

MINUTES
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENT BUILDING
880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen
Thursday, June 13, 2024
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, June 13, 2024 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 Mrs. Mallorie Davis who led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. LOG ATTENDANCE

The following members were recorded as being present: Messrs. Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Mrs. Katherine Andre.

Absent: Messrs. Brady Hotard, Gary Joseph.

Also present were, Mr. Jason Manola, Parish President, Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne, Executive Assistant, Mr. Chance Stephens, Director of Finance, Mrs. Mallorie Davis, Planning & Zoning, Ms. Kristen Canezaro, Special Legal Counsel, and Mrs. Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk.

5. MINUTES APPROVAL

A. Approval of Minutes from The Regular Council Meeting of May 23, 2024.

A motion was made by Council Member Kenneth Gordon, seconded by Council Member Alan Crowe to approve Minutes from The Regular Council Meeting of May 23, 2024.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Brady Hotard, Gary Joseph)

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 Jason Manola was recognized and covered the following items:
Recent meeting in regard to new Calumet Acres plat with in his opinion significant development changes;
Mr. Guy Cormier, Executive Director of the Police Jury Association, recently asked President Manola to sit on the State Local Road Safety Program Board;
Met recently with DEQ to address the tire dumping problem in the area;
Recent meeting with OLOL in regard to providing a Regional ER in the Parish;
Council on Aging meeting to talk about Hurricane Preparedness;
Debris contract and aerial spraying contract have been put on standby in case they are needed this hurricane season;
Recently confirmed, the Parish was awarded \$3 million dollars for the Fire and Law Enforcement combined facility on the North End of the Parish.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Carue Summers, was recognized and asked what was going on with the Republic Services bulk trash pickup lately, he has had ongoing issues with them coming pick up debris.

The following members of the public were recognized and spoke on the various issues and questions they have about the recent events at 1737 Hwy 190 W, Port Allen, La 70767.

Mr. Leonard Harrison, a resident of S. Riverview Dr. questioned how there was a chemical cleaning building right next to him with only a fence separating him. Asked how this was built in a neighborhood without the residents knowing. President Manola offered to meet and answer any questions the public may have. Mr. Harrison is very concerned about the hazardous chemicals these trucks are hauling so close to them.

Ms. Valerie Dents Striggs, questioned the pond being dug less than 20ft from her back door, Ms. Striggs asked about the chemicals going in the pond and asked why this needs to be there if Quantix has a cleaning plant less than a mile away from them. There was no notification to the surrounding citizens about the pond or the cleaning of hazardous chemicals being done on the property next to them.

Ms. Lynetta Williams, asked what company put in the request for the permit, when was it granted, and who was it granted to?

Mr. Raymond Brooks asked why this conversation has to be private instead of a Council meeting if this should have come in front of the Council, and asked how Kevin Durbin was able to sign off on this without the Council knowing.

Ms. Deidre Dents Stewart asked what is the procedure to put this issue with Quantix on the agenda?

Ms. Evelyn M. Dents expressed that chemicals kill, noting that some you can smell and some you cannot. Ms. Dents asked why there was no notification about the pond or why it was put there.

Mr. Richard Martin is a N. Riverview resident and is concerned about the chemicals. There was an explosion at Plant Fabricators, also a shipyard where a barge blew up, along with a chemical spill in the area. Asked why the neighbors were not notified about anything like this coming to the area.

President Manola offered again to meet with anyone who would like to hear the process that this company went through to get to this point.

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

Councilman Kenneth Gordon spoke briefly to confirm that the Council was looking in to the Quantix property issue previously addressed by the public comments.

10. **RATIFICATION OF DIRECTOR**

A. **Consider Ratification of New Public Works Director**

President Manola announced that Mr. Brandon Bourgoyne will be filling the role of Public Works Director for the Parish. He reviewed a few projects that Mr. Bourgoyne was a part of and also noted that Mr. Bourgoyne was an intern for the Parish at one time and did work in the Planning & Zoning Office.

Mr. Bourgoyne was recognized and briefly reviewed his work history, along with his work experience with the parish, he also explained why he is interested in this position and looks forward to working with everyone.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Crowe, seconded by Council Member Kirk Allain to ratify Mr. Brandon Bourgoyne as the Public Works Director for West Baton Rouge Parish.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Brady Hotard, Gary Joseph)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

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

There were no items to consider at this time.

12. **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 Adopting An Operating Budget Of Revenues And Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 And Ending June 30, 2025 As Published By The West Baton Rouge Parish Council On Aging. Public Hearing Date: June 27, 2024

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

- A. **Accept/Reject Bid Recommendation for Arena Well #2 Project**

Mr. Adrian Genre, Utilities Director, was recognized and reviewed the bid recommendation for the aforementioned project. Mr. Genre asked that the project be awarded to the only bidder, Layne Christensen Company for the amount of \$3,583,488.00. There were a few questions from the Council in regard to the costs. Mr. Chance Stephens noted that the majority of this will be paid with ARPA funds, the remaining 1.3 million will come from the Utilities budget.

A motion was made by Council Member Daryl "Turf" Babin, seconded by Council Member Kenneth Gordon to Accept the Bid Recommendation for Arena Well #2 Project and award it to Layne Christensen Company for \$3,583,4588.00, as presented.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 2 (Brady Hotard, Gary Joseph)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

14. **RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **Resolution of The West Baton Rouge Parish Council Designating the Official Journal From July 1, 2024 To June 30, 2025.**

A motion was made by Council Member Kirk Allain, seconded by Council Member Alan Crowe to approve Resolution of The West Baton Rouge Parish Council Designating the Official Journal from July 1, 2024 To June 30, 2025.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 2 (Brady Hotard, Gary Joseph)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

Resolution 13 of 2024 can be found at the end of these minutes.

- B. **Resolution of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council Expressing Recognition of Parish Employees**

Chairman Denstel was recognized and explained the Parish Council wanted to commend all of those who worked hard to help out during the recent storm events and congratulate them on a job well done.

A motion was made by Council Member Kirk Allain, seconded by Council Member Kenneth Gordon to approve Resolution of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council Expressing Recognition of Parish Employees.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 2 (Brady Hotard, Gary Joseph)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

Resolution 14 of 2024 can be found at the end of these minutes.

15. **CONSIDER SUBDIVISION PLATS, CONDEMNATIONS, WAIVERS AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

A. Consider Ratification of Condemnation for Derelict structure located on Parcel #305210004300, 935 Eleanor St. Port Allen, La 70767 as described by the WBR Assessor: Lot 7 SQ 2 BURCHAM SD 52A- 43, Current Owner Sherwin Collins File #2024-013.

Ms. Madelyn Coye, of the Planning & Zoning Office, was recognized and explained the status of the aforementioned location and, upon inspection, the following structure has been deemed derelict according to Parish Code 109-42 and hereby recommends that this structure be demolished.

Mr. Sherwin Collins and his father were present and explained this was a tax-sale property that they have never claimed full ownership of, they asked a few questions in regard to the timeframe to demolish and noted they were not against the condemnation, were just wanting a little information in regard to the process.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Crowe, seconded by Council Member Kirk Allain to Rati the Condemnation for the Derelict structure located on Parcel #305210004300, 935 Eleanor St. Port Allen, La 70767 as described by the WBR Assessor: Lot 7 SQ 2 BURCHAM SD 52A-43, Current Owner Sherwin Collins File #2024- 013, and gave a 60-day time-frame for this to be done, or the Parish will hire a contractor to remove the structure.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 2 (Brady Hotard, Gary Joseph)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

B. Consider Ratification of Condemnation for Derelict structure located on Parcel #305210004300, 937 Eleanor St. Port Allen, La 70767 as described by the WBR Assessor: Lot 7 SQ 2 BURCHAM SD 52A- 43, Current Owner Sherwin Collins File #2024-022

Ms. Madelyn Coye, of the Planning & Zoning Office, was recognized and explained the status of the aforementioned location and, upon inspection, the following structure has been deemed derelict according to Parish Code 109-42 and hereby recommends that this structure be demolished.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Crowe, seconded by Council Member Katherine Andre to Ratify the Condemnation for the Derelict structure located on Parcel #305210004300, 937 Eleanor St. Port Allen, La 70767 as described by the WBR Assessor: Lot 7 SQ 2 BURCHAM SD 52A-43, Current Owner Sherwin Collins File #2024- 022, ordering the structure addressed to be demolished within a 60-day time-frame or the Parish will hire a contractor to do it.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 2 (Brady Hotard, Gary Joseph)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

C. Consider Ratification of Condemnation for Derelict structure located on Parcel #305210005500, 1524 Louisiana Ave. Port Allen, La 70767 as described by the WBR Assessor: Lot 2 SQ 5 BURBRIDGE SD 52A-55 CB121 E134, Current Owner Anthony Washington. File #2024-020

Ms. Madelyn Coye, of the Planning & Zoning Office, was recognized and explained the status of the aforementioned location and, upon inspection, the following structure has been deemed derelict according to Parish Code 109-42 and hereby recommends that this structure be fully secured for no entry and the property violations must be addressed.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Crowe, seconded by Council Member Kirk Allain to Ratify Condemnation for Derelict structure located on Parcel

#305210005500, 1524 Louisiana Ave. Port Allen, La 70767 as described by the WBR Assessor: Lot 2 SQ 5 BURBRIDGE SD 52A-55 CB121 E134, Current Owner Anthony Washington. File #2024-020, ordering the building be fully secured and the property violations be addressed in 60 days or the Parish will hire a contractor to do it.

The vote was recorded as follows:
YEAS: 7 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 2 (Brady Hotard, Gary Joseph)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)
As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

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

- Planning & Zoning Meeting Tuesday, June 18, 2024 a 5:30pm;
- Council Meeting is Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 5:30pm.

17. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Kirk Allain and was adopted by acclamation at 06:29 PM.



Carey Denstel, Chairman



Michelle Z. Tullier, Council Clerk

RESOLUTION 13 OF 2024

**Resolution of The West Baton Rouge Parish Council Designating the Official Journal
From July 1, 2024 To June 30, 2025**

WHEREAS, per Louisiana State Law RS 43:141 & 43:150, each parish shall file with the Secretary of State the name and address of its official journal, the effective date and the period for which the selection is effective,

THEREFORE, the West Baton Rouge Parish Council desires to designate the official journal for the Parish as required.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon consideration of the foregoing laws, the West Baton Rouge Parish Council designates the West Side Journal as official journal from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

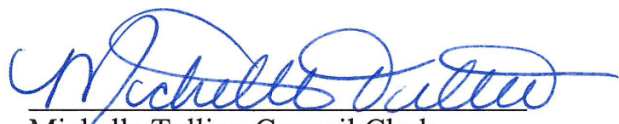
A MOTION TO ADOPT the above resolution was made by Council Member Kirk Allain, seconded by Council Member Alan Crowe, and resulted in the following vote:

YEAS: 7 (Mrs. Andre, Messrs. Allain, Crowe, Babin, Walker, Denstel, Gordon)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 2 (Messrs. Hotard, Joseph)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

Passed by a majority vote of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council on the 13th Day of June, 2024.

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 June 13, 2024 at which meeting a majority of the members were present and voting.


Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk

RESOLUTION 14 OF 2024

Resolution of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council Expressing Recognition if Parish Employees During Recent Storm Events

WHEREAS the West Baton Rouge Parish Council did meet and discuss the extreme weather event which occurred on May 13, 2024 in West Baton Rouge and surrounding Parishes; and

WHEREAS various Council Members expressed their Thank You to all of the parish employees, as well as all others, who stepped up to help at this time of need; and

WHEREAS numerous residents have reached out to their Council representative wanting to Thank the parish employees for their quick and thorough response to the event aftermath; and

WHEREAS the West Baton Rouge Parish Council wanted to make sure that all employees who were involved understand the difference they made at this time of need; and

WHEREAS the West Baton Rouge Parish Council wanted to publicly commend all of those involved with the storm event aftermath.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the West Baton Rouge Parish Council knows that no amount of words can truly express the depth of our Thankfulness for all of the personnel who have performed above and beyond the call of duty during this time of need;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the West Baton Rouge Parish Council individually and collectively commends all parish employees for their service and assistance during and after the recent storm event.

The Foregoing Resolution Was Considered, And After Public Discussion, A Motion To Approve Was Made By Council Member Kirk Allain, Which Was Seconded By Council Member Kenneth Gordon.

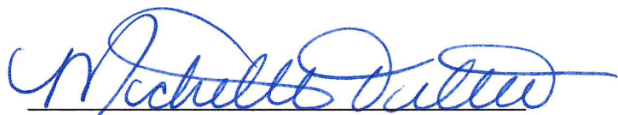
The resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Mrs. Andre, Messrs. Allain, Gordon, Babin, Walker, Denstel, Crowe)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 2 (Messrs. Hotard, Joseph)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this **13th day of June 2024.**

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 June 13, 2024 at which meeting a majority of the members were present and voting.



Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk