

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING  
880 NORTH ALEXANDER AVENUE, PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA  
OCTOBER 10, 2019  
5:30PM**

**The Following Minutes Are Summarized For Brevity, For Precise Meeting Information Please Refer To Meeting Audio Or Video.**

The Regular Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council was held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 and called to order at 5:30pm. Council Chairman Gary Spillman asked that all electronic devices be placed on silent and recognized Council Clerk Michelle Tullier who led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members were recorded as being present:

Messrs. Barry Hughhins, Kirk Allain, Gary Spillman, Chris "Fish" Kershaw, Edward "Bob" Robertson, Phil Porto, Ricky Loupe, Mses. Naomi Fair and Charlene Gordon.

Also present were, Mr. Riley Berthelot Jr, Parish President, Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne, Director of Finance, Mr. Kevin Durbin, Director of Public Works and Mrs. Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk.

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Mr. Barry Hughhins, seconded by Mr. Kirk Allain to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2019 regular meeting.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Spillman, Hughhins, Kershaw, Robertson, Loupe, Porto, Allain, Fair, Gordon)  
NAYS: 0 (None)  
ABSENT: 0 (None)  
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion passed.

**CONSIDER ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no items to consider.

**PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Parish President Riley Berthelot was recognized and covered the following items:

Recent Williams & Lee Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony;

LA Watershed Resolution coming up at next meeting;

Update on recent Fire ratings;

Large voter turnout for early voting;

Reminder of Election Saturday, October 12, 2019;

Chairman Spillman questioned the recent fire ratings.

There were no further questions for the Parish President.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Diana LeBlanc was recognized and explained she was against the recent proposed annexation that Port Allen is considering addressed the Erwinville Community Center, and addressed Council meetings on social media. Chairman Spillman clarified with Mrs. Leblanc that the Council meeting are currently available on the Parish website and noted that the Parish would consider putting meetings on Facebook

depending on the cost and manpower. Mrs. Leblanc also raised concerns over the issues on Rosedale Rd. with cane trucks, and leaning power poles.

Ms. Joanne Bourgeois was recognized and introduced Ms. Tamie Martin the new WBR Library Director. Ms. Martin spoke briefly on what is currently going on at the Library and the updates that they will be looking forward to for next year.

### **COMMUNICATIONS WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND/OR ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne, was recognized and provided monthly budget to actual numbers for the month of September year to date, and offered to answer any questions. Councilwoman Charlene Gordon thanked everyone for their support with the new Williams and Lee Center, and reminded everyone about a benefit for a local Port Allen High School student with cancer. Councilman Barry Huggins was recognized and updated Ms. LeBlanc on current and future water usage in the parish, and finished by letting everyone know that the Council will consider sending a Resolution to the Water Commission regarding new water wells. Chairman Spillman was recognized and explained to everyone there will be three items introduced tonight, however there will be no public discussion on said items.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED ORDINANCES**

There were no items to consider

### **CONSIDER STATUS REPORT, CHANGE ORDERS AND/OR OTHER MATTERS AS REQUIRED ON CURRENT PROJECTS**

#### **Accept/Reject bid recommendation on Council on Aging Building Project**

President Berthelot was again recognized and explained that this project was not ready for a bid recommendation as of today and asked that it be deferred to the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Kershaw, seconded by Mr. Barry Huggins to defer the bid recommendation on the Council on Aging Project to the next Council Meeting.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS:	9	(Spillman, Huggins, Kershaw, Robertson, Loupe, Porto, Allain, Fair, Gordon)
NAYS:	0	(None)
ABSENT:	0	(None)
ABSTAIN:	0	(None)

As a result of the votes the motion was adopted and the item therefore deferred to the next meeting.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **A Resolution Approving An Agreement Between West Baton Rouge Parish and South Central Planning And Development Commission For The Purpose Of Applying For Grant Funding And Acting In Support Of Watershed Region No. 6 Management Activities And In Conjunction With The State Of Louisiana Watershed Initiative.**

President Berthelot explained what the aforementioned resolution would do for the parish, and answered a few questions regarding the same.

A motion to approve the Resolution Approving An Agreement Between West Baton Rouge Parish and South Central Planning And Development Commission For The Purpose Of Applying For Grant Funding And Acting In Support Of Watershed Region No. 6 Management Activities And In Conjunction With The State Of Louisiana Watershed Initiative was made by Mr. Barry Huggins, seconded by Mr. Phil Porto.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS:	9	(Spillman, Huggins, Kershaw, Robertson, Loupe, Porto, Allain, Fair, Gordon)
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NAYS: 0 (None)  
ABSENT: 0 (None)  
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion was adopted.

Resolution 23 of 2019 appears at the end of these minutes.

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Mrs. Tullier read by title the below proposed ordinance/s being introduced and publicized by title, and considered for adoption following public hearing on November 14, 2019, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, located at 880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen, La.:

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 104 Zoning to Incorporate Amended Zoning Designation Map (Zoning Plan) under Section 104-3 Establishment of Districts, Official Zoning Map for rezoning request of TMI Enterprise and Air Liquide, File #2019-21, located at 1815 Lafiton Lane, Port Allen, La 70767, described as the rear portion of 35 Acres in Section 64, T6S, R12E, being part of Margaret Plantation, rezoning from I-1 (Light Industrial) to I-1 (Light Industrial with a special use permit to allow moderate industrial). (deferred from September 26, 2019 meeting)**

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 104 Zoning to Incorporate Amended Zoning Designation Map (Zoning Plan) under Section 104-3 Establishment of Districts, Official Zoning Map for rezoning request of TMI Enterprise and Air Liquide, File #2019-21, located at 1815 Lafiton Lane, Port Allen, La 70767, Tract B Being part of Margaret Plantation in Section 64 T7S R12E, Southeastern District, West of the Mississippi River, West Baton Rouge Parish for TMI Enterprise and Air Liquide, rezoning from I-1 (Light Industrial) to I-1 (Light Industrial with a special use permit to allow moderate industrial).**

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 104 Zoning to Incorporate Amended Zoning Designation Map (Zoning Plan) under Section 104-3 Establishment of Districts, Official Zoning Map for rezoning request of TMI Enterprise and Air Liquide, File #2019-22, located at 1815 Lafiton Lane, Port Allen, La 70767, Tract B Being part of Margaret Plantation in Section 64 T7S R12E, Southeastern District, West of the Mississippi River, West Baton Rouge Parish for TMI Enterprise and Air Liquide, rezoning from I-1 (Light Industrial) to I-2(Moderate industrial). Master Plan Change**

### **CONSIDER SUBDIVISION PLATS, CONDEMNATIONS, WAIVERS AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

There were no items to consider

### **APPOINTMENTS**

**WBR Library Board – Consider recommendation of Mr. Henry Henderson to replace Ms. Ola Hard term ending 12/31/2023.**

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Kershaw, seconded by Mr. Barry Huggins to appoint Mr. Henry Henderson to serve on the West Baton Rouge Library Board.

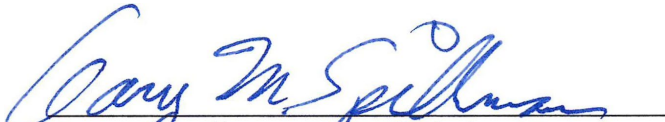
There were no other recommendations therefore the motion was adopted by acclamation

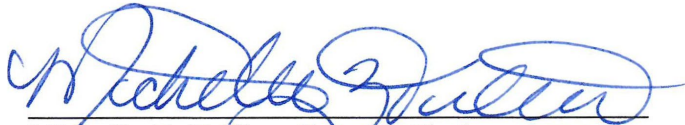
### **CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

Correspondence Report from Council Clerk, Mrs. Michelle Tullier included the following items:

- Next Planning & Zoning Meeting is Tuesday, October 15th at 5:30pm;
- Next Council Meeting is Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm;

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Charlene Gordon and was adopted by acclamation at 6:27pm.

  
Gary M. Spillman, Council Chairman

  
Michelle Z. Tullier, Council Clerk

## **RESOLUTION 23 of 2019**

A Resolution Approving An Agreement Between West Baton Rouge Parish and South Central Planning And Development Commission For The Purpose Of Applying For Grant Funding And Acting In Support Of Watershed Region No. 6 Management Activities And In Conjunction With The State Of Louisiana Watershed Initiative.

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative was formed in order to coordinate statewide floorplan management efforts through a watershed management approach in response to the 2016 Great Floods and in preparation for future storm and flood events. This coordination includes outreach with local communities to build support for watershed region management approaches that can more effectively address mounting water risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, coordination among West Baton Rouge Parish and its regional partners within Watershed Region No. 6 is critical to reducing flood risk and preserving the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of West Baton Rouge Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative has requested applications for participation in a Regional Capacity Building Grant Program, which may enable the provision of technical assistance to West Baton Rouge Parish and its regional partners if awarded, thereby furthering immediate watershed management and flood risk reduction goals.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the agreement between West Baton Rouge Parish and South Central Planning and Development Commission for the purpose of applying for grant funding and acting in support of Watershed Region No. 6 management activities and in conjunction with the State of Louisiana Watershed Initiative is hereby approved.

**The Foregoing Resolution Was Considered, And, After Public Discussion, A Motion To Approve Was Made By Council Member Barry Huggins, Which Was Seconded By Council Member Phil Porto.**

**The Resolution Was Submitted To A Vote, The Vote Thereon Was As Follows:**

**YEAS: 9 (Huggins, Porto, Allain, Kershaw, Fair, Spillman, Loupe, Gordon, Robertson)**

**NAYS: 0 (None)**

**ABSENT: 0 (None)**

**ABSTAIN: 0 (None)**

As a result of the votes the resolution was adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2019.

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said body at its Regular Meeting of October 10, 2019 at which meeting a majority of the members were present and voting.

  
Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk

