

MINUTES OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.

ST. TAMMANY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX

21490 KOOP DRIVE, MANDEVILLE, LA.

Call to Order by Honorable Michael R. Lorino, Jr., Chairman

Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Dean

Invocation by Mr. T. J. Smith

**Roll Call: Marty Dean
David Fitzgerald
Martha Jenkins Cazaubon
Michael R. Lorino, Jr.
Rykert O. Toledano, Jr. ABSENT
Cheryl Tanner
James "Jimmie" Davis, III
Christopher Canulette
Michael "Mike" Maxwell Smith
Maureen "MO" O'Brien
Steve Stefancik
Jerry Binder ABSENT
Jacob "Jake" Airey
Thomas (T.J.) Smith, Jr.**

-Lorino - appointed Jake Airey as Ad Hoc Vice-Chairman for the night.

-Lorino - made comments regarding speaking and read a statement regarding speaking on the topic of the resolution. He also read a statement on the resolution, explaining the process that a bill would need to go through and the project would need to go through before it would begin to be built.

PUBLIC COMMENT: a three (3) minute time limit is established for each member of the public wishing to speak (for or against) an item on the Agenda, except Appeals.

APPEALS: Speaking time per side – 10-minute; 3-minute rebuttal; 2-minute conclusion.

RESOLUTIONS

-Lorino - 1. Resolution in Support of The Local Legislative Delegation Filing A Bill in The Upcoming Legislative Session Regarding an Entertainment and Gaming Resort in East St. Tammany. (Lorino/Cooper)

-Lorino – read the initial resolution.

-Lorino – read the substitute resolution.

-Airey - made comments regarding the resolution.

-Airey – moved to substitute the resolution, seconded by Stefancik. Unanimous with 2 absent.

-Stefancik – made comments regarding the public being able to vote on the project.

-President Cooper - made comments regarding this resolution.

-Davis- made comments regarding legislation.

-M. Smith – made comments regarding this project.

-Jeff Schoen – Junes Fussell representing Peninsula Pacific Entertainment – is for the resolution. Thanked many people. Introduced the development team. Understands that tonight is not the night to discuss the project. His client has scheduled meetings to discuss this project.

-Gregory Pier – Marina Villa - this would be in his backyard. Is in favor of the resolution, but would like to know more.

-Jay Johnston – Myrtle Dr. - says do not pass this resolution.

-Randy Boyet – Canal St. is against the resolution. Asking Council to think about the community.

-Pastor Morris St. Angelo – Midland Bluff - is opposed to motion going forward. Ministerial Alliance is also against this. Passed out a handout at the beginning of the meeting.

-Lee Longstreet – Windward - Slidell resident of 13 years. Is asking the Council to put this on the ballot because he has experience with Treasure Chest Casino and has seen no negative effects.

-Dr. Casey Stark – Conrad Cir. – is opposed and will oppose it the whole way. Encourages the Council to vote no.

-David Ziegler – Oak Downs Dr. – is surprised that the Council is entertaining these individuals.

-Margie Vicknair-Pray – John Lane – understands the process of the resolution. This worries her. The resolution will help move this forward. Doesn't want the Parish changed into Kenner or New Orleans.

-Angela Simms – Marina Dr. – agrees with passing the resolution. This could boost the economy.

-Don Henderson – Beebalm Circ. - is not opposed or in favor. Would like to see a prohibition within Fontainebleau State Park.

-Heather Laughlin – Eden Isles Blvd. – is in favor as an East St. Tammany resident.

-Nancy Wagner – on phone – is not for or against. Has a question on procedure because how can Council vote on a substitute ordinance that was not noticed?

-Emily Couvillion – explained the noticing of the meeting was appropriate.

-Gary Evans – Lakeshore – says please do not vote in favor.

-Chandler Goltz – on phone – lives less than a mile from proposed site. Spoke regarding the Council being shady. It seems like they (Council) are trying to shut the residents up.

-Airey – made comments in rebuttal to some of the comments.

-Bonnie Peyroux – Moonraker - is for the resolution.

-Cazaubon – made comments regarding the process.

-Al Hamauci – on phone – will vote for this and believes it is the Council's obligation to pass this.

-T. Smith – prefers to change some of the body of the resolution. Reads what he would like to change in the resolution.

-T. Smith – moved to amend the substitute resolution, seconded by Airey. Motion passes with 11 yeas (Dean, Fitzgerald, Cazaubon, Lorino, Tanner, Davis, Canulette, M. Smith, O'Brien, Airey), 1 nay (Stefancik), and 2 absent (Toledano, Binder).

-T. Smith - moved to adopt as substituted and amended, seconded by Dean. Motion passes with 11 yeas (Dean, Cazaubon, Lorino, Tanner, Davis, Canulette, M. Smith, O'Brien, Stefancik, Airey), 1 nay (Fitzgerald), and 2 absent (Toledano, Binder); becomes Resolution C.S. No. C-6410BB.

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



MICHAEL R. LORINO, JR., COUNCIL CHAIRMAN



KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK