

On motion of **Ms. Van Vrancken**, seconded by **Mr. Walker**, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION NO. 143573

A resolution establishing the Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee, designating the composition and duties of the committee, appointing members to the committee, and providing for related matters. (Parishwide)

WHEREAS, the current Jefferson Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan will expire June 2025; and

WHEREAS, a current hazard mitigation plan is needed to receive funding from FEMA for Hazard Mitigation Assistance projects and credit pursuant to the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System (CRS) Coordinator's Manual; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Parish is vulnerable to flooding and other natural hazards that can cause loss of life and damages to public and private property; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Parish received funding under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to update the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan with a focus on CRS requirements and anticipates the plan to be completed by May 2025; and

WHEREAS, the development and implementation of a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan that addresses the criteria outlined in CRS Section 510 *et seq.* can result in actions that reduce the long-term risk to life and property from flooding; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of unincorporated Jefferson Parish and the incorporated municipalities of City of Gretna, City of Harahan, City of Kenner, City of Westwego, Town of Grand Isle, and Town of Jean Lafitte to work collaboratively to protect its citizens and property from the effects of flooding and other natural hazards by preparing and maintaining a local Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan that addresses the criteria in CRS Activity 510 including Table 510-4 Categories for Floodplain Management Activities; and

WHEREAS, it is required by Title 44 of the Federal Code of Regulations Part 201.6 that a Mitigation Planning Team be identified and play an active role in the update of this Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, at least fifty (50) percent of the committee membership shall be comprised of "members of the public" as defined by the CRS; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parish Council desires to create the Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee to meet the requirement set forth by FEMA and the Insurance Service Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson Parish Council, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, acting as governing authority of said Parish:

SECTION 1. *Creation and purpose.* There is hereby created the Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee for the purpose of updating the 2020 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to comply with the requirements set forth by FEMA in CFR 44 Section 201.6 and the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System Coordinator's Manual Section 510 *et seq.*

SECTION 2. *Membership.* The Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee shall be composed of twenty-six (26) total members as follows:

- a) Fourteen (14) members shall represent unincorporated Jefferson Parish as follows:
 - 1) The Jefferson Parish Director of the Department of Building Permits, or their designee;
 - 2) The Jefferson Parish Director of the Floodplain Management and Hazard Mitigation Department, or their designee;
 - 3) The Jefferson Parish Director of the Ecosystem and Coastal Department, or their designee;
 - 4) The Jefferson Parish Director of the Department of Emergency Management, or their designee;
 - 5) The Jefferson Parish Director of Engineering, or their designee;
 - 6) The Jefferson Parish Public Information Officer, or their designee;
 - 7) The Jefferson Parish Director of the Planning Department, or their designee;
 - 8) Seven (7) "members of the public" as defined by the CRS, including:
 - A) A professional specializing in civil engineering design and construction management;
 - B) A design or construction professional specializing in design,

construction, or mitigation of single family and/or multi-family residential developments;

- C) A member of parks, recreation, or conservation agency specializing in activities to preserve or restore natural areas or the natural function of floodplain and watershed areas;
 - D) An owner or operator of a critical facility responsible for measures taken during an emergency to minimize the event's impact;
 - E) An engineer specializing in keeping flood water away from an area with levee, reservoir, or other flood control measure;
 - F) A representative of a business organization working to improve the business climate and create business initiatives and opportunities in our region;
 - G) A member of a planning advisory organization;
- b) Twelve (12) members shall represent incorporated Jefferson Parish. Each of the six (6) incorporated municipalities of Jefferson Parish shall appoint two members, with one of the two members from each of the incorporated municipalities being a "member of the public" as defined by the CRS.

SECTION 3. Confirmation of membership. All appointments of members representing unincorporated Jefferson Parish shall be confirmed by resolution of the Jefferson Parish Council. All members representing incorporated municipalities shall be appointed by the respective governing bodies and then confirmed via email to the Jefferson Parish Director of Floodplain Management and Hazard Mitigation.

SECTION 4. Terms of members. The term of each member of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee shall run concurrently with the existence of the committee.

SECTION 5. Meetings. Meetings of the committee shall be held on call of the Chairperson of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee. All meetings of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee shall be open to the public.

SECTION 6. Quorum. A majority of members representing unincorporated Jefferson Parish shall constitute a quorum. The Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee shall be able to adopt a motion or resolution or take other action by a vote of the majority of the quorum.

SECTION 7. Length of existence. The Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee is established for four years from the date of this resolution to encompass the updating of the plan, adoption, and continued maintenance of the plan.

SECTION 8. Designation of chair; office of primary responsibility. The Jefferson Parish Director of the Floodplain Management and Hazard Mitigation Department, or their designee, shall serve as the Chairperson of the committee. The Jefferson Parish Department of Floodplain Management and Hazard Mitigation will provide technical assistance and support to the committee, including publication of the notice of committee meetings as required by the Louisiana Open Meetings Law.

SECTION 9. The Jefferson Parish Council requests the governing bodies of the City of Gretna, City of Harahan, City of Kenner, City of Westwego, Town of Grand Isle and Town of Jean Lafitte recognize by resolution their representatives to the Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee.

SECTION 10. The following individuals are appointed in accordance to Section 2 of this resolution as "members of the public" as defined by the CRS:

- A) A professional specializing in civil engineering design and construction management – **Jeff Bonura**, 209 Canal Street, Metairie, LA 70005;
- B) A design or construction professional specializing in design, construction, or mitigation of single family and/or multi-family residential developments – **Shivers Nelson**, 2424 N. Arnoult Rd., Metairie, LA 70001;
- C) A member of parks, recreation, or conservation agency specializing in activities to preserve or restore natural areas or the natural function of floodplain and watershed areas – **Corey Miller**, 8001 Lakeshore Dr, New Orleans, LA 70124;
- D) An owner or operator of a critical facility responsible for measures taken during an emergency to minimize the event's impact – **James Aitken**, 1808 Emily Street, Metairie, LA 70001;
- E) An engineer specializing in keeping flood water away from an area with levee, reservoir, or other flood control measure; – **Mike Chopin**, 2400 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Suite 310, Kenner, LA 70062;

- F) A representative of a business organization working to improve the business climate and create business initiatives and opportunities in our region – **Ryan Daul**, 94 Westbank Expressway, Gretna, LA 70053;
- G) A member of a planning advisory organization – **Mildred Congemi**, 4728 Carthage Street, Metairie, LA 70002.

SECTION 11. That the Chairperson of the Jefferson Parish Council, or in their absence, the Vice-Chairperson, be and is authorized, empowered, and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to give full force and effect to this resolution.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

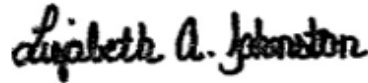
YEAS: 7

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was declared to be adopted on this the **7th day of February, 2024.**

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE & CORRECT COPY



LIZABETH A. JOHNSTON
PARISH CLERK
JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL