



These minutes are from the Town of Abita Springs Public Committee Meetings on September 1, 2020.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ms. Contois moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and accept the August 2020 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Jay Hawkins presented and reviewed highlights from the July 2020 Financial Report. It was noted that 2021 budget meetings would take place in September. Ms. Contois moved to close the committee meeting seconded by Mr. Murphy.

GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE: Mr. Saussy moved to open the Governmental Committee Meeting and to accept the August 2020 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Mr. Murphy made a motion to open the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Alderman Saussy. **1.)** The Committee began the discussion of Instrument 2020-007, An Ordinance to Amend the Abita Springs Design Review Guidelines for the Historic Commission; Relative to Porches and Fences. Ms. Randolph began by expressing opposition to the proposed change to increase the minimum porch depth from 7 to 8 feet. Ms. Contois voiced support of the amendment. She added that larger porches enhance the community in that the bigger porch becomes a more usable outdoor living space recalling the old sleeping porches. Mr. Saussy noted that the amendment would result in increased expenses for homebuilders. Mr. Murphy raised questions regarding the suggested changes to fencing guidelines on corner lots. Ms. Randolph communicated her concerns related to the proposed changes and her opposition to overregulation. Board members agreed the topics required further discussion and suggested deferring until the November Public Committee Meeting. Mr. Saussy made a motion to defer consideration of Instrument 2020-007 until the November meeting, seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor. **2.)** Discussion of Instrument 2020-008, amending Section 9, Chapter 3 of Historic District Regulations, adding Section 9-311 Authorizing the Mayor to Establish a Fee for Administrative Costs Related to the Processing of Certificate of Appropriateness Applications resulted in a favorable recommendation offered by Mr. Saussy and seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor. **3.)** Mr. Saussy made a motion to favorably recommend a resolution to adopt the 2020 St. Tammany Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Mr. Saussy made a motion to close the Committee of the Whole and Governmental Committee, seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: In Mr. Patterson's absence, Ms. Randolph moved to open the Infrastructure Committee Meeting and to accept the August 2020 minutes, seconded by Mr. Saussy. Ms. Randolph moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Saussy.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Ms. Randolph moved to open the Economic Development Committee Meeting and to accept the August 2020 minutes, seconded by Ms. Contois. Ms. Randolph moved to close the meeting, seconded by Ms. Contois.

Ms. Contois made a motion to close the committee meetings, seconded by Mr. Saussy.

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 1st DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor