



These minutes are from the meetings of the Public Committees on May 1, 2018. Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Lemons had no special announcements.

GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE: Alderman Berrigan moved to open the Governmental Committee Meeting and to accept the April 2018 minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper. Discussion of the Abita Quail Farm Trace and AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING TO A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT OF 44.37 ACRES SITUATED IN SECTIONS 29 & 38, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 12 EAST, ST. TAMMANY PARISH, LOUISIANA AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS was opened as the first item on the Governmental Committee agenda. Alderman Berrigan began the discussion noting that after careful consideration, he had decided that he would be unable to support the Abita Quail Farm zoning change. The Aldermen stated that among the reasons for moving the instrument forward unfavorably was the lack of compatibility with surrounding properties. Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper agreed and seconded Alderman Berrigan's motion to move the rezoning forward unfavorably. Alderman Murphy concurred adding that he also had difficulty with finding the development "congruent" with the adjacent properties. Alderman Curtis and Alderman Blitch Welliver nodded. Public comment overwhelming revealed opposition to the rezoning. Speakers expressed concern over traffic, drainage and flooding, school overcrowding, the small size of the lots, and fears that the development would initiate a decline in the small-town charm of Abita Springs. Landowner John d'Hemecourt addressed the gathering to dispel certain rumors circulating around town and on social media. Mr. d'Hemecourt noted that there were never any plans to build an apartment complex nor to bus people into the development. He also mentioned that his health was not failing, and the Quail Farm was not closing. Both members of the Governmental Committee, Alderman Berrigan and Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper, voted yea in support of moving the instrument forward *unfavorably*. Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper moved to close the Governmental Committee meeting, seconded by Alderman Berrigan.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Murphy moved to open the Infrastructure Committee Meeting and to accept the April 2018 minutes, seconded by Alderman Berrigan. With no new business scheduled on the agenda Alderman Murphy moved to close the meeting, seconded by Alderman Berrigan.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Blitch Welliver moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and accept the April 2018 minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper. Alderman Blitch Welliver moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Alderman Curtis moved to open the Economic Development Committee Meeting and to accept the April 2018 minutes, seconded by Alderman Murphy. Local resident LeAnn Magee reported that the ACES (Abita Committee for Energy Sustainability) organization received a special commendation from Senator Paul Hollis and updated everyone regarding the committee's ongoing energy sustainability goals. Alderman Curtis moved to close the meeting, seconded by Alderman Murphy.

Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper made a motion closing the meeting, seconded by Alderman Blitch Welliver.

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 1th DAY OF MAY 2018.

Kathy Armand, Town Clerk

Greg Lemons, Mayor