

**MINUTES
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENT BUILDING**

880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen
Thursday, August 22, 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, August 22, 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, praying for the Babin, Hymel and Tullier families, who lost loved ones recently.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Denstel recognized Councilman Kirk Allain 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, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Gary Joseph, and Mrs. Katherine Andre.

Also present were, Mr. Jason Manola, Parish President, Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne, Executive Assistant, Mr. Chance Stephens, Director of Finance, Mr. Brandon Bourgoyne Director of Public Works, Ms. Kristen Canezaro, Special Legal Counsel, and Mrs. Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk.

5. MINUTES APPROVAL

A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2024.

A motion was made by Council Member Kenneth Gordon, seconded by Council Member Brady Hotard to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2024.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre, Gary Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 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 Jason Manola was recognized and covered the following items:
Recent meeting with BRAC Executive Director, toured Shintech, Shell, and the new School Board Building;
Recognized the Drainage Department after receiving an email thanking them for the canal cutting in Sugarmill from a resident;
Resent Parish President meeting, Senator Bill Cassidy in attendance; Chamber Industrial Round Table Meeting.
Councilman Hotard questioned the La1/415 connector project, President Manola noted

they are still about 30% through the design phase.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments to consider at this time.

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

A. Consider Adoption Of The WBR Parish Council 2025 Budget Schedule As Presented.

Mr. Chance Stephens was recognized and presented the proposed 2025 Budget Schedule.

A motion was made by Council Member Kirk Allain, seconded by Council Member Daryl "Turf" Babin to approve the Adoption Of The WBR Parish Council 2025 Budget Schedule As Presented.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre, Gary Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

B. Accept Final Report of 2023 Audits for the WBR Parish Council and WBR Parish Fire District No. 1

Mr. Chance Stephens was again recognized and explained that the Council audit did have one minor finding which was taken care of at the last meeting, and has an unmodified opinion. The Fire Department audit was a clean audit with unmodified clean opinions and no material findings. The presented audits both include the AUP audits as well.

A motion was made by Council Member Brady Hotard, seconded by Council Member Gary Joseph to approve the Final Report of 2023 Audits for the WBR Parish Council and WBR Parish Fire District No. 1.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre, Gary Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

C. Accept Final Report of 2023 Audits for the WBR Parish Utilities Department

Mr. Tani Budde with Ericksen Krentel CPA's and Consultants, was recognized and reviewed a few procedural findings that were addressed, and explained that these items are being worked on, noting this was a clean unmodified opinion with only one non-compliance in reference to old refunds.

A motion was made by Council Member Kirk Allain, seconded by Council Member Brady Hotard to approve the Final Report of 2023 Audits for the WBR Parish Utilities Department.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre, Gary Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

10. PUBLIC HEARING ON PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED ORDINANCES

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, And Section 111-78 (Special, Conditional Use Requirements And Procedures) For Rezoning Request Of Court Bradford representing Tara Tilton McCartney. File#2024-12. Rezoning From C-1.3 Regional Scaled Commercial) and AG-3 (Agricultural Full Scale) to I-1 (Light Industrial) With A Special Use Permit For Warehouse, Storage, Distribution; Heavy. Master Plan Change

Mr. Brandon Bourgoyne was recognized and noted that the Planning & Zoning Commission tabled this item to their next meeting.

Chairman Denstel explained that we would need to table this item since we do not have a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Kirk Allain, seconded by Council Member Brady Hotard to table to the next Council Meeting. Ordinance Amending Chapter 104 Zoning To Incorporate Amended Zoning Designation Map (Zoning Plan) Under Section 104-3 Establishment Of Districts, Official Zoning Map, And Section 111-78 (Special, Conditional Use Requirements And Procedures) For Rezoning Request Of Court Bradford representing Tara Tilton McCartney. File#2024-12. Rezoning From C-1.3 Regional Scaled Commercial) and AG-3 (Agricultural Full Scale) to I-1 (Light Industrial) With A Special Use Permit For Warehouse, Storage, Distribution; Heavy. Master Plan Change

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre, Gary Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed and the item was tabled to the next meeting.

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 Court Bradford, representing Tara Tilton McCartney. File #2024-13. Rezoning From C-1.3 (Regional Scale Commercial) and AG-3 (Agricultural Full Scale) to C-1.4 (Industrial-Transitional Commercial). Master Plan Change.

Mr. Brandon Bourgoyne was again recognized and explained this item was denied by the Planning and Zoning Commission due to an advertising error by the paper. Chairman Denstel explained this item will need to be denied due to it not meeting the advertising requirements, and it will be re-introduced later in the meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Brady Hotard, seconded by Council Member Daryl "Turf" Babin to deny the 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 Court Bradford, representing Tara Tilton McCartney. File #2024-13. Rezoning From C-1.3 (Regional Scale Commercial) and AG-3 (Agricultural Full Scale) to C-1.4 (Industrial-Transitional Commercial). Master Plan Change.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre, Gary Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed and the item was denied.

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 Adopting the 2024 Council Amendments to the Drainage

Fund Expenses for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024. Public Hearing Date: September 12, 2024

- 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 Court Bradford, representing Tara Tilton McCartney. File# 2024-13. Rezoning From C-1.3 (Regional Scale Commercial) and AG-3 (Agricultural Full Scale) to C-1.4 (Industrial-Transitional Commercial). Master Plan Change. Public Hearing Date: September 26, 2024**
- C. *An Ordinance Adopting the 2024 Council Amendments to the General Fund, Detention Center Fund, and Fire Department Fund Sales Tax Revenues for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024. Public Hearing Date: September 12, 2024*

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

A. **Accept/Reject Amendment #3 for Bayou Stumpy Watershed Improvements Project, Phase I**

Mr. Brandon Bourgoyne was recognized and explained this was a Amendment specifically #3 to the Bayou Stumpy project for engineering services. There were quite a few questions from the Council, mainly pointing out that the cost of the engineering services for this particular project seemed to be quite a bit higher than most other projects. The Council asked Mr. Bourgoyne to get a more detailed breakdown of the items being charged for and report back to the Council. Councilman Turf Babin asked for an engineering curve report for this project before the next meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Kirk Allain, seconded by Council Member Kenneth Gordon to table to the next Council Meeting, Amendment #3 for the Bayou Stumpy Watershed Improvements Project, Phase I.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre, Gary Joseph)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 0 (None)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed, the item was therefore tabled.

13. **RESOLUTIONS**

A. **A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH OF WEST BATON ROUGE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL, LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

Mr. Jim Ryan of Government Consultants of Louisiana, was recognized and explained this was not a new tax, but simply a renewal of the recreation tax currently on the books, noting it is set to expire.

A motion was made by Council Member Daryl "Turf" Babin, seconded by Council Member Katherine Andre to approve A Resolution Ordering And Calling A Special Election To Be Held In The Parish Of West Baton Rouge, State Of Louisiana, To Authorize The Renewal, Levy And Collection Of A Special Tax Therein; Making Application To The Louisiana State Bond Commission And Providing For Other Matters In Connection Therewith.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Katherine Andre, Gary Joseph)
NAYS: 1 (Alan Crowe)
ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)
As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.
Resolution 19 of 2024 can be found at the end of these minutes.

- B.** ~~Resolution Authorizing the Parish President to Sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement With the State of Louisiana For Appropriations From Act 5 of the 2024 Regular Session.~~-(moved to 9/12/2024 meeting).

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

- A. File 2024-7: FINAL MAP SHOWING SURVEY & DIVISION (EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY) OF LOTS B- 1 & O THE ALMA P. LABAUVE TRACT INTO LOTS B-1-A & O-1 LOCATED IN SECTION 62 & 63, T8S-R12E SOUTHEASTERN LAND DISTRICT, WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LOUISIANA FOR FRED MCKENZIE. ~ WITH WAIVERS.**

Mr. Brandon Bourgoyne was again recognized and explained to the Council the reason for this request was to fix a property line error.

A Motion Was Made By Council Member Daryl "Turf" Babin, Seconded By Council Member Alan Crowe To Approve With Waiver/S File 2024-7: FINAL MAP SHOWING SURVEY & DIVISION (EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY) OF LOTS B- 1 & O THE ALMA P. LABAUVE TRACT INTO LOTS B-1-A & O-1 LOCATED IN SECTION 62 & 63, T8S-R12E SOUTHEASTERN LAND DISTRICT, WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LOUISIANA FOR FRED MCKENZIE, With Waivers. For 6.5 And 6.8 Feet On The Rear Property Line Setback.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre, Gary Joseph)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 0 (None)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

- B. Consider Ratification of Condemnation for Derelict structure located at 4148 Erwin Ave. Port Allen, La 70767 as described by the WBR Assessor: LOT SEC 24 T6S R10E BEING THE NORTH P/O LOT A 7- 49 CB406 E12**

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 the structure be demolished.

A motion was made by Council Member Katherine Andre, seconded by Council Member Alan Crowe to ratify Condemnation for Derelict structure located at 4148 Erwin Ave. Port Allen, La 70767 as described by the WBR Assessor: LOT SEC 24 T6S R10E BEING THE NORTH P/O LOT A 7-49 CB406 E12 with a thirty-day time frame.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre, Gary Joseph)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 0 (None)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

15. ALCOHOL PERMITS

- A. DG Louisiana, LLC. dba Dollar General Store #6269- Located At 808 Lobdell Hwy. Port Allen, La 70767 – Requesting Class B Liquor License.**

Mrs. Tullier noted the aforementioned alcohol establishment has met all of the requirements of Chapter 6 Alcoholic Beverages of the Compiled Ordinances of the

Parish Of West Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Crowe, seconded by Council Member Katherine Andre to approve DG Louisiana, LLC. dba Dollar General Store #6269- Located At 808 Lobdell Hwy. Port Allen, La 70767 – Requesting Class B Liquor License.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre, Gary Joseph)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 0 (None)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

B. DG Louisiana, LLC. dba Dollar General Store #9506- Located At 4393 Hwy 1 South Port Allen, La 70767 – Requesting Class B Liquor License.

Mrs. Tullier noted the aforementioned alcohol establishment has met all of the requirements of Chapter 6 Alcoholic Beverages of the Compiled Ordinances of the Parish Of West Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Crowe, seconded by Council Member Katherine Andre to approve DG Louisiana, LLC. dba Dollar General Store #9506- Located At 4393 Hwy 1 South Port Allen, La 70767 – Requesting Class B Liquor License.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre, Gary Joseph)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 0 (None)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

16. APPOINTMENTS

A. Planning & Zoning Commission: Appoint a New Member to fill the term of Mr. Sid Blanchard, set to expire 7/12/2030.

Chairman Denstel explained we need to appoint a New Member to fill the term of Mr. Sid Blanchard who recently resigned, this term is set to expire 7/12/2030.

Chairman Denstel made a motion to appoint Mr. Peyton Gascon to the Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by Councilman Brady Hotard.

Councilman Kirk Allain made a substitute motion to appoint Mr. Dylan Bagwell to the Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by Councilman Gary Joseph.

The vote on the substitute motion was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 3 (Kirk Allain, Kenneth Gordon, Gary Joseph)
NAYS: 6 (Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)
ABSENT: 0 (None)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Failed.

The vote on the original motion to appoint Mr. Peyton Gascon was recorded as follows: YEAS: 7 (Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Kenneth Gordon, Katherine Andre)

NAYS: 2 (Kirk Allain, Gary Joseph)
ABSENT: 0 (None)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

There was discussion after the votes thanking those who were interested in serving

on this board. Councilmember Andre noted there was now going to be an open seat on the Board of Adjustments, Chairman Denstel noted the item would come up on the next agenda. Councilmember Allain asked that we look at the attendance of the boards as we have done before, noting that we need good people on these boards who are willing to attend the meetings.

17. **CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

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

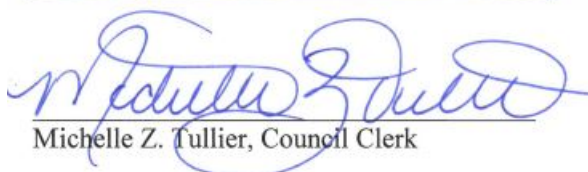
- Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day Saturday, October 26, 2024 at Alexander Park in Brusly from 8am to 12 noon;
- Planning & Zoning Meeting Tuesday, September 3, 2024 a 5:30pm;
- Next Council Meeting is Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 5:30pm.

18. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Brady Hotard and was adopted by acclamation at 06:21 PM.



Carey Denstel, Chairman



Michelle Z. Tullier, Council Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Daryl "Turf" Babin, and seconded by Katherine Andre:

RESOLUTION 19 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH OF WEST BATON ROUGE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL, LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Parish Council, acting as the governing authority (the "**Governing Authority**"), of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish**"), previously submitted to the qualified voters of the Parish a certain ad valorem tax proposition (the "**Tax**"); and

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority desires to call an election (the "**Election**") authorizing the renewal of the Tax and to take all necessary actions ancillary thereto; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Authority of the Parish, that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the Louisiana State Bond Commission ("**State Bond Commission**"), and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 26 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special Election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **December 7, 2024**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in

accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said Election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said Election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**PARISH OF WEST BATON ROUGE,
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**PROPOSITION
(RENEWAL)
(Parishwide)**

Shall the Parish of West Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") be authorized to renew the levy and collection of a five (5.00) mill tax on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$753,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, operating and/or maintaining recreational facilities and programs in and for the Parish?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in *The West Side Journal*, a weekly newspaper of general circulation within the Parish and being the official journal of the Parish, once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, West Baton Rouge Governmental Building, 880 N Alexander Avenue, Port Allen, Louisiana, on **January 9, 2025**, at **FIVE-THIRTY O'CLOCK (5:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said Election. The Governing Authority reserves the right to postpone the date and time set forth above for the canvass of the returns (without any further publication of notice of the change in the date, time and/or location).

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said Election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special Election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said Election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on **January 9, 2025**, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish are entitled to vote at said special Election and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Council Clerk of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said Election officers in ample time for the holding of said Election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said Election and the President and/or Council Clerk of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the Election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish, and the Registrar of Voters in and for said Parish, as notification of the special Election herein called in order that each may prepare for said Election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Additional Notice Requirement. This Governing Authority made the announcement with respect to the adoption of this resolution required by La. R.S. 42:19.1, at its public meeting on July 11, 2024 and published said announcement in the Official Journal on July 25, 2024.

SECTION 9. Employment of Counsel. It is recognized, found and determined that a real necessity exists for the employment of Legal Counsel in connection with the Election; accordingly, Boles Shafto, LLC, Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby employed as legal counsel to perform comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the Election. Counsel shall (i) prepare and submit to the Governing Authority for adoption all proceedings incidental to the Election; (ii) advise the Governing Authority with respect to the Election; and (iii) in the event said Election carries, to serve as Bond Counsel in connection with the funding of proceeds of the tax into bonds. The fee to be paid Bond Counsel shall be an amount less than the Attorney General's then current Bond Counsel Fee Schedule and other guidelines for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the Election, said fee to be payable by the Governing Authority subject to the Attorney General's written approval of said employment and fee.

SECTION 10. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special Election as herein provided, and in the event that Election carries for further consent and authority to dedicate the proceeds of the tax, and a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 11. Electronic Signatures. This Governing Authority consents and agrees to the execution of documents by electronic signature in accordance with the Louisiana Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (La. R.S. 9:2601, et. seq.), and electronically executed documents are deemed binding and legal on all parties to the extent allowed by the provisions of that act.

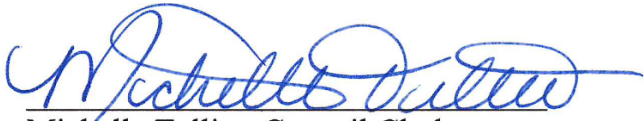
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The above resolution has been considered, upon motion by Council Member Daryl “Turf” Babin, which was seconded by Council Member Katherine Andre, and a vote being taken, the following result was had:

- YEAS: 8 (Mrs. Andre, Messrs. Babin, Allain, Walker, Denstel, Hotard, Gordon, Joseph)
- NAYS: 1 (Mr. Crowe)
- ABSTAIN: 0 (None)
- ABSENT: 0 (None)

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 22nd day of August, 2024.



Carey Denstel, Chairman

Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish Council of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority (the "**Governing Authority**"), of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish**") on August 22, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **December 7, 2024**, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**PARISH OF WEST BATON ROUGE,
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**PROPOSITION
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(Parishwide)**

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The special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the Parish, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>POLL PLACE NAME & LOCATION</u>	<u>CITY</u>
00/01A	VFW Hall – 4453 Myhand Street	Addis
00/01B	VFW Hall – 4453 Myhand Street	Addis
00/01C	VFW Hall – 4453 Myhand Street	Addis
00/01D	YMCA – 3688 Sugar Plantation Pkwy	Addis
00/01E	VFW Hall – 4453 Myhand Street	Addis
00/02A	Brusly Elem. School Cafeteria – 400 S. Labauve Ave	Brusly
00/02B	Brusly Elem. School Cafeteria – 400 S. Labauve Ave	Brusly
00/03	Brusly High School – 658 N. Vaughn Drive	Brusly

00/04A	Brusly Elem. School Activity Center – 400 S. Labauve Ave	Brusly
00/04B	Brusly Elem. School Activity Center – 400 S. Labauve Ave	Brusly
00/05	Brusly High School – 658 N. Vaughn Dr.	Brusly
00/06	Brusly High School – 658 N. Vaughn Dr.	Brusly
00/07A	Brusly Fire Station #3 – 2141 Antonio Rd.	Port Allen
00/07B	Brusly Fire Station #3 – 2141 Antonio Rd.	Port Allen
00/08	Lukeville Upper Elem. – 6123 State Hwy 1 S.	Brusly
00/09	K C Hall – 679 N. Jefferson Ave.	Port Allen
00/10	Port Allen City Court – 330 S. Alexander Ave.	Port Allen
00/11	K C Hall – 679 N. Jefferson Ave.	Port Allen
00/13A	Cohn Elem. School Activity Center – 805 N. 14th St.	Port Allen
00/13B	Cohn Elem. School Activity Center – 805 N. 14th St.	Port Allen
00/14A	LSU AG Center, WBTR Ext – 210 Turner Rd.	Port Allen
00/14B	LSU AG Center, WBTR Ext – 210 Turner Rd.	Port Allen
00/15	Cohn Elem. School Activity Center – 805 N. 14th St.	Port Allen
00/16	Lobdell Fire Station – 2937 Lafiton Ln.	Port Allen
00/17	Riverview – 4142 Riverview Rd.	Port Allen
00/18	Port Allen High School – 3553 Rosedale Rd.	Port Allen
00/19	Caneview K-8 School – 5217 Mclin Rd.	Port Allen
00/20	Rosehill Fire Station – 8225 Rosehill Dr.	Erwinville
00/21	Erwinville Comm Center/Shelter – 5110 Rougon Rd	Erwinville
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The polling places set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those designated according to law.

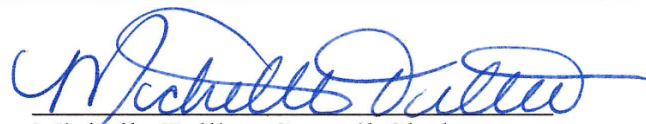
The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as

amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitute therefor, as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and **NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, West Baton Rouge Governmental Building, 880 N Alexander Avenue, Port Allen, Louisiana, on **January 9, 2025, at FIVE-THIRTY O'CLOCK (5:30) P.M.** and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used thereat. **Notice is HEREBY further given** that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Propositions above shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The estimated cost of the election as determined by the Louisiana Secretary of State is \$6,000.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED, at Port Allen, Louisiana, on this, the 22nd day of August, 2024.



Carey Denstel, Chairman

Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF WEST BATON ROUGE

I, the undersigned Council Clerk of the Parish Council of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of:

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH OF WEST BATON ROUGE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL, LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature on this, the 22nd day of August, 2024.



Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk