

## Transcript Excerpt from Parish Council Meeting – September 19, 2023 Capital Projects Report

Ray Lauga: On page 3, the library... I know Miss Alcon is interested. We have a notice to proceed for today. Which is.... they're gonna start just clearing the site up, but there's gonna be a full-on operations on 10/9 (*October 9<sup>th</sup>*), that's the notice that they agreed upon. We've gotten the insurance papers from the contractor, so that's going on there and I know they're setting up ground breaking ceremonies and all that too right now. So that's going full speed right now.

Parish President Guy McGuinness: So the notice to proceed is today?

Lauga: We gave a conditional one so they could just start cleaning up the site, and then they're gonna be full-operations on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

McInnis: So are they gonna start spreading (*the sand*)? Now or October 9th?

Lauga: It's probably be more like October 9<sup>th</sup>.

McInnis: I still get a lot of questions from people.

Lauga: Yeah. The contractor's means and methods are not in our control, so I don't want to say something just guessing on what he's gonna do.

McInnis: Thank you. So October 9<sup>th</sup> he's gonna be...

Lauga: Their contract time is going to start October 9<sup>th</sup>. It's going to be about a 16 month project.

----- (After the other capital projects were mentioned, Lauga asked for questions)

Councilman Howard Luna: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just have a couple of quick questions, Ray. I noticed on the library the budget was approved for 13.1 million, but it seems like the final cost is coming in at about 13.4. So....

Lauga: We have a bunch of these projects. Sometimes you'll see the projected costs to be a little bit higher than was funding. You know that happens on all the projects, you have scope creep and stuff and we'll adjust those budgets to accommodate those when we get a little bit further down the line with....

Luna: So do you think that we'll hit the 13.1 by the time we're finished or are we gonna have to figure out... do they have excess money, Guy, available to pay the delta (*change in costs*)?

McInnis: We wouldn't have bid it if we didn't have the funding. (said *twice...first time was off-microphone.*)

Lauga?: Yeah.

Luna: OK

Lauga?: We have a contingency for these projects, as project growth... that's what they call it, project growth.

McInnis: And I say we, it's the library fund.

Luna: OK

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