

MINUTES
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
GOVERNMENT BUILDING
880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen
Thursday, January 5, 2023
5:30 PM

The Following Minutes Are Summarized For Brevity.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER & REQUEST ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES BE SILENCED

A Special Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council was held on Thursday, January 5, 2023 and called to order at 05:30 PM. Council Chairman Carey Denstel asked that all electronic devices be placed on silent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Denstel recognized Mr. Alan Crowe who led everyone in an opening prayer, and Mrs. Kayne Kleinpeter who led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. LOG ATTENDANCE

The following members were recorded as being present: Messrs. Kirk Allain, Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Craig Bergeron, Gary Joseph, and Mrs. Kayne Kleinpeter.

Also present were, Mr. Riley Berthelot Jr, Parish President, Mr. Jason Manola, Executive Assistant, and Mrs. Mallorie Davis, Recording Secretary.

4. PROCLAMATION FOR ELECTION, CITY MARSHAL, WARD III

A. Proclamation To Call For An Election To Fill The Vacancy Of Mr. Michael Zito, City Marshal, Ward III, West Baton Rouge Parish, La.

Chairman Denstel briefly explained the reasons for calling this Special Meeting and recognized Ms. Canezaro, who went into further detail on what the law states needs to be done due to the vacant seat of City Marshal, Ward III.

A motion was made by Councilman Kirk Allain, seconded by Councilman Kenneth Gordon to approve a Proclamation To Call For An Election To Fill The Vacancy Of Mr. Michael Zito, City Marshal, Ward III, West Baton Rouge Parish, La.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Messrs. Kirk Allain, Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Craig Bergeron, Gary Joseph, and Mrs. Kayne Kleinpeter)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion **Passed**.

5. ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Denstel and was adopted by acclamation at 05:42 PM.

/s/ Carey Denstel

Carey Denstel, Council Chairman

/s/ Mallorie Davis

Mallorie Davis, Recording Secretary



Parish of West Baton Rouge
In the Name and By the Authority of the People of the
Parish of West Baton Rouge

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of City Marshal, City Court, City of Port Allen, due to the untimely death of Mr. Michael Zito on December 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 18:604 mandates that the West Baton Rouge Parish Council shall call a special election to fill the vacancy in an office where the unexpired term exceeds 12 months, in accordance with provisions of R.S. 18:604 (B) (2) (a) and/or the dates for elections set forth in R.S. 18:402;

NOW, THEREFORE, the West Baton Rouge Parish Council, in Special Meeting called for this purpose on January 5, 2023, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: A primary and general election shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of West Baton Rouge Parish for City Marshal, Ward III, for the purpose of electing a City Marshal, City Court, City of Port Allen, to fill the vacancy in the office.

SECTION 2: Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form and under the procedures and conditions provided by R.S. 18:461, *et seq.*, and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1, *et seq.*, during the period commencing Tuesday, August 8, 2023, and ending at 4:30pm Thursday, August 10, 2023.

SECTION 3: The election shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1, *et seq.*

SECTION 4: The primary election shall be held Saturday, October 14, 2023 and the general election shall be held Saturday, November, 18, 2023, at the times and places and in the manner prescribed by law.

SECTION 5: The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Board of Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Registrar of Voters, and all other persons charge with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of the West Baton Rouge Parish, City Marshal, Ward III, are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct the special election, to cause the returns to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results, and to perform all related and incidental functions.

The Foregoing Proclamation Has Been Read And Considered, Upon Motion By Council Member Kirk Allain, Which Was Seconded By Council Member Kenneth Gordon, And A Vote Being Taken, The Following Result Was Had:

YEAS:	9	(Ms. Kleinpeter, Messrs. Kershaw, Walker, Allain, Denstel, Crowe, Gordon, Bergeron & Joseph)
NAYS:	0	(None)
ABSENT:	0	(None)
ABSTAIN:	0	(None)

As a result of the votes said proclamation was adopted by those members present.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, in the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, on this 5th day of January, 2023.


Carey Denstel, Chairman