



These minutes are from the Town of Abita Springs Public Committee Meetings on January 4, 2022.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis invited Anthony Essaid and Karen Moses from the Abita Fall Fest to address the Board. Mr. Essaid announced plans to present a donation to the Town from Fall Fest proceeds. He then thanked the Town for its assistance during the festival and explained that the terms of the donation would be worked out at a later date.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ms. Contois moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and to accept the December 2021 minutes. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. 1.) Jay Hawkins presented the November Financial Report. Ms. Contois moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Murphy

GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE: Mr. Saussy moved to open the Governmental Committee Meeting and to accept the December 2021 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. 1.) After suggesting an edit to the date of the proposed agreement and clarification of Article IV 4.1.a., committee members expressed support for "A Resolution of the Town of Abita Springs Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Intergovernmental Agreement By and Between the Town of Abita Springs and the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office. 2.) Mayor Curtis opened discussion of the benefits of acquiring the property adjacent to Town Hall at 22164 Main St. The Mayor suggested that this opportunity to plan for future growth may not present itself again. He added that the land and building would be useful in a number of ways, now and in the future. Mayor Curtis offered potential uses including office space for law enforcement and/or planning and zoning functions, community focused meeting activities, and enhanced green space with park like landscaping. Ms. Contois advocated for a streetscape that feels like a pedestrian space. Local residents and committee members expressed support for the acquisition. 3.) Mr. Saussy opened discussion of the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to revoke a portion of the St. John St. right of way between 9th and 10th Streets. The Board expressed opposition to the revocation. It was noted that the code of ordinances requires moving forward with the process to prepare an ordinance for introduction which would be considered for an up or down vote at a later meeting. 4.) Mr. Saussy presented the draft of the Planning and Zoning recommendation to adopt the proposed draft of the Stormwater Management Ordinance. Mr. Saussy moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Mr. Patterson moved to open the Infrastructure Committee Meeting and to accept the December 2021 minutes, seconded by Mr. Saussy. Planned improvements to crosswalk safety were discussed. Mr. Patterson moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Saussy.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Ms. Randolph moved to open the meeting and to accept the December 2021 minutes, seconded by Ms. Contois. Stewart Eastman asked committee members what their plans were, relative to transitioning from the business practices of the past to business development in the future. Janet Dufrene advised that a meeting with Chris Massingill, of St. Tammany Corporation, had been scheduled for a discussion of business opportunities in Abita Springs. Ms. Randolph moved to close the meeting, seconded by Ms. Contois.

Mr. Patterson made a motion to close the meetings, seconded by Mr. Saussy.

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 4th DAY OF JANUARY 2022.