZE THE DESIGNATION OF A “NO PARKING ZONE” ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF DR. HUGH ST. MARTIN ROAD FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE HIGHWAY 56 TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF 100 DR. HUGH ST. MARTIN ROAD; TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF APPROPRIATE SIGNS; AND TO ADDRESS OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

**SECTION I**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, in regular session convened, acting pursuant to the authority invested in it by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish, and including, but not limited to, LSA R.S. 33:1368 and other statutes of the State of Louisiana, and to amend the Codes of Terrebonne Parish, Chapter 18, Article V, Division 2, Parish Section 18-223 to authorize the designation of a “No Parking Zone along the west side of Dr. Hugh St. Martin Road from it intersection with State Highway 56 to the south side of 100 Dr. Hugh St. Martin Road, and to authorize the installation of the appropriate signs as required in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

**SECTION II**
If any word, clause, phrase, section or other portion of this ordinance shall be declared null, void, invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remaining words, clauses, phrases, sections and other portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect; the provisions of this ordinance hereby being declared to be severable.

SECTION III

Any ordinance or part thereof in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

SECTION IV

This ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the Parish President or as otherwise provided in Section 2-13(b) of the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish, whichever occurs sooner.

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:

THERE WASRecorded:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 26th day of September, 2007.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

D. A proposed ordinance to amend the Parish Code, Subdivision Regulations, relative to “Drainage” (Building Standards in lower parts of the Parish for camp-type developments)

There were no comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WASRecorded:
YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Ms. A. Williams.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.

ORDINANCE NO. 7354

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 24, SECTION 24.7.6.2 “DRAINAGE” OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH CODES AS PER “ATTACHMENT A”.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, in regular session convened, acting pursuant to the authority invested in it by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish, and including, but not limited to, LSA R.S. 33:1368 and other statutes of the State of Louisiana, to
amend the Subdivision Regulations, Chapter 24, Section 24.7.6.2 “Drainage” of the Terrebonne Parish Codes as per “Attachment A”.

SECTION II

If any word, clause, phrase, section or other portion of this ordinance shall be declared null, void, invalid, illegal, or unconstitutionnal, the remaining words, clauses, phrases, sections and other portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, the provisions of this ordinance hereby being declared to be severable.

SECTION III

This ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the Parish President or as otherwise provided in Section 2-13 (b) of the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government of Terrebonne Parish, whichever occurs sooner.

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 26th day of September, 2007.

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The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

E. A proposed ordinance to amend the Parish Code, Subdivision Regulations, relative to “Raw Land Division”

There were no comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Ms. A. Williams.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.

ORDINANCE NO. 7355

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 24, SECTION 24.3 DEFINITIONS “RAW LAND DIVISION” OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH CODES AS PER “ATTACHMENT A”.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Terrebonne Parish Council, in regular session convened, acting pursuant to the authority invested in it by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government for Terrebonne Parish, and including, but not limited to, LSA R.S. 33:1368 and other statutes of the State of Louisiana, to
amend the Subdivision Regulations, Chapter 24, Section 24.3 Definitions “Raw Land Division” of the Terrebonne Parish Codes as per “Attachment A”.

SECTION II

If any word, clause, phrase, section or other portion of this ordinance shall be declared null, void, invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remaining words, clauses, phrases, sections and other portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, the provisions of this ordinance hereby being declared to be severable.

SECTION III

This ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the Parish President or as otherwise provided in Section 2-13 (b) of the Home Rule Charter for a Consolidated Government of Terrebonne Parish, whichever occurs sooner.

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 26th day of September, 2007.

The Chairman recognized the public for comments on the following:

F. A proposed ordinance to amend the budgets for 2007 Revenues and Fund Balances in excess of those budgeted, resulting from post storm conditions and general economic growth, and allocating said funds to various projects

There were no comments from the public on the proposed ordinance.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes and Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Council close the aforementioned public hearing.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY:  Ms. A. Williams.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. P. Rhodes.

ORDINANCE NO. 7356

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2007 ADOPTED BUDGET AND FIVE YEAR CAPITAL OUTLAY OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT FOR 2007 REVENUES AND FUND BALANCES IN EXCESS OF THOSE BUDGETED, RESULTING FROM POST STORM CONDITIONS AND GENERAL ECONOMIC GROWTH; AND ALLOCATE TO THE ASHLAND DRAINAGE PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS, TOWER PARKING GARAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUND BALANCES OF THE PARISH.

SECTION I
WHEREAS, the General Fund, Road & Bridge Fund, Drainage Tax Fund and Capital Sales Tax Fund collected revenue in excess of projections totaling $2.2 million, and

WHEREAS, other revenues and fund balances in these funds collected in excess of the budget totaled $1.76 million and are considered non-recurring in nature and best suited for capital improvements throughout the Parish, and

WHEREAS, Parish Administration has reviewed the status of projects which require immediate attention; the Ashland Drainage Pump Station Improvements ($1.5 million); and the Tower Parking Garage Improvements ($435,000), and

WHEREAS, the remaining funds are transferred to the construction funds to be made available later in 2007 and 2008 when the priority schedule for capital projects is completed.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the 2007 Adopted Budget and Five-Year Capital Outlay of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government be amended as follows:

**FUND 151 - GENERAL FUND**

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**FUND 251 - ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

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<td>251-999-9106-61</td>
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**FUND 252 - DRAINAGE TAX FUND**

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**FUND 255 - 1/4% CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SALES TAX FUND**

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**FUND 655 - DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION FUND**

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<td>Transfer In - Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund</td>
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<td>Ashland Pump Station Improvements</td>
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**FUND 656 - SEWERAGE CONSTRUCTION FUND**
656-000-5111-00 Fund Balance - Increase 374,714
656-000-7101-51 Transfer From General Fund (374,714)

FUND 659 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CONTROL FUND

659-000-7101-51 Transfer In From General Fund (435,000)
659-194-8912-06 Tower Parking Garage Improvements 435,000

FUND 661 - ROAD & BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION FUND

661-000-5111-00 Fund Balance - Increase 509,803
661-000-7102-51 Transfer In - Road & Bridge Fund (509,803)

This ordinance, having been introduced and laid on the table for at least two weeks, was voted upon as follows:

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the ordinance adopted on this, the 26th day of September, 2007.

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Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert and Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council continue with the regular order of business.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Rhodes.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Barbara Larpenter, Schriever resident, who expressed her concerns relative to the recent proposal for a new Council Department for Barrier Islands because there currently is a TPCG CZM Department and it would be a waste of taxpayers’ funds. She also expressed the need for the Parish Council and Administration to have a good working relationship.

Both Parish President D. Schwab and Chairman A. Tillman said the Council and Administration have a good working relationship.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Reggie Bourg, Dulac resident, who expressed his concerns relative to government possibly wasting funds, such as the proposal to create a new department for Barrier Islands, and the Levee Board of which the Parish shares in tax dollars. He also expressed his concerns for thousands of dollars spent on the LaCache Marsh Management Project with no return. He expressed his concerns relative to the lack of communication between the Council and Levee Board. He suggested that the Government be transparent in regards to how funds are being spent.

Councilman H. Lapeyre explained that a three-tier hurricane protection plan has been discussed for at least 12 years. The first tier being the Barrier Islands, the second the Morganza, and the third would be an interim levee system. He stated that all of these items are extremely important.
Chairman A. Tillman suggested that everyone come together to reach for the common goal to make sure that protection is provided to the people of Terrebonne Parish.

The Chairman recognized Mrs. Jan Brunet, Savanne Rd. resident, who stated she had been handed a letter by the Council Clerk addressed to Public Works Director A. Levron regarding an issue she brought up concerning drainage of her property. She stated the letter indicates that Mr. Mike Voisin has taken down the dam today that has obstructed her drainage. She stated that if the removal of the obstruction was permanent she would no longer have an issue. She stated that the letter requests the Parish to perform a drainage survey of the area where the three subdivisions come together and offer appropriate long-term drainage recommendations and solutions for all involved. She asked what the Parish’s intent is.

Councilman H. Lapeyre explained that Mr. Mike Voisin did remove the obstruction and the Parish President sent a letter to the South Ellendale Estates Homeowners’ Association and is awaiting their response. He also stated that he spoke with Mr. Voisin today and he has no intention to put the dam back. He stated that it is the intent of Administration and the Council to preserve the property rights of everyone involved in this matter.

The Chairman called for a report on the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 9/24/07, whereupon the Committee Chairwoman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls public hearings on 10/10/07, rendered the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE
SEPTMBER 24, 2007

The Chairwoman, Christa Duplantis, called the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting to order at 5:16 p. m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room by requesting that all remember the family of Kathy Gautreaux who has met her demise. The Invocation was led by Ms. A. Williams and the Pledge of Allegiance by Council Clerk Paul Labat. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, C. Voisin, and A. Williams. Committee Members A. Tillman, P. Lambert, and T. Cavalier entered the proceedings at 5:17 p. m., 5:18 p. m., and 5:24 p. m., respectively. A quorum was declared present.

Planning & Zoning Director Patrick Gordon stated that, per FEMA regulations, the Parish is required to adopt a new Flood Mitigation Plan for Terrebonne Parish.

The Chairwoman recognized Mr. Keith Boeneke, Project Manager, and Ms. Nicole Buranzon, Urban and Regional Planner, of Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure who presented an overview of the scope of work for updating the Terrebonne Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Boeneke stated that the three primary objectives involved in updating the Parish’s plan include updating the current Hazard Mitigation Plan to note changes as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; identify “hard mitigation” projects (construction projects); and evaluate, prioritize, and scope the projects that are identified. He noted that five public project meetings would be held beginning May 2007 - May 2008; that the second meeting will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 5:00 p. m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room located in the Government Tower Building at 8026 Main Street, Houma, LA 70360 – 2nd Floor; that the meetings occur every 8 to 10 weeks; and that Shaw is obligated to conduct four civic or outreach presentations to encourage public input. Mr. Boeneke provided contact information for the following individuals who are working on the plan update:

- Mr. Lucien J. Cuterera, AICP – Telephone: (225) 376-7702 E-mail: Lucien.cuterera@shawgrp.com
- Ms. Nicole Buranzon, Urban & Regional Planner – Telephone: (225) 389-4134 E-mail: Nicole.buranzon@shawgrp.com
- Mr. B. Keith Boeneke, Project Manager – Telephone: (225) 376-7705 E-mail: keith.boeneke@shawgrp.com

In response to questioning, Mr. Boeneke stated that the entire State of Louisiana is updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan and are required to do so every five years. He noted that because of
Hurricanes Katrina and Rita the Federal Government expedited the requirements for updating the Parish’s 2004 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Ms. Buranzon interjected that there are mechanisms built into the plans to update the plans in the event of another storm within the five-year period.

Mr. Boeneke stated that one of the firm’s tasks is to inventory all projects that are on the books, check the status, and carry forward with the plan update. He noted that Terrebonne Parish must have an approved plan and update and also noted that the plan could be used to apply for funding.

Mr. Gordon stated that the Parish has applied for funding for some drainage projects under the Hazard Mitigation Plan; however, the funding is only for small projects and not hurricane protection levees and barrier islands restoration. He added that as a result of Hurricane Katrina, a specific amount of funding was “earmarked” for severely repetitive loss structures in Terrebonne Parish and the money had to be used for mitigation of the structures. Mr. Gordon stated that any future funding could be used for small drainage projects and/or some elevation and acquisition land as was done in the past. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.
SECONDED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-350
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TERREBONNE PARISH LONG TERM RECOVERY PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF SAID PLAN TO THE LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY FOR ACCEPTANCE.

WHEREAS, The Terrebonne Parish Long Term Recovery Plan expresses the Parish’s vision for its long term recovery in the wake of the devastation experienced from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

WHEREAS, in response to the unprecedented impacts of these two (2) catastrophic storm events, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Louisiana Recovery Authority instituted a Long-Term Recovery Initiative designed to provide an extra measure of support for Terrebonne Parish’s overall recovery effort; and

WHEREAS, the contents of the plan are the result of an intensive eight-week process involving a multitude of meetings between the Long-Term Recovery Team, parish officials, business owners, civic organizations and other governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, interested citizens of Terrebonne Parish attended the “Louisiana Recovery Planning Day” on January 26, 2006, to provide input on rebuilding the Parish, which was marked by an “open house” at the Terrebonne Parish Recovery Center in Houma allowing citizens an opportunity to share their ideas about the long-term recovery of Terrebonne Parish; and

WHEREAS, the general consensus of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish is—if swift and decisive action is not taken regarding hurricane flood protection in the Parish, the culture, economy and viability of Terrebonne Parish will ultimately be destroyed by a future storm event; and

WHEREAS, fundamental to this plan is the guiding principle—preserve what makes Terrebonne Parish prosperous, appealing and livable; and

WHEREAS, witnessing the experiences of the communities in the lower parts of the Parish, coupled with the devastation experienced by our neighboring parishes, the citizenry has sent a message that the time for action is now; and
WHEREAS, unlike a traditional planning document that presents general guidance to a community, the Long Term Recovery Plan is an action-oriented menu of key projects intended to be used for making critical funding and resource allocation decisions.

WHEREAS, since its original compilation, the Terrebonne Parish Department of Planning and Zoning has undertaken a review and subsequently enhanced the menu of key projects necessary to form the foundation of a stronger, more damage-resistant Terrebonne Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the Terrebonne Parish Long Term Recovery Plan, dated September, 2007, is hereby adopted and authorization to submit said plan to the Louisiana Recovery Authority for acceptance is hereby granted.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: K. Elfert.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 24th day of September, 2007.

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Public Works Director Al Levron stated that several years ago, the Parish applied for and received Wallop-Breaux funding for the South Houma and Texas Gulf Road Boat Launches; that Morris P. Hebert was selected to do design services and has sublet to Milford & Associates to do certain work; that the plans and specifications for each boat launch has been completed; that the Parish recently received permission from the Wildlife & Fishery to begin the advertisement phase of the projects; and that the scope of work for the South Houma Boat launch entails vinyl bulk heading and some walkway extensions that would extend the existing walkway from the existing wharf eastward to end of Parish property. Mr. Levron stated that the estimated cost of the South Houma Boat Launch Project is $242,000.00 and continued that the Texas Gulf Road Boat Launch Project entails increasing the parking area, to clear area, and to place material for a limestone parking lot. Mr. Levron stated that the projected budget for the Texas Gulf Road Boat Launch $53,723.00 and noted that the Parish has also allocated funding for each project to supplement the cost increase for said projects. In response to questioning, he explained that the project engineer needed to make minor corrections as recommended by the State Facility Planning Control and that Administration anticipates going through the approval process within the next two weeks. Mr. Levron further explained that the Louisiana State Wildlife & Fishery is the agency that administers the Wallop-Breaux Funding and also works with the State Facility Planning Control to handle the review of plans and specifications. He stated that the Parish was required, after the plans and specifications were completed, to submit the plans for approval and added that the engineer met with the members of the Boat Launch Advisory Committee before the design process started. Mr. Levron continued that the State Facility Planning Control Board modified the plans in order to comply with their specifications which included rewriting the Parish’s contract documents. He noted that possible funding maybe available through the Louisiana Recovery Authority and that a public hearing will be held on October 2, 2007 in the Council Meeting Room.

Committee Member P. Rhodes requested that Administration provide the Boat Launch Advisory Committee with the aforementioned information with respect to possible Louisiana Recovery Authority funding.

Committee Member P. Lambert expressed his desire to open the middle boat launch at the Texas Gulf Road Boat Launch.

Mr. Levron noted that limited funding is available for the Texas Gulf Road Boat Launch Facility.
Staff Engineer Joan Schexnayder stated that due to limited funding, Administration intends to permanently close the middle boat launch at the Texas Gulf Road Boat Launch.

Mr. Levron interjected that Administration cannot go beyond the scope of the criteria for the funding received from the Wallop-Breaux Act. He suggested that if the opening of the middle boat launch is equally comparable to the parking at said site, the matter should be considered in the 2008 Capital Budget.

Committee Member P. Lambert requested that Administration consult with Mr. Perry Blanchard regarding what can be done to reopen the middle boat launch.

For clarification, Mr. Levron stated that the grant award for the South Houma Boat Launch was $113,000.00 with a current project cost of more than $240,000.00 and the Texas Gulf Road Boat Launch award was $27,397.00 with a current budget of $53,000.00. He noted that the Parish has contributed funding to each project account.

The Chairwoman recognized members of the Boat Launch Advisory Committee who were present: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Stoufflet, Mr. Chaisson, and Mr. Bourgeois.

Boat Launch Advisory Subcommittee Chairman Rudie Bourgeois outlined the responsibilities of the Boat Launch Advisory Subcommittee and the tasks that have been completed thus far. He noted that a communication breakdown between the Committee and Administration with respect to actions taken at the boat launches that have not been brought before the Boat Launch Advisory Committee. Mr. Bourgeois noted some confusion with respect to work at the aforementioned boat launch facilities.

Mr. C. J. Stoufflet presented pictures of trash and debris at the South Houma Boat Launch, which has since been removed.

In response to questioning, Public Works Operations Superintendent Perry Blanchard stated that the Road & Bridge Division conducts inspections of the boat launch facilities every two to six weeks. He noted that Administration would need additional time to review the inspection reports for the South Houma Boat Launch in order to determine the length of time between inspections and the collection of debris.

Committee Member A. Tillman requested that Administration provide the respective Council representatives with the boat launch inspection reports each time an inspection is completed.

Committee Member P. Rhodes requested that Administration work with the Boat Launch Advisory Committee and keep it informed of projects commencing at various boat launches.

The Chairwoman recognized Mr. Chris Barker and Mr. Mitch Marmande who requested expansion of existing boat launches and consideration of applying for additional funding for improvements to the boat launches.

Upon additional discussion, Mr. Levron stated that Administration utilizes the vacated South Houma Fire Station and adjacent property as a storage area for the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness equipment.

Committee Member H. Lapeyre requested that Administration locate another storage area for the equipment in order to free up parking near the South Houma Boat Launch. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

OFFERED BY: Ms. A. Williams.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.
RESOLUTION NO. 07-351
A resolution approving the award of a Community Development Block Grant funded Economic Development Loan to Ruby Sweets and authorizing the Parish President to execute all necessary loan documents.

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is vitally interested in fostering economic development in order to create jobs and employment opportunities for all citizens of the Parish; and

WHEREAS, Ruby and Wendy Poindexter, owners of Ruby Sweets, has proposed to expand current operations that will benefit economic development by guaranteeing three jobs, one of which will be made available to low-to-moderate income persons; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish this expansion, Ruby and Wendy Poindexter have requested an Economic Development Loan in the amount of $25,000.00 at 4% simple interest for five years through the Economic Development Loan Program administered by the Terrebonne Economic Development Authority on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government hereby approves the Economic Development Loan to Ruby and Wendy Poindexter and authorizes the Parish President, Don Schwab to execute all necessary loan documents.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 24th day of September, 2007.

OFFERED BY: Ms. A. Williams.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-352

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TERREBONNE PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT (“TPCG”) AND THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OFFICE OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION (“OWCA”) FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SATELLITE OFFICES AND COURTS AND TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY TO THOSE COURTS AND OFFICES.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:1324 provides any parish or political subdivision of the state may make agreements among themselves to engage jointly in the construction or improvement of any public project or improvement provided that at least one of the participants to the agreement is authorized by law to complete the undertaking; and

WHEREAS, the OWCA is authorized to establish satellite offices and courts, and provide adequate security to those courts and offices; and

WHEREAS, at the State’s District 9 office and court, TPCG desires to facilitate with the State in providing security services through the Houma Police Department; and

WHEREAS, TPCG has determined that according to industry standards the contract price for these services constitutes adequate compensation; and
WHEREAS, TPCG and TPSB believe that entering into this Intergovernmental Agreement is in the best interest of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish; and

WHEREAS, TPCG and TPSB believe that entering into this Intergovernmental Agreement will serve a public purpose and have a public benefit commensurate with the cost; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that Parish President Donald Schwab is hereby authorized to negotiate and to execute all documents necessary to effect a viable Intergovernmental Agreement between the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and the Louisiana Department of Labor, Office of Workers’ Compensation Administration containing substantially the same terms as those set out in the attached agreement.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 24th day of September, 2007.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Community Development & Planning Committee introduce an ordinance to accept the street, drainage servitude, gas, and rights-of-way for Woodlawn Ranch Acres Subdivision, Addendum No. 3, to incorporate Hult Drive into the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System, and call a public hearing on said matter on October 10, 2007 at 6:30 p. m.”

The Chairwoman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Rhodes.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: A. Williams.

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.

SECONDED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-353

A RESOLUTION OBLIGATING THE NECESSARY FUNDING UNDER THE TERREBONNE PARISH FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM/HURRICANE LILI, PROJECT NO 1437-109-001 TO COMPLETE THE ELEVATION OF VARIOUS STRUCTURES CONDITIONED ON ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED IS RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has been formally notified that the suspension of its Hurricane Lili Flood Hazard Mitigation Program (HMGP), Project No. 1437-109-001, has been lifted and notice to proceed with the mitigation of the remaining structures granted; and

WHEREAS, under the administrative guidance of Higher Ground Flood Protection Services, LLC, the required “elevation packets” have been prepared and executed by the various property owners and are awaiting administrative review by the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that, upon administrative clearance by the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, the necessary funding under the Terrebonne Parish Flood Hazard Mitigation Program/Hurricane Lili, Project No. 1437-109-001 be hereby obligated in facilitation of the mitigation of the following structures:

1. 518 Woodhaven Drive  
   *Mr. Timothy Crappell, Ms. Rena Crappell, Owners;*

2. 343 Island Road  
   *The Estate of Paulin Brunet, Owner;*

3. 7446 Edgewater Drive  
   *Mr. Junius Robichaux, Ms. Winnie Robichaux, Owners.*

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 24th day of September, 2007.

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Planning & Zoning Director Patrick Gordon stated that the aforementioned properties are part of the Parish’s Hazard Mitigation Program acquisitions, as are those to be addressed later during this meeting.

OFFERED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.

SECONDED BY: Ms. A. Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-354

WHEREAS, Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998 requires Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) to prepare an Annual Plan,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires that the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government make public, adopt, certify and submit an Annual Plan for fiscal year 2008,

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Section 8 Program has developed an annual plan and a public notice was published inviting any interested parties to review the document for a 45-day period as well as comment or make recommendations,

WHEREAS, the 45-day public review period has concluded and the public hearing was held on September 14, 2007,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby adopt the Annual Plan and authorizes the Parish President, Donald P. Schwab, to sign all certifications for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as proof of that fact.

THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINING: None.
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ELEVATION PACKET, ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF, REQUIRED IN THE ELEVATION OF THE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 112 JUSTIN STREET, MR. ROGER COMER, OWNER, AND OBLIGATING THE NECESSARY FUNDING UNDER THE TERREBONNE PARISH FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM/HURRICANE LILI, PROJECT NO 1437-109-001 TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has been formally notified that the suspension of its Hurricane Lili Flood Hazard Mitigation Program (HMGP), Project No. 1437-109-001, has been lifted and notice to proceed with the mitigation of the remaining structures granted; and

WHEREAS, under the administrative guidance of Higher Ground Flood Protection Services, LLC, the required “elevation packet” has been prepared and executed by the property owner, Mr. Roger Comer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that approval of the elevation packet, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby granted; and, that the necessary funding under the Terrebonne Parish Flood Hazard Mitigation Program/Hurricane Lili, Project No. 1437-109-001 be hereby obligated in facilitation of the elevation of the residential structure located at 112 Justin Street, Mr. Roger Comer, Owner.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 24th day of September, 2007.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes & Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-356


WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has been formally notified that the suspension of its Hurricane Lili Flood Hazard Mitigation Program (HMGP), Project No. 1437-109-001, has been lifted and notice to proceed with the mitigation of the remaining structures granted; and
WHEREAS, under the administrative guidance of Higher Ground Flood Protection Services, LLC, the required “elevation packet” has been prepared and executed by the property owners, Mr. Tony Prosperie and Ms. Belinda Prosperie.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that approval of the elevation packet, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby granted; and, that the necessary funding under the Terrebonne Parish Flood Hazard Mitigation Program/Hurricane Lili, Project No. 1437-109-001 be hereby obligated in facilitation of the elevation of the residential structure located at 105 Kennedy Street, Mr. Tony Prosperie and Ms. Belinda Prosperie, Owners.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 24th day of September, 2007.

OFFERED BY: Mr. C. Voisin.
SECONDED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-357

A RESOLUTION GIVING NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF STRUCTURES AND LANDS UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH HURRICANE LILI HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP), PROJECT NO. 1437-109-0001; TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECT ACQUISITION; AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SAID MATTER FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2007, AT 6:30 P. M.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, in the implementation of its Hurricane Lili Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Project No. 1437-109-0001, has executed all necessary documents with the following property owners to acquire all structures and lands located at the address and for the amounts stipulated below:

Owner(s): Mr. Danny Duplantis
Ms. Carla Duplantis
Address: 104 Pamela Ann Lane
Appraised Value: $140,000.00
Offer Amount: $100,737.50
Legal Description: On the left descending bank of Bayou Grand Caillou. Lot 96’ front on south side of Duplantis Lane by depth of 85.42’ being tract A-B-C-D-A, on “Survey of Proposed Boundary Agreement between Ursula Duplantis, Stanley Duplantis, and Cecil Duplantis, in Section 2, T-19-S, R-17-E. Also Tract “B” as shown on “Survey of Tracts A, B, C, D redivision of property belonging to Ernest Blanchard in Section 2, T-19-S, R-17-E.” CB1605/701.

WHEREAS, the above listed property owners have agreed to the offer to purchase for the amounts stipulated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Community Development and Planning Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish
Consolidated Government, that notice is hereby given to adopt an ordinance to authorize the acquisition of structures and lands under the terms and conditions of the Terrebonne Parish Hurricane Lili Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Project No. 1437-109-0001; to authorize the Parish President to execute any and all documents necessary to effect acquisition; and calling a public hearing on said matter for Wednesday, October 10, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 24th day of September, 2007.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Community Development & Planning Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Chairwoman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Christa M. Duplantis, Chairwoman

Suzette Thomas Minute Clerk

Mr. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre and Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Community Development & Planning Committee meeting held on 9/24/07.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman called for a report on the Public Services Committee meeting held on 9/24/07, whereupon the Committee Chairman rendered the following:

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

The Chairman, Peter Rhodes, called the Public Services Committee meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Ms. C. Duplantis and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. P. Lambert. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, A. Tillman, C. Voisin, and A. Williams. A quorum was declared present.

OFFERED BY: Ms. K. Elfert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.
RESOLUTION NO. 07-358

A resolution accepting and approving the certified statement or report of Milford & Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers, of Houma, Louisiana, showing in detail the total cost of the construction of the extension Synergy Center Boulevard from its terminus to West Main Street within the corporate limits of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, and outside of municipal corporations, including street intersections, engineers’ and attorneys’ fees and all other costs incidental to said work; and the total cost of said project, after deducting contributions incidental thereto, together with the amounts thereof to be assessed against each lot or parcel of real estate abutting the improvements; finding and determining that each lot or parcel of real estate to be assessed will be benefited to an amount not less than the proposed local or special assessment; and authorizing the giving of notice to each property owner to be assessed of the proposed assessment and the manner and time for payment thereof, all in accordance with the provisions of Sections 3689.1 to 3689.17, inclusive, of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 33:3689.1 – 33:3689.17), and other constitutional and statutory authority.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. Having received and examined the certified statement or report of Milford & Associates, Inc. of Houma, Louisiana, Consulting Engineers to the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, showing in detail the total cost of constructing street paving improvements as set forth in the resolution of November 29, 2006, providing for the construction of the extension Synergy Center Boulevard from its terminus to West Main Street, including the cost of street intersections, necessary ditching, curbing, guttering, aprons, drains and headers, and all costs incidental thereto, including engineers’ and attorneys’ fees, together with the amounts thereof chargeable to each lot or parcel of real estate abutting the proposed improvements, the Terrebonne Parish Council acting as the governing authority of the Parish, hereby accepts and approves said report.

SECTION 2. The Parish Council does hereby determine, after having received and reviewed the aforesaid report, that each lot or parcel of real estate to be assessed under the paving program will be benefited to an amount not less than the estimated assessment to be levied against each lot or parcel of real estate as a result of the construction of said improvements.

SECTION 3. There shall be mailed to each property owner to be assessed a notice advising each property owner of the proposed assessment and the manner and time for payment thereof, which notice shall set forth a general description of the proposed improvements, a description of the property to be assessed and the location thereof, and shall request the property owner to advise the Clerk of the Terrebonne Parish Council in writing fifteen days from the date of said notice if any inaccuracies exist in the proposed assessment. Notice shall be given by depositing said written notice in the United States mail, postage paid, and addressed to the property owner at his address as it appeared on the last parish assessment roll on which the property was assessed for parish taxes. Said notice shall be substantially in the following form, to-wit:

(SEEN NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS)

SECTION 4. Notice is hereby further given that after thirty (30) days have elapsed from the mailing of said notices of the proposed assessments, the Terrebonne Parish Council shall adopt an ordinance levying a local or special assessment on each lot or parcel of real estate in proportion that its front footage bears to the total front footage of property to be improved or benefited, in accordance with the aforesaid engineering report which is hereby accepted and approved, all in accordance with the provisions of Sections 3589.1 to 3689.17, inclusive, of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 33:3689.1 – 33:3689.17), and other constitutional and statutory authority.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: H. Lapeyre.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 24th day of September, 2007.
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Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Public Services Committee authorize the Parish President to award and sign the construction contract with Calonge, Inc. for Parish Project No. 06-EXT-48, Synergy Center Boulevard Extension.” (**RESOLUTION OFFERED AFTER BRIEF COMMENTS)

Council Clerk Paul Labat noted that a revised resolution has been submitted which awards and authorizes the aforementioned construction contract contingent upon the adoption of a budget amendment.

OFFERED BY: Ms. K. Elfert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. A. Tillman.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-359

A Resolution awarding and authorizing the signing of the Construction Contract for Parish Project No. 06-EXT-48, Synergy Center Boulevard Extension, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana and authorizing the issuance of the Notice to Proceed to commence construction of said Project.

WHEREAS, The Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government wishes to extend Synergy Center Boulevard to West Main Street, herein after known as Parish Project 06-EXT-48, Synergy Center Boulevard Extension, and

WHEREAS, bids have been received for this project, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Calongne, Inc., submitted the lowest responsible bid of $210,678.00 to construct this project, and

WHEREAS, the Engineer for this project, Milford & Associates, Inc., has recommended that the award of the contract be made to the firm of Calongne, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the bid of Calongne, Inc., in the amount of Two Hundred Ten Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and No Cents ($210,678.00), as per attached bid forms.

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has provided sufficient funds to complete the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that all bid items necessary for the completion of Parish Project No. 06-EXT-48, Synergy Center Boulevard Extension, be awarded to the firm of Calongne, Inc., and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration be approved, and that the bid of Calongne, Inc., in the amount of $210,678.00 be accepted as per attached bid forms, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President be authorized to execute all necessary Contract Documents to authorize Calongne, Inc., to proceed with all necessary services for the completion of the project; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this award is contingent upon the Parish Council adopting an Assessment Ordinance for the Synergy Boulevard Project, to provide for partial funding for said project.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: T. Cavalier and H. Lapeyre.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 24th day of September, 2007.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED BY: Ms. A. Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-360

A resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by JaRoy Construction, Inc., in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Storm Damage Repair Terrebonne Parish Library Chauvin Branch, Parish Project No. 07-LIB-03, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into a contract dated May 18, 2007 with JaRoy Construction, Inc., for Storm Damage Repair Terrebonne Parish Library Chauvin Branch, Parish Project No. 07-LIB-03, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, work performed under the contract has been inspected by authorized representatives of the Owner, Architect, and Contractor and found to be substantially complete, and

WHEREAS, the Architect for this project, Cheramie + Bruce Architects, recommends the acceptance of the substantial completion, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby accept the work performed in accordance with the contract and specifications in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion, effective as of the date of recording of this resolution, and does authorize and direct the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages of Terrebonne Parish to note this acceptance thereof in the margin of the inscription of said contract under Entry No. 1266542 of the Records of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Architect, Cheramie + Bruce Architects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the resolution be recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court of Terrebonne Parish to commence a 45-day clear lien period, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration is authorized to make payment of retainage upon the presentation of a Clear Lien Certificate.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 24th day of September, 2007.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Lambert.
SECONDED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.
RESOLUTION NO. 07-361

A resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by Bertucci Contracting Corporation, in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Bush Canal Bank Stabilization and Seabreeze Embankment Reconstruction, Parish Project No. 03-CIAP-11, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government entered into a contract dated May 16, 2007 with Bertucci Contracting Corporation, for Bush Canal Bank Stabilization and Seabreeze Embankment Reconstruction, Parish Project No. 03-CIAP-11, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, work performed under the contract has been inspected by authorized representatives of the Owner, Engineer, and Contractor and found to be substantially complete, and

WHEREAS, the Engineer for this project, T. Baker Smith, Inc., recommends the acceptance of the substantial completion, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby accept the work performed in accordance with the contract and specifications in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion, effective as of the date of recording of this resolution, and does authorize and direct the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages of Terrebonne Parish to note this acceptance thereof in the margin of the inscription of said contract under Entry No. 1266309 of the Records of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Engineer, T. Baker Smith, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the resolution be recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court of Terrebonne Parish to commence a 45-day clear lien period, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration is authorized to make payment of retainage upon the presentation of a Clear Lien Certificate.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT:   T. Cavalier and K. Elfert.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 24th day of September, 2007.

OFFERED BY:  Ms. C. Duplantis.
SECONDED BY:  Mr. H. Lapeyre.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-362

A resolution authorizing a grant agreement with The Humane Society of the United States.

WHEREAS, The Humane Society of the United States has offered a grant of funds in the amount of $20,000.00 for which grant the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Animal Control Division would be obligated to collect and report various shelter statistics, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Utilities recommends acceptance of this grant.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Public Services Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that a grant agreement with The Humane Society of the United States be, and is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President and all other appropriate parties be, and they are hereby authorized to execute any and all contract documents associated therewith.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: T. Cavalier and K. Elfert.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 24th day of September, 2007.

The Chairman announced that, per the request of Administration, Item No. 6 (A presentation on how to use the Parish’s GIS Internet website) has been withdrawn.

Coastal Restoration & Preservation Director Leslie Suazo noted that the Lake Boudreaux Freshwater Diversion project was initially approved in 1997 under the Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection Restoration Act (CWPPRA); however, the project has not reached the 30% design phase and has been placed on CWPPRA’s watch list. She continued that several “milestones” have been assigned to the project that should be met within a certain time period. Those “milestones” include:

- Completion of the land right acquisitions
- Revision of the cost value estimates in an updated wetlands assessment.

Mrs. Suazo added that the “milestones” must be completed by CWPPRA’s March 2008 Technical Committee Meeting. She further noted that the land right acquisitions were completed around the time the project was placed on the watch list; the updated wetlands assessment by the Department of Natural Resources and the U. S. Wildlife and Fishery should be completed by November no later than December; and that T. Baker Smith has been authorized to complete the revised cost assessment. Upon questioning, Mrs. Suazo stated that approximately $10,500,000.00 in construction funding has been allocated for the project; over $2,000,000.00 has been spent on engineering and design; and that the fully funded project cost was approximately $14,000,000.00 which includes $2,500,000.00 for operation and maintenance over a 20-year project life.

Committee Member H. Lapeyre requested that Administration take whatever steps necessary to expedite the Lake Boudreaux Freshwater Diversion Project and noted that Terrebonne Parish loses approximately $75,000,000.00 worth of wetlands over a 10-year period. (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Mr. P. Lambert moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Public Services Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Lambert.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p. m.

Peter Rhodes, Chairman
Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 9/24/07.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Rhodes.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman called for a report on the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 9/24/07, whereupon the Committee Chairwoman, noting that ratification of the minutes calls public hearings on 10/10/07, rendered the following:

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

The Chairwoman, Kim Elfert, called the Budget & Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Ms. A. Williams and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. H. Lapeyre. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, A. Tillman, C. Voisin, and A. Williams. A quorum was declared present.

OFFERED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.
SECONDED BY: Ms. A. Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-363

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2007 bids were received by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for Bid No. 071/917(rebid) for the Purchase of Two New 28x44 Zone III Mobile Homes for the Housing & Human Services Department, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by the Purchasing Division and approved by Darrell Waire, Housing & Human Services Director, it has been determined that the total bid amount for Gulf South Homes, Inc. is the lowest qualified bid for the total amount of $95,870.00, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance has verified that funds are budgeted and available for said purchase, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has concurred with the recommendation that the total bid amount of Gulf South Homes, Inc. is the lowest qualified bid for Bid No. 071/917(rebid) for the Purchase of Two New 28x44 Zone III Mobile Homes for the Housing & Human Services Department as per the attached bid forms.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of Parish Administration is approved and the bid of Gulf South Homes, Inc. be accepted as the lowest qualified bid for the total amount of $95,870.00 as per the attached bid forms.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: C. Voisin.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 24th day of September, 2007.
RESOLUTION NO. 07-364

WHEREAS, quotes were obtained by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the purpose of the installation and purchase of two (2) replacement coils (Air Handler Unit #7 and #9) for the Criminal Justice Complex, and

WHEREAS, after careful review by David Drury, Government Facilities Manager, and Al Levron Public Works Director it has been determined that the quoted price ofTwenty Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety-four Dollars and Zero Cents ($27,494.00) from McQuay Air Conditioning Factory Service for the installation and purchase of two (2) replacement coils (Air Handler Unit #7 and #9) should be accepted per the attached documents, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Finance Department has verified that funds are available in Account Number 203201891506 for the installation and purchase of the two (2) replacement coils, and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has recommended the acceptance of the price for the aforementioned replacement coils at the cost of Twenty Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety-four Dollars and Zero Cents ($27,494.00) as per the attached documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the recommendation of the Parish Administration be approved and that the installation and purchase of the aforementioned replacement coils be accepted as per the attached forms.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  C. Voisin.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 24th day of September, 2007.

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Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes and Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee re-allocate a portion of the Local Government Assistance Program funding.” (**RESOLUTION OFFERED AFTER DISCUSSION)

Council Clerk Paul Labat explained that the Terrebonne Parish Council has $75,800.00 remaining from the initial Local Government Assistance Program award due to the Military Museum being ineligible for funding, and noted that the Jadon Drainage Improvement Project (approximately $29,000.00) and the purchase of property for the Indian Mound in Dulac grant applications have been submitted for possible consideration of funding. Mr. Labat stated that alternate grant applications include funding for Houma Police Department security lighting or Senator Carla Dartez’s request for funding for bulkhead work at the Veterans’ Park.

RESOLUTION:  Reallocating a portion of the Local Government Assistance Program Funding to provide funding for the Jadon Drainage Improvement Project and the purchase of property for the Indian Mound in Dulac.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes and Mr. C. Voisin. The resolution was adopted.
(WITHDRAWN FROM MINUTES PRIOR TO RATIFICATION BY ASSEMBLED COUNCIL ON 9/26/07; SEE RESOLUTION NO. 07-367)
In response to questioning, Mr. Labat stated that the request for lighting in District 5 was previously approved and the paperwork should be forthcoming. He continued that all other requests were previously approved and noted that the appraised property purchase amount was established for the Indian Mound is not the total cost, and that several private foundations would provide the remaining funding. Mr. Labat added that the property measures approximately 400 ft by 600 ft. and further explained that the Veterans’ Park bulk heading may be eligible next year.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the 2007 Adopted Budget to adjust various Downtown Development Corporation Accounts, and call a public hearing on said matter on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Mr. H. Lapeyre.
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Rhodes.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-365

A resolution authorizing an increase in the funds appropriated for the GIS Technology Fund.

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2004 the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and the Terrebonne Parish Assessor (TPA) entered into an intergovernmental agreement for Geographic Information System Mapping, and

WHEREAS, Article 5 of the agreement provided that the TPA is authorized to prorate the funds appropriated for the GIS Technology Fund among all of the tax recipient bodies in the Parish.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government that the Assessor appropriate $225,000.00 annually for the GIS Technology Fund be, and is hereby authorized; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President and all other appropriate parties be, and they are hereby authorized to execute any and all contract documents associated therewith.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.

The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 24th day of September, 2007.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the 2007 Adopted Budget and the Five-Year Capital Outlay to Exchange Funding Sources of Various Projects to use Bond Funding prior to General Government Sources, and call a public hearing on said matter on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.” (MOTION ADOPTED AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION)

Chief Finance Officer Jamie Elfert explained that the aforementioned action entails moving funding for stagnant projects funded by bond money and placing those projects under the General Government Fund in order to use the bond funding. She noted that bond funding
must be used within a five-year period and further noted that the funding sources are being switched, that no money is being returned, and that none of the project funding is being increased or decreased. Upon additional questioning, she explained that if the aforementioned action is not taken, the Parish would have to answer to the Internal Revenue Service with respect to selling tax-free bonds.

**The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Rhodes.**

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the 2007 Adopted Budget and Five-Year Capital Outlay Budget to recognize funding from the Facility Planning and Control, State of Louisiana, for the Bayou Terrebonne Boardwalk, and call a public hearing on said matter on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. Voisin.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the 2007 Adopted Budget to return funds budgeted for the purchase of property for a new City Court Building and to change the reporting fund for recognizing the fees collected on civil filing and criminal convictions, and call a public hearing on said matter on October 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to amend the 2007 Adopted Budget to provide for adjustments to and/or funding to for various items and call a public hearing on said matter on October 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Rhodes.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY: Ms. C. Duplantis.

SECONDED BY: Ms. A. Williams.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-366
A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE VEHICLES AND TRACTORS FROM CITY COURT, COASTAL RESTORATION, DRAINAGE, HOUMA POLICE, HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES, PLANNING & ZONING AND ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENTS AS SURPLUS AS DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A” AND AUTHORIZING SAID ITEMS TO BE DISPOSED OF BY PUBLIC BID, NEGOTIATED SALE, JUNKED OR ANY OTHER LEGALLY APPROVED METHOD.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish Council (Budget and Finance Committee), on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, does hereby introduce an ordinance which will declare the attached Exhibit “A” as surplus and authorizes the Parish President to dispose of said items by public bid, negotiated sale, junked or any other legally approved method, and that a public hearing on said matter be called for Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 6:30 o’clock p.m.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINING: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairwoman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 24th day of September, 2007.

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Purchasing Manager Angela Guidry explained that the list includes a Crown Victoria Unit No. 510 automobile which has a bad transmission and other mechanical issues.

Mr. P. Lambert moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to declare 112 Cypress Grove Street as surplus property, to authorize Administration to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 33:2861, et seq., and call a public hearing on said matter on October 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Lambert.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Purchasing Manager Angela Guidry stated that the adjudicated property located at 118 Donald Drive in Paragon Park Subdivision has an assessed value of $7,000.00 and noted that the minimum bid the Parish would accept includes the $7,000.00 plus the back taxes. She continued that the back taxes would be determined when the property is set for public auction.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to declare adjudicated property located at 118 Donald Drive (Lot 5, Block 3 of Paragon Park Subdivision) as surplus property, to authorize Administration to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 33:2861, et seq. and call a public hearing on said matter on October 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. A. Tillman.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to declare property located at 145 Marjorie Street as surplus
property, to authorize Administration to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 33:2861, et seq. and call a public hearing on said matter on October 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. Voisin.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. P. Rhodes and Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to declare property located on Porche Lane as surplus property, to authorize Administration to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 33:2861, et seq. and call a public hearing on said matter on October 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

In response to questioning with respect to the aforementioned property not listing a physical address, Purchasing Manager Angela Guidry stated that a photo of the aforementioned property was obtained from the Parish’s GIS System and noted that there are some properties that do not have physical addresses. She further explained that the 911 Communications District was contacted; however, there are still properties that do not have physical addressed or that have multiple addresses.

Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock stated that the most important thing for the Parish with respect to property is the legal description of the property, as opposed to the municipal description. She noted that the Legal Department would verify the legal description of what is owned by the Parish.

**The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. A. Tillman.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. C. Voisin, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to declare property located in Sections 70 and/or 142, T15S-R16E (Johnson Ridge Lane) as surplus property, to authorize Administration to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 33:2861, et seq. and call a public hearing on said matter on October 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Purchasing Manager Angela Guidry explained that the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff’s Office, at their annual tax sale, adjudicates “mobile homes” only when the mobile homes are located on leased property or in mobile home parks. She continued that the mobile home located at 115 Celestine Street has been located on the leased property for several years and has not been redeemed within the three-year redemption period. Mrs. Guidry noted that the property owner is deceased and that the mobile home was damaged as a result of Hurricane Rita.

Parish Attorney Courtney Alcock explained that the aforementioned matter is not the norm, and continued that the Tax Assessor has allowed homestead exemptions for mobile homes. She stated that the mobile home owners pay taxes so the Sheriff’s Office treats the
mobile homes as immovable property. Ms. Alcock continued that the allowance of the homestead exemption by the Tax Assessor presents a problem for the Parish because the mobile home is not on owned property, and it is not truly immovable property, so the Parish may have problems with obtaining a title to transfer the mobile home to someone else. She noted that in this instance, the mobile home would be demolished because of the severity of the damage caused by Hurricane Rita.

Upon additional questioning, Mrs. Guidry stated that the mobile home is on the property of the decedent’s sister.

Mr. A. Tillman moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to declare the trailer-only located on property at 116 Celestine Street as surplus property, to authorize Administration to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 33:2861, et seq. and call a public hearing on said matter on October 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. A. Tillman.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, the Budget & Finance Committee introduce an ordinance to declare the trailer on adjudicated property located at 8495 Grand Caillou Road as surplus property, to authorize Administration to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 33:2861, et seq. and call a public hearing on said matter on October 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.”

The Chairman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. Voisin.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Budget & Finance Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Chairwoman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Kim Elfert, Chairwoman

Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on 9/24/07, pulling the action taken on the Local Government Assistance Program funding for the Jadon Drainage Improvement Project and the purchase of property for the Indian Mound in Dulac and to vote on that matter separately.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS:  P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS:  None
ABSENT:  None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

OFFERED BY:  Mr. P. Rhodes.
SECONDED BY:  Ms. C. Duplantis.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-367

A resolution expressing support of the award of funds to be received from the State Local Government Assistance Program for local public projects.

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has allocated funds to be set aside for local governing bodies to decide how and where funds could be spent to help local communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Services, Local Government Assistance Program, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has been budgeted $142,800 in the 2007-2008 Project Year to be used for local permanent projects; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Council previously submitted a list of projects for possible funding from the LGAP and one of the projects was rejected due to failure to meet program criteria (ineligible application was for $75,800.00), and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to re-allocate said funds to projects that will be beneficial to Terrebonne Parish.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish Council, on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, that the project to be submitted for funding through the 2007-2008 Local Government Assistance Program is the JaDon Subdivision Drainage Improvements Project - $29,320.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVED that the remainder of the funds allocated for Terrebonne Parish (purchase of Indian Mound property) be addressed in two weeks.

THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS:  C. Voisin.
ABSTAINING:  None.
ABSENT:  None.
The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 26th day of September, 2007.

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The Chairman called for a report on the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting held on 9/24/07, whereupon the Committee Chairwoman rendered the following:

POLICY, PROCEDURE, & LEGAL COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

The Chairwoman, Arlanda Williams, called the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Ms. C. Duplantis and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. K. Elfert. Upon roll call, Committee Members recorded as present were: T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, K. Elfert, P. Lambert, H. Lapeyre, P. Rhodes, A. Tillman, C. Voisin, and A. Williams. A quorum was declared present.
Committee Member P. Rhodes presented for consideration the possibility of creating and placing in the 2008 Parish Budget a Department of Barrier Islands, Wetlands Restoration, Interim Levees, and Environmental Issues under the auspices of the Council, in order to provide staff personnel who would handle and accompany the Council to meetings addressing the aforementioned needs of Terrebonne Parish. He noted that the request in no way reflects on the job performance of the existing Coastal Restoration and Preservation Director, who may not be able to attend the same meetings with the Council due to conflicts in scheduling.

Council Clerk Paul Labat provided information with respect to the Council Staff previously having nine staff members that included a member who oversaw coastal and drainage issues. He noted that the staff member was a part of the staff for four years after consolidation of the governments.

Discussion transpired with respect to the cost of hiring a new Council staff member, and their job responsibilities and qualifications; duplication of staff functioning under the Parish’s Coastal Restoration and Preservation Department; and expansion of the existing coastal department.

In response to questioning, Coastal Restoration & Preservation Director Leslie Suazo stated that the other staff members in the Coastal Restoration & Preservation Department include a Permits Coordinator and an Administrative Secretary. She continued that attendance at various meetings is determined by the nature of the meeting and the topics to be discussed. Mrs. Suazo noted that she and the Public Works Director normally attend the meetings in addition to the Parish President and Parish Manager, depending upon the technical expertise.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee retain the matter with respect to creating a Council Department of Barrier Islands, Wetlands Restoration, Interim Levees, and Environmental Issues, and request Administration to submit a recommendation in two weeks.” (**MOTION ADOPTED AFTER DISCUSSION)

The Chairwoman recognized Mr. Reggie Bourg of Shrimpers Row who stated that the Parish needs an individual to assess financial expenditures and added that that person should be independent of the Council and the Levee Board. He expressed his concern with respect to how funding was spent on the Parish’s levee system.

**The Chairwoman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. P. Lambert moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee authorize the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government to cosponsor the annual Voice of the Wetlands Festival on October 12 – 14, 2007 at the Southdown Plantation.”

The Chairwoman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Lambert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. H. Lapeyre moved, seconded by Mr. A. Tillman, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Chairwoman called for the vote on the motion offered by Mr. H. Lapeyre.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
The Chairwoman declared the motion adopted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Arlinda Williams, Chairwoman
Suzette Thomas, Minute Clerk

Ms. A. Williams, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council accept and ratify the minutes of the Policy, Procedure, & Legal Committee meeting held on 9/24/07.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. A. Williams.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council approve attendance at the following meetings as per the current Council Travel Policy:
A) Building Officials Association of La., October 18, Lafayette
B) La. Counseling Association Annual Conference, October 6-10, Baton Rouge.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Rhodes.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: C. Voisin
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council hold nominations open an additional two weeks for the expired term of Mrs. Connie Sheer Townsend on the Houma Area Convention and Visitors’ Bureau.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Rhodes.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. P. Rhodes moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, the Council re-appoint Mr. David Blum to an additional term on the Houma Board of Adjustments and that nominations be held open an additional two weeks for the expired term of Mr. Joey Cehan (Alternate).”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Rhodes.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.
Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Ms. K. Elfert, “THAT, nominations be held open an additional two weeks for the vacancy on the Village East Fire Protection District Board.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. C. Voisin moved, seconded by Ms. A. Williams, “THAT, the Council accept the letter of resignation from Mr. Robert Samanie for the Consolidated Waterworks District Board, Council District 7, and that nominations be open for two weeks.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. C. Voisin.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

There were no matters to address on agenda items 6A – Council Members Request Discussion of; 7A – Council Members’ Announcements; and 7B – Parish President Announcements.

No action was necessary on agenda item 8A – Information List.

Parish President D. Schwab presented the proposed FY 2008 Parish Budget and read aloud his budget message.

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Mr. H. Lapeyre, “THAT, the Council accept the proposed FY 2008 Parish Budget as prepared by the Parish Administration, that the matter be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee for review, and that a public hearing be called for on said matter on 10/10/07 at 6:30 p.m.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

There were no matters to address under agenda item 8B – Parish President.

Ms. K. Elfert moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council allow an add-on to tonight’s agenda to address ‘Street Lights.’”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. K. Elfert.

UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. P. Lambert moved, seconded by Ms. C. Duplantis, “THAT, the Council approve the following street light list:
INSTALL ONE 400-W HPS STREET LIGHT ON ISLAND ROAD ACROSS FROM LA. WILDLIFE & FISHERIES BOAT LAUNCH (SHINE ON BOAT LAUNCH) IN POINTE-AUX-CHENES; ROAD LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 6; ENTERGY PETE LAMBERT.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. P. Lambert.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Ms. C. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. P. Lambert, “THAT, there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Ms. C. Duplantis.
UPON ROLL CALL THERE WAS RECORDED:
YEAS: P. Lambert, A. Tillman, A. Williams, K. Elfert, T. Cavalier, C. Duplantis, H. Lapeyre, C. Voisin, and P. Rhodes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
The Chairman declared the motion adopted and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

VENITA H. WHITNEY
MINUTE CLERK
ATTEST:

/S/ALVIN TILLMAN
ALVIN TILLMAN, CHAIRMAN
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL

/S/PAUL A. LABAT
PAUL A. LABAT, COUNCIL CLERK
TERREBONNE PARISH COUNCIL