

MINUTES
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH
COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENT BUILDING

880 North Alexander Avenue, Port
Allen Thursday, March 23, 2023
5:30 PM

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

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

A Regular Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council was held on Thursday, March 23, 2023 and called to order at 05:30 PM. Council Chairman Carey Denstel asked that all electronic devices be placed on silent.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Councilman Atley Walker Jr. led everyone in an opening prayer.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Denstel recognized Mr. Kevin Durbin who led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. 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 Brady Hotard.

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

5. MINUTES APPROVAL

A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Brady Hotard, seconded by Councilman Kirk Allain to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2023.

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, Brady Hotard)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

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

6. CONSIDER ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no items to consider at this time.

7. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

Alternate ideas for bridge replacement on Hwy 1148;

Parish is looking into digging a canal in back Brusly to relieve water from parts of Brusly and of Addis;

Meeting Monday in the Senate Committee room in regards to the New Mississippi River Bridge;

President Berthelot offered to answer any questions.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Jan Laughinghouse, Executive Director of Capital Area Human Services, introduced herself and Ms. Sheidra Bouttee', Clinical Director of Addiction Recovery Services. Dr. Laughinghouse read aloud a letter of support from Capital Area Human Services in

regards to legislation regarding the drug referred to as Kratom. This letter can be found at the end of these minutes.

9. **COMMUNICATIONS WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND/OR ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

A. Consider Adoption of Job Study Pay Plan

Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne was recognized and gave a brief explanation of the process used in order to get the numbers presented on the updated Pay Plan presented to the Council, and asked that the Council support these changes, and additions to the Parish Pay Plan. There were a few questions for clarification from a few Council members.

A motion was made by Councilman Kirk Allain, seconded by Councilman Chris Kershaw to approve Adoption of the Job Study Pay Plan as presented by Mr. Bourgoyne, effective for the next pay period.

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, Brady Hotard)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

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

B. Declare the following items as surplus for auction or scrap.

Drainage Department

1. Tag# 2430 2012 EC300DLR Volvo Excavator Vin#VCE300DK00210235
2. Tag# 1038 Fan- not on FA listing
3. Tag# 270 Rome Clearing Dozer Blade (1973)
4. John Deere Chopper Blades- not on FA listing
5. Land Leveler- Not on FA listing
6. 16ft trailer- not on FA listing
7. Bionic Blade- not on FA listing
8. 2 Generators- not on FA listing

A motion was made by Councilman Alan Crowe, seconded by Councilman Brady Hotard to declare the aforementioned items for auction and/or scrap.

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, Brady Hotard)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

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

Mr. Jason Manola was recognized and explained that bids were opened on the two new fire trucks and the rescue truck being refurbished, which were included in the budget. Mr. Manola noted the numbers came in under budget and at the next Council meeting the administration will be asking that the general fund loan the funds to the fire department instead of leasing from an outside source. Councilman Allain asked for an update on the Turf Field project, Mr. Manola explained what was taking place at the Erwinville Park. Councilman Kershaw asked about the drainage project on Venzule, and verified who is paying for the material and who is providing labor. Mr. Kevin Durbin was recognized and spoke briefly on the CMAR rollout notice of intent by DOTD, which is a request for contractor qualifications for the La1/415 connector project. Mr. Durbin noted the responses are due back in mid-April and the contract is to be executed around October, per this notice.

10. **PUBLIC HEARING ON PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED ORDINANCES**

A. An Ordinance Adopting the 2022 Year End Amendments to the Natural Gas & Water Systems Budget of Revenues and Expenditures beginning January 1,

2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

The Chairman opened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comment regarding the aforementioned item.

Mr. Chance Stephens, Assistant Director of Finance, was recognized and explained these adjustments were due to gas pricing increases from the previous year. Councilman Kershaw asked a few questions for clarification in regards to adjusting revenues, Mr. Stephens answered those questions.

No public comments for or against said ordinance were presented. No written protests opposing the ordinance were received. The Council Chairman at this point declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Kirk Allain, seconded by Councilman Brady Hotard to approve An Ordinance Adopting the 2022 Year End Amendments to the Natural Gas & Water Systems Budget of Revenues and Expenditures beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 as presented.

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, Brady Hotard)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

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

Ordinance 14 of 2023 can be found at the end of these minutes.

- B. 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 Christi Chustz Dellucci for 6334 Flynn Road. Port Allen, La 70767. File #2023-5: as described by the WBR Assessor: LOT 7-C-2-A CONT 6.35 AC IN SEC 7 T6S R11E 6-44 CB117 E212 CB189 E189 CB296 E16 CB404 E54 CB559 P309 LOT 7-B MERGED INTO LOT 7-C-2-A AS PER MAP DATED OCTOBER 7, 2016. Rezoning From Ag-3 (Agricultural Full Scale) to AG-2 (Agricultural Moderate Scale). Master Plan Change.**

The Chairman opened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comment regarding the aforementioned item.

Mr. Kevin Durbin was recognized and explained this request and noted it had received a recommendation of approval from the Planning & Zoning Commission.

No public comments for or against said ordinance were presented. No written protests opposing the ordinance were received. The Council Chairman at this point declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Craig Bergeron, seconded by Councilman Chris Kershaw to approve 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 Christi Chustz Dellucci for 6334 Flynn Road. Port Allen, La 70767. File #2023-5: as described by the WBR Assessor: LOT 7-C-2-A CONT 6.35 AC IN SEC 7 T6S R11E 6-44 CB117 E212 CB189 E189 CB296 E16 CB404 E54 CB559 P309 LOT 7-B MERGED INTO LOT 7-C-2-A AS PER MAP DATED OCTOBER 7, 2016. Rezoning from AG-3 (Agricultural Full Scale) to AG-2 (Agricultural Moderate Scale). Master Plan Change.

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, Brady Hotard)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

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

Ordinance 15 of 2023 can be found at the end of these minutes.

11. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

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

- A.** 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 Annie Overstreet G ETALS. Located at 5357 Flynn Rd. Port Allen, La 70767. File #2023-6: as described by the WBR Assessor: LOT 21 & 21A SUBD SW/4 SEC 18 T6S R11E 6B-139. Master Plan Change. Rezoning from AG-2 (Agricultural Moderate Sale) to AG-1 (Agricultural Small Scale). Public Hearing Date: April 27, 2023
- B.** An Ordinance To Amend And Reenact The West Baton Rouge Parish Code Of Ordinances, Part III (“Unified Development Code”), Chapter 104 (Zoning), Article II (District Regulations), Sections 104-26, and 104-28, Chapter 106 (Site Planning) Article V (Yard/Setback, Open Space And Common Area Requirements), Sections 106-114, and 106-115, Updating Lot Minimums For Future Development. Public Hearing Date: April 27, 2023

12. CONSIDER STATUS REPORT, CHANGE ORDER AND/OR OTHER MATTERS AS REQUIRED ON CURRENT PROJECTS

There were no items to consider at this time.

13. RESOLUTIONS

A. 2022 MWPP Resolution- West Baton Rouge Parish Lukeville Wastewater Treatment Facility Audit

Mr. Adrian Genre, Director of Utilities, was recognized and explained the need for the aforementioned resolution.

A motion was made by Councilman Atley Walker, seconded by Councilman Chris Kershaw to approve the 2022 MWPP Resolution- West Baton Rouge Parish Lukeville Wastewater Treatment Facility Audit.

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, Brady Hotard)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

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

Resolution 5 of 2023 can be found at the end of these minutes.

B. 2022 MWPP Resolution- West Baton Rouge Parish Westport Wastewater Treatment Facility Audit

A motion was made by Councilman Kenneth Gordon, seconded by Councilman Brady Hotard to approve the 2022 MWPP Resolution- West Baton Rouge Parish Westport Wastewater Treatment Facility Audit.

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, Brady Hotard)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

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

Resolution 6 of 2023 can be found at the end of these minutes.

C. A Resolution of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council requesting passage of House Bill 14 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Councilman Atley Walker spoke briefly about this issue and his recent trip to Washington, DC. where he presented and co-sponsored a resolution, which was adopted at the 2023 NACO Legislative Conference titled “**Support Federal Action to Obtain Better Research on Kratom**”.

Interim Resolution to Support Federal Action to Obtain Better Research on Kratom and to Promote Publication of Best Health Practices Related to Kratom

ISSUE: Counties and other levels of local government need better data and research related to the use of Kratom that will aide in the development of public health practices that mitigate safety hazards associated with the use of Kratom throughout the United States.

ADOPTED POLICY: The National Association of Counties (NACO) encourages Congress to pass legislation and/or federal agency directives to fund and support efforts to research the health impacts related to the use of Kratom. Federal action steps should include agency and staff resources to complete both: (1) a review of existing research on Kratom in order to provide counties, parishes, and other local government jurisdictions with immediate guidance on the most appropriate public health practices related to Kratom; including harm reduction and mitigation efforts; and (2) to pursue more comprehensive research on Kratom that can inform long term public health approaches related to the use of Kratom.

Resolution was approved on February 12, 2023.

Councilman Walker went on to explain there is a proposed House Bill 14 which has been filed for consideration during this legislative session he noted this proposed Council Resolution is showing support for that House Bill which puts more restrictions on Kratom.

A motion was made by Councilman Atley Walker, seconded by Councilman Gary Joseph to approve A Resolution of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council requesting passage of House Bill 14 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

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, Brady Hotard)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

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

Resolution 7 of 2023 can be found at the end of these minutes.

14. CONSIDER SUBDIVISION PLATS, CONDEMNATIONS, WAIVERS AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO

A. Ratify Declaration of derelict structure located at 6413 Hwy 1 South, Brusly, La 70719, File #2023-002

Mr. Kevin Durbin, was recognized and explained the status of the aforementioned location, and showed pictures of the same. Mr. Durbin noted that upon inspection by Mr. Ben Bello, the following structure has been deemed derelict according to Parish Code 109-42 and hereby request that this/these structure(s) be demolished.

Councilman Walker asked if any owners had been notified of this decision, Mr. Durbin noted that no owners had been notified, however a letter was being sent out to notify them of this.

A motion was made by Councilman Kirk Allain, seconded by Councilman Atley Walker to Ratify the Declaration of derelict structure located at 6413 Hwy 1 South, Brusly, La 70719, File #2023-002.

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, Brady Hotard)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

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

15. APPOINTMENTS

A. **Appoint New Member to the WBR Parish Planning & Zoning Commission**

Councilman Brady Hotard nominated Mr. Justin Brown to be considered for appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Councilman Alan Crowe nominated Ms. Nataisha Benoit to be considered for appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

The Chairman explained that a vote will be taken on the nominations until a majority of the Council votes in favor, noting the first vote will be in favor of Mr. Justin Brown serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 5 (Messrs. Kirk Allain, Chris Kershaw, Craig Bergeron, Brady Hotard, Carey Denstel)

NAYS: 4 (Messrs. Kenneth Gordon, Alan Crowe, Atley Walker, Gary Joseph)

As a result of the votes the motion passed Mr. Justin Brown has been appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

B. **Appoint New Alternate Member for the WBR Parish Board of Adjustments**

Chairman Denstel nominated Mr. James Hendrick to serve as an alternate on the Board of Adjustments.

There were no other nominations therefore Mr. James Hendrick was appointed by acclamation.

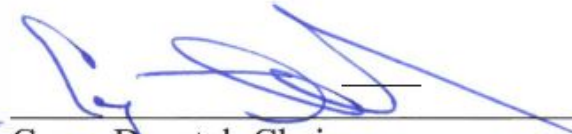
16. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

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

- Reminder: Sign up for Legislative Day and NACO Conference;
- Next Planning & Zoning Meeting Tuesday, April 4, 2023 has been cancelled due to a clear agenda;
- Next Council Meeting Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 5:30pm unless there is a clear agenda.

17. ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Kirk Allain and was adopted by acclamation at 06:19 PM.



Carey Denstel, Chairman

Michelle Z. Tullier, Council Clerk

ORDINANCE 14 OF 2023

As Introduced by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council
At the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2023
And Adopted on March 23, 2023

An Ordinance Adopting the 2022 Year End Amendments to the Natural Gas & Water Systems Budget of Revenues and Expenditures beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, Louisiana in regular session convened that:

SECTION 1: The attached detailed 2022 Natural Gas & Water Systems year end budget amendments to estimate of expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

SECTION 2: The attached detailed 2022 Natural Gas & Water Systems year end budget amendments to estimate of revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 be and the same is hereby adopted as budget of expenditures for the Parish during the said period.

SECTION 3: The adoption of these 2022 Natural Gas & Water Systems year end budget amendments to revenue and expenditures budget and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

SECTION 4: Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included with the 2022 amended budget as attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Parish Council of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, Louisiana, that this ordinance shall become effective pursuant to Section 2-12 (C) of the Home Rule Charter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IF FURTHER ORDAINED by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council, that all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed in their entirety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Parish Council of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, Louisiana, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE AFTER PUBLIC HEARING WAS CONSIDERED, AND UPON MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KIRK ALLAIN, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRADY HOTARD, AND A VOTE BEING TAKEN, THE FOLLOWING RESULT WAS HAD:

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS: 9 (Messrs. Allain, Kershaw, Walker, Denstel, Crowe, Hotard, Gordon, Bergeron, Joseph)

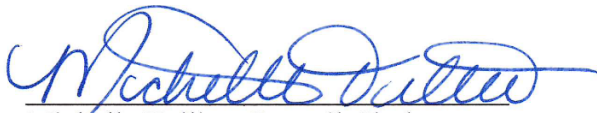
NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

WHEREUPON, the ordinance was declared to be adopted on the 23rd Day of March, 2023.

ATTEST:


Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk

2022 PUBLIC UTILITIES BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AS PROPOSED

REQUEST #1

PUBLIC UTILITIES FUND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS EXPENSES		INCREASE / (DECREASE)
GAS DEPARTMENT		
301.45.323-5001.00	GAS PURCHASES	\$ 2,017,908.21
SEWER DEPARTMENT		
301.45.325-5650.03	SEWER SYSTEMS CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 59,514.00
NET CHANGE BUDGETED EXPENSES		\$ 2,077,422.21

ORDINANCE 15 OF 2023

As Introduced by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council
At the Meeting of February 26, 2023
And Adopted on March 23, 2023

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 Christi Chustz Dellucci. Rezoning from AG-3 to AG-2.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council in legal session that Chapter 104 Zoning, Sec. 104-3 Establishment of Districts, Official Zoning Map of the Compiled Ordinances of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, Louisiana is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec.104-3. Establishment Of Districts, Official Zoning Map For Rezoning Request Of Christi Chustz Dellucci, Located at 6334 Flynn Road. Port Allen, La 70767. **File #2023-5:** as described by the WBR Assessor: LOT 7-C-2-A CONT 6.35 AC IN SEC 7 T6S R11E 6-44 CB117 E212 CB189 E189 CB296 E16 CB404 E54 CB559 P309 LOT 7-B MERGED INTO LOT 7-C-2-A AS PER MAP DATED OCTOBER 7, 2016. Master Plan Change. Rezoning From Ag-3 (Agricultural Full Scale) to AG-2 (Agricultural Moderate Scale).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council that this Ordinance shall also serve as a Master Plan Change.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council that this ordinance shall become effective pursuant to Section 2-12 (C) of the Home Rule Charter.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council, that all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed in their entirety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, Louisiana, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE AFTER HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A PUBLIC HEARING WAS CONSIDERED, AND UPON MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CRAIG BERGERON, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CHRIS KERSHAW. THE ORDINANCE WAS SUBMITTED TO A VOTE AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

YEAS: 9 (Messrs. Allain, Kershaw, Walker, Denstel, Crowe, Hotard, Gordon, Bergeron Joseph)

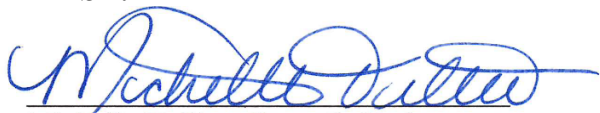
NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

WHEREUPON the ordinance was declared adopted on the 23rd Day of March, 2023.

ATTEST:


Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk

RESOLUTION 5 OF 2023

2022 MWPP Resolution
West Baton Rouge Parish Lukeville Wastewater Treatment Facility
Audit

Resolved that the Parish of **West Baton Rouge** informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the following actions were taken by **West Baton Rouge Parish Council**.

1. Resolved the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report which is attached to this resolution.
2. Set forth the following actions necessary to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit number **LA0108588** **West Baton Rouge Parish’s Lukeville Lane Wastewater Treatment Plant** (WWTP).

(Please be specific in listing the actions that will be taken to address the problems identified in the audit report.)

- a. Assessment score was 12 out of maximum 560 points. This evaluates the WWTP’s performance throughout the 2022 year. Note, a lower score is more desirable (better plant operation).
- b. No additional actions are required.

A MOTION TO ADOPT the above resolution was made by Council Member Atley Walker seconded by Council Member Chris Kershaw, and resulted in the following vote:

YEAS: 9 (Messrs. Walker, Kershaw, Allain, Denstel, Crowe, Hotard, Gordon, Bergeron Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

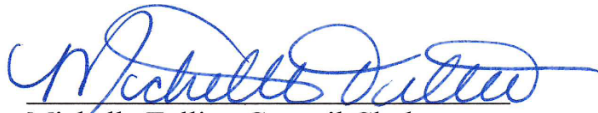
ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

Passed by a majority vote of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council on the 23rd Day of March 2023.

CERTIFICATE

I, Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said body at its Regular Meeting of March 23, 2023 at which meeting a majority of the members were present and voting.



Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk

RESOLUTION 6 OF 2023

2022 MWPP Resolution West Baton Rouge Parish Westport Wastewater Treatment Facility Audit

Resolved that the Parish of West Baton Rouge informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the following actions were taken by West Baton Rouge Parish Council.

1. Resolved the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report which is attached to this resolution.
2. Set forth the following actions necessary to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit number LA0068501, West Baton Rouge Parish's Westport Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

(Please be specific in listing the actions that will be taken to address the problems identified in the audit report.)

- a. Assessment score was 27.5 out of maximum 560 points. This evaluates the WWTP's performance throughout the 2022 year. Note, a lower score is more desirable (better plant operation).
- b. No additional actions are required.

A MOTION TO ADOPT the above resolution was made by Council Member Kenneth Gordon, seconded by Council Member Brady Hotard, and resulted in the following vote:

YEAS: 9 (Messrs. Gordon, Hotard, Allain, Walker, Kershaw, Denstel, Crowe, Bergeron, Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

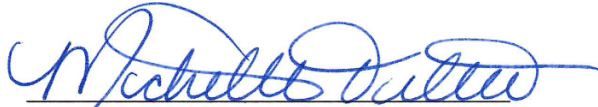
ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

Passed by a majority vote of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council on the 23rd Day of March 2023.

CERTIFICATE

I, Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said body at its Regular Meeting of March 23, 2023 at which meeting a majority of the members were present and voting.


Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk

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RESOLUTION 7 OF 2023

A Resolution of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council requesting passage of House Bill 14 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

WHEREAS, Kratom is an herbal supplement derived from an evergreen tree (*Mitragyna Speciosa*) native to Southeast Asia. It contains two psychoactive compounds, some research shows the effects are comparable to some opioids; and

WHEREAS some people who take Kratom believe in its value, researchers who have studied it, think its side effects and safety problems more than offset any potential benefits; and

WHEREAS, Kratom currently can be bought over the counter at most gas stations and smoke shops; and

WHEREAS, HB 14 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature addresses the two psychoactive compounds contained in Kratom, Mitragynine, and 7-Hydroxy-mitragynine, adding them to Schedule I of the Controlled Dangerous Substances Law; and

WHEREAS, it is within the power of the Louisiana Legislature to address and correct this situation and provide for the protection of the people of West Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, the West Baton Rouge Parish Council expresses its support of the passage of HB 14 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the West Baton Rouge Parish Council does hereby support the passage of House Bill 14 of the 2023 Regular Session and send this measure to Governor Edwards' desk for signature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana Capital Area delegation, to Governor Edwards, and to the Police Jury Association of Louisiana for their help and support.

The Foregoing Resolution Was Considered, And After Public Discussion, A Motion To Approve Was Made By Council Member Atley Walker, Which Was Seconded By Council Member Gary Joseph.

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

YEAS: 9 (Messrs. Walker, Joseph, Allain, Kershaw, Denstel, Crowe, Hotard, Gordon, Bergeron)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: **0** **(None)**

ABSTAIN: **0** **(None)**

As a result of the vote the resolution was unanimously adopted by those members present.

CERTIFICATE

I, Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said body at its Regular Meeting of March 23, 2023 at which meeting a majority of the members were present and voting.


Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk



**CAPITAL AREA HUMAN SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION**

Mission: To deliver caring and responsive services, leading to a better tomorrow.

West Baton Rouge Parish Council
880 N. Alexander Avenue
Port Allen, Louisiana 70767

Re: Letter of Support for Resolution #13C on the Thursday, March 23, 2023 Agenda

Dear Mr. Berthelot and Council Members:

Please accept this letter, from Capital Area Human Services (CAHS), in support of the Council's resolution to support passage of House Bill No. 14, which will add mitragynine, commonly known as kratom, to Schedule I of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law.

As the legislatively-enacted behavioral health authority in Region 2, CAHS is an embedded service provider, in West Baton Rouge Parish, and share your concerns and responsibility for the health and well-being of its citizens.

Banning the sale of kratom is a measure that will help in the fight against the opioid epidemic by decreasing the access of a drug of abuse that can easily be purchased by individuals with existing substance use disorders and minors. Extant research suggests that safety concerns regarding side effects and the abuse potential of kratom outweigh the benefits touted by proponents of the substance.

CAHS applauds the Council for recognizing the issues around the use of kratom and supports the Council in its efforts to adopt the resolution in support of the passage of House Bill No. 14.

Sincerely,

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