



These minutes are from the Town of Abita Springs Public Committee Meetings on July 7, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Murphy made provision to change the order of the meetings to hear the Finance Committee following the Economic Committee to allow for the late arrival of Ms. Contois.

GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE: Mr. Saussy moved to open the Governmental Committee Meeting and to accept the June 2020 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. 1.) Mr. Saussy opened discussion of the Zoning Commission's consideration of creation of a new lower density zoning classification. Town Clerk Janet Dufrene raised questions regarding the impetus and goal of the proposed new zoning. Ms. Dufrene asked if the regulation would serve to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents, would it promote connectivity and walkability, and mitigate flooding and improve drainage. Mr. Patterson raised concerns regarding recusal of Zoning Commissioner Underwood, who resides in the Brook Forest area, noting that the commissioner's personal interest should preclude his participation in related voting. Mayor Curtis answered that Mr. Underwood did recuse himself from voting. Local Brook Forest resident Donna Caire expressed a desire for expediency and supported inclusion of other locations similar to Brook Forest in the proposed lower density zoning. 2.) Committee members discussed St. Tammany Parish Council representation of the Town. Mayor Curtis directed attention to the Council District Map pointing out that Abita Springs falls into four separate districts with four councilpersons. Mr. Saussy encouraged Council Members to consider the redistricting and to draft a resolution expressing the will of the Board. Mr. Saussy made a motion to close the Governmental Committee, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Mr. Patterson moved to open the Infrastructure Committee Meeting and to accept the June 2020 minutes, seconded by Mr. Saussy. Mayor Curtis reported on road issues, annex building renovation, the lift station bid opening, and possible solutions for problems relative to the Town's sewer plant. Mr. Patterson 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 June 2020 minutes, seconded by Mr. Patterson acting on behalf of Ms. Contois. Ms. Randolph advised that the Abita Fall Fest is still on schedule. Comments from residents addressed the need for improvement in the town's grass cutting and litter abatement efforts. Ms. Randolph moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Patterson.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Patterson moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and accept the June 2020 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. 1.) Jay Hawkins presented the May 2020 Financial Report. Mayor Curtis reported that the town's waste management company increased the cost of garbage collection. He added that a resolution to increase the garbage rate would be presented at the July Town Council meeting. Mr. Patterson moved to close the committee meeting seconded by Mr. Murphy.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2020.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor