

MINUTES
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENT BUILDING

880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen
Thursday, February 13, 2025
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, February 13, 2025 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 Councilwoman Katherine Andre who led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. LOG ATTENDANCE

The following members were recorded as being present: Messrs. Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, and Mrs. Katherine Andre.

Absent: Messrs. Kirk Allain, Kenneth Gordon, Gary Joseph

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 January 9, 2025 Regular Meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Crowe, seconded by Council Member None to approve Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2025 Regular Meeting.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 3 Kirk Allain, Kenneth Gordon, Gary Joseph

ABSTAIN:0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

6. CONSIDER ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

A. Showtime Sports Bar LLC- Located at 4119 Hwy 1 South Port Allen, La 70767 - Requesting Class A Liquor License. Change of Ownership (Previously The Hangout) Chairman Denstel explained the request for the amendment and noted there must be a unanimous vote of the Council in order to add this item to the agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Daryl "Turf" Babin, seconded by Council Member Katherine Andre to approve amending the agenda to include Showtime Sports Bar LLC.- Located at 4119 Hwy 1 South Port Allen, La 70767 - Requesting Class A Liquor License.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 3 Kirk Allain, Kenneth Gordon, Gary Joseph

ABSTAIN:0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

7. STATE OF THE PARISH

Parish President Jason P. Manola was recognized and gave the 2025 State of the Parish report which can be found at the end of these minutes.

President Manola also briefly updated the Council on the following items:
WBR Parish awarded Water Sector Grant for Sewer consolidation on south end totaling 10 million dollars.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments to consider at this time.

9. CONSIDER COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR PARISH EMPLOYEES

Mr. Chance Stephens was recognized and read aloud a memo from the Administration recommending a two percent (2%) Cost of Living increase, along with a 1 step (2%) increase to all pay scales of WBR Parish, also recommending the WBR Fire Department receive a two percent (2%) Cost of Living increase, noting the fire department automatically receives a two percent (2%) anniversary date increase. Mr. Stephens noted this increase would be effective February 3, 2025. There were no questions from the Council at this time.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Crowe, seconded by Council Member Daryl "Turf" Babin to approve The two percent (2%) Cost of Living increase, along with a 1 step (2%) increase to all pay scales including to all classified full time, permanent part-time employees, which includes the following named departments: Council Clerk, Coroner, Registrar of Voters(Parish portion), Administration, Planning/Zoning, Building Maintenance, Emergency Management, Engineering, Animal Control, Recreation, Roads, Health unit, Drainage, Community Center, Community Action, E-911, Judges, District Attorney/ Legal Counsel, Public Utilities, Sales Tax, Detention center, JP's & Constables, and KWBR Beautiful, also recommending the WBR Fire Department receive a two percent (2%) Cost of Living increase. Effective February 3, 2025.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 3 Kirk Allain, Kenneth Gordon, Gary Joseph

ABSTAIN:0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

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

A. Consider the Following Items As Scrap/Surplus:

Fire Department

2001 FORD EXCURSION VIN# 1FMNU40F91EC00459

1988 ISUZU JALB4B1HXJ7005727

Mr. Stephens was recognized and explained the need for the following items to be designated as scrap/surplus.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Crowe, seconded by Council Member Katherine Andre to approve the Following Items As Scrap/Surplus:

Fire Department

2001 FORD EXCURSION VIN# 1FMNU40F91EC00459

1988 ISUZU JALB4B1HXJ7005727

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 3 Kirk Allain, Kenneth Gordon, Gary Joseph

ABSTAIN:0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne was recognized and updated the Council on recent Roads and Drainage projects happening around the Parish.

11. PUBLIC HEARING ON PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED ORDINANCES

- A. AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A SPECIAL TAX OF 5.00 MILLS (THE "TAX") ON THE DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL THE PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE PARISH OF WEST BATON ROUGE, STATE OF LOUISIANA (THE "PARISH") FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, BEGINNING WITH THE YEAR 2025 AND ENDING WITH THE YEAR 2034, SUCH TAX HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED TO BE IMPOSED, LEVIED AND COLLECTED AT A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH ON DECEMBER 7, 2024.**

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

Mr. Stephens explained this ordinance was to adopt the election results from December 7, 2024.

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 Council Member Brady Hotard, seconded by Council Member Katherine Andre to approve AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A SPECIAL TAX OF 5.00 MILLS (THE "TAX") ON THE DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL THE PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE PARISH OF WEST BATON ROUGE, STATE OF LOUISIANA (THE "PARISH") FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, BEGINNING WITH THE YEAR 2025 AND ENDING WITH THE YEAR 2034, SUCH TAX HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED TO BE IMPOSED, LEVIED AND COLLECTED AT A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH ON DECEMBER 7, 2024.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 3 Kirk Allain, Kenneth Gordon, Gary Joseph

ABSTAIN:0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

Ordinance 4 of 2025 can be found at the end of these minutes.

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 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 Kacie Lynn Q. Parault. Regarding Property located at 4156 S. River Road Port Allen, La 70767. File #2025-01: Described by the WBR Assessor as: LOT Q-1 CONT 1.52 AC IN SEC 2 T8S R12E & SEC 77 T7S R12E 54-28. Rezoning 1.52 acres from AG-2 (Agricultural Moderate Scale) to R-M (Minor Subdivision Residential District), with waivers. Public Hearing Date: March 13, 2025
- B. An Ordinance To Amend And Reenact Part III ("Unified Development Code"), Chapter 101 ("General Provisions"), Section 101-1 ("Definitions") Of The West Baton Rouge Parish Code Of Ordinances To Provide Clarification On Code Definitions. Public Hearing Date: March 13, 2025
- C. 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 Steve LeBlanc representing Raymond Blanchard and Randy Austin. Regarding Property located at 4535 Rebelle Lane and 760 Jules Lane. Port Allen, La 70767. File #2025-03: Described by the WBR Assessor as: 4.28 AC SEC 17 T7S R12E DESIG LOT 6(A)-2-B CONT 3.28 AC & LOT 6(A)-2- A CONT 1.00 AC BEING P/O JULES REBELLE SR PROP 44B-44 & LOT 6(A)-2-C SEC 17 T7S R12E CONT 0.72 AC BEING P/O JULES REBELLE SR PROP 44B-44A. Rezoning from AG-1 (Agricultural Small Scale) and AG-3 (Agricultural Large Scale) into AG-2 (Agricultural Moderate Scale). Public Hearing Date: March 13, 2025
- D. 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 Steve LeBlanc Representing TMI Enterprise, LLC. Regarding Property located at 5511 N. River Road, Port Allen, La 70767. File #2025-04: Described by the WBR Assessor as: LOT CL-1-A CONT 7.263 AC & LOT A-13-B CONT 33.21 AC IN SEC 43 T6S R12E BEING P/O LORIO TRACT 50-93. Rezoning From R-SF-3 (Residential Single Family) to AG-3 (Agricultural Small Scale). Master Plan Change Public Hearing Date: March 13, 2025

- E. 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 LJA Rail. Regarding Property Located At 1100 River West Park Port Allen, La 70767. File #2025-05: Described by the WBR Assessor as: PORTION OF TRACT D-1-A-1 CONT 118.124 AC TRACT D-1-B-1 CONT 192.682 AC TRACT G CONT 0.303 AC TRACT H CONT 2.389 AC REMAINDER OF OURSO TRACT CONT 89.109 AC UNION PACIFIC TRACT CONT 19.642 AC IN SEC 59 T7S R12E P/O POPLAR GROVE PLTN 51-52. Rezoning to I-3 with a Special Use Permit for Utilities, Major Services. Public Hearing Date: March 13, 2025

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

There were no items to consider at this time.

14. **RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **A Resolution To Authorize The Parish President To Execute The Entity-State Agreements Between The Parish Of West Baton Rouge And The Louisiana Department Of Transportation For State Project H.015540, To Replace Section Road Bridge Over Bayou Poydras.**

Mr. Brandon Bourgoyne was recognized and explained the reasons for the aforementioned resolution.

A motion was made by Council Member Daryl "Turf" Babin, seconded by Council Member Katherine Andre to approve A Resolution To Authorize The Parish President To Execute The Entity-State Agreements Between The Parish Of West Baton Rouge And The Louisiana Department Of Transportation For State Project H.015540, To Replace Section Road Bridge Over Bayou Poydras.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 3 Kirk Allain, Kenneth Gordon, Gary Joseph

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

Resolution 5 of 2025 can be found at the end of these minutes.

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

There were no items to consider at this time.

16. **ALCOHOL PERMITS**

- A. **Cactus Flower, LLC. dba Cactus Flower Mexican Cuisine - Located at 4151 Hwy 1 South Port Allen, La 70767 - Requesting Class A/R Liquor License - Change of Ownership (formerly DC's Grill)**

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 Brady Hotard, seconded by Council Member Katherine Andre to approve Cactus Flower, LLC dba Cactus Flower Mexican Cuisine - Located at 4151 Hwy 1 South Port Allen, La 70767 - Requesting Class A/R Liquor License - Change of Ownership (formerly DC's Grill).

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 3 Kirk Allain, Kenneth Gordon, Gary Joseph

ABSTAIN:0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

B. Showtime Sports Bar LLC.- Located at 4119 Hwy 1 South Port Allen, La 70767 - Requesting Class A Liquor License. Change of Ownership (Previously The Hangout)

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 Daryl "Turf" Babin, seconded by Council Member Brady Hotard to approve Showtime Sports Bar LLC.- Located at 4119 Hwy 1 South Port Allen, La 70767 - Requesting Class A Liquor License. Change of Ownership (Previously The Hangout).

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Brady Hotard, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 3 Kirk Allain, Kenneth Gordon, Gary Joseph

ABSTAIN:0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

17. APPOINTMENTS

A. West Baton Rouge Parish Capital Area Groundwater Commission Board Appointment

Chairman Denstel explained we need to appoint a new member to the Capital Area Groundwater Commission to represent WBR Parish, Vice Chair Alan Crowe nominated Mr. Gary Spillman, with no other nominations, Councilman Daryl "Turf" Babin made a motion to close the nominations.

Councilman Brady Hotard asked to speak briefly to each candidate that was in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Gary Spillman was recognized and spoke briefly, Mr. Adrian Genre was recognized and spoke briefly.

Councilman Hotard nominated Mr. Adrian Genre to be considered.

Chairman Denstel explained we would vote for each nomination in the order received, noting the first vote would be to appoint Mr. Gary Spillman to the Capital Area Groundwater Commission.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 5 (Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre)

NAYS: 1 (Brady Hotard)

ABSENT: 3 Kirk Allain, Kenneth Gordon, Gary Joseph

ABSTAIN:0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed, Mr. Gary Spillman was appointed as the representative for WBR Parish on the Groundwater Commission Board.

18. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

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

- Next Planning & Zoning Meeting is February 18, 2025.
- Next Council Meeting is February 27, 2025.

Before Adjourning Councilman Babin expressed his gratitude to all of the Parish Employees who worked through the recent weather event, and noted a job well done by all.

19. ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Brady Hotard and was adopted by acclamation at 06:18 PM.



Carey Denstel, Chairman



Michelle Z. Tullier, Council Clerk

ALL MEETING INFORMATION INCLUDING MINUTES AND VIDEOS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE WBRPARISH.ORG UNDER THE AGENDA AND MINUTES TAB.

STATE OF THE PARISH 2024

Mr. Chairman, Council Members and Citizens of West Baton Rouge Parish:

It is my privilege to report to you the major accomplishments and financial position of West Baton Rouge Parish for 2024. West Baton Rouge Parish has continued to prosper and remain financially healthy as the sales tax revenue collections were approximately \$6.9 million above the originally budgeted revenue amounts for all funds. Operating Expenditures were 8% or approximately \$3.7 million below budgeted expenditures. The Fund Balances remains healthy despite the approximately \$8.5 million in one-time capital expenditures spent in 2024. This includes Approximately 1.6 million to outfit our ambulance service which is funded by a \$1.5 million state grant and a reoccurring Opioid settlement funds. The General Fund balance increased by 4.2 million. We were able to fully fund the road rehabilitation and road construction programs of \$1,151,000 through our Video Poker Fund in 2024 without having to subsidize it through the General Fund. Working with the Council we also rolled back 3 mills (1 Central Communications, 1 Community Center, 1 Health Unit) for a savings of approximately \$2.17 million for the taxpayers.

West Baton Rouge Parish continued to leverage the American Rescue Plan Act dollars and Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds to fund infrastructure projects. \$667,742 was spent on the North End Water Line Project. The final amounts of that contract will be spent in 2025 as the project will be completed in early 2025. The council also approved in 2024, to begin in 2025, a second arena water well to be funded by our remaining ARPA funds as well as Utility funds. The parish also completed some upgrades to Parish Buildings, including renovations to the Parish Governmental Building (\$52K) and renovations to the Courthouse (\$135K). The parish was also able to complete upgrades to its community centers totaling \$1591<. As mentioned above, the parish was able to secure a 1.5 million, fully reimbursable, grant from the state to fund the start up of a new ambulance service within the parish. The parish was able to purchase and equip 4 ambulances without any additional tax dollars needed from residents. 1.4 of the 1.5 million dollars has already been reimbursed to the parish as of 2024.

We just received notice that the Consolidated Fire Rating for West Baton Rouge Parish is a three (3) compared to five (5) separate ratings between {4-6}. This will benefit all residents of West Baton Rouge Parish. We also increased our focus on blighted properties, held our 1st annual health fair, and secured funding from the state for a combined law enforcement/fire station at the corner of Rougon and Hwy 190. This would not have been possible without the support from this council. Our team looks forward to continuing to govern with fiscal responsibility and accountability as we continue to move our parish forward. We look forward to working with our council members in 2025 as we continue to serve the people of West Baton Rouge Parish. We remain committed to improving and preserving the quality of life and also the sense of pride in West Baton Rouge Parish.

Sincerely

Jason P. Manola

ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A SPECIAL TAX OF 5.00 MILLS (THE "TAX") ON THE DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL THE PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE PARISH OF WEST BATON ROUGE, STATE OF LOUISIANA (THE "PARISH") FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, BEGINNING WITH THE YEAR 2025 AND ENDING WITH THE YEAR 2034, SUCH TAX HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED TO BE IMPOSED, LEVIED AND COLLECTED AT A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH ON DECEMBER 7, 2024.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article VI, Section 26 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and an election held on December 7, 2024 (the "**Election**"), the Parish of West Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish**"), acting through its Parish Council, acting as the governing authority (the "**Governing Authority**") of the Parish, do now desire to levy and collect 5.00 mills on the dollar on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (the "**Tax**"), pursuant to the following proposition (the "**Proposition**") which was approved at the Election:

**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?

WHEREAS, in compliance with the aforesaid constitution and statutory authority and said Election, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to provide for the imposition, levy and collection of the Tax 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;

WHEREAS, the results of the Election, in which a majority of the voters of the Parish voted to approve the Tax, have been canvassed and will be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Article VI, Section 26 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and other constitution and statutory authority and the Election, the Tax is hereby levied at the rate, for the purposes and for the duration as stated in the Proposition.

SECTION 2. The Tax shall be levied, assessed, imposed, collected, paid and enforced according to law.

SECTION 3. The obligations and rights of taxpayers in connection with the Tax levied hereby shall be as provided to taxpayers by the provisions of law applicable to property taxes levied by political subdivisions.

SECTION 4. If any or more of the provisions of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance, but this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this Ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be published in one issue of the official journal of this Governing Authority as soon as is reasonably possible. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be recorded in the mortgage records of the Parish.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, being an Ordinance affecting the public peace, health and safety.

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE AFTER HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A PUBLIC HEARING WAS CONSIDERED, AND UPON MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRADY HOTARD, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KATHERINE ANDRE. THE ORDINANCE WAS SUBMITTED TO A VOTE AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

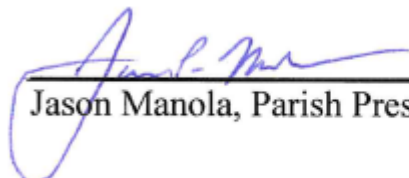
YEAS: 6 (MRS. ANDRE, MESSRS. HOTARD, BABIN, WALKER, DENSTEL, CROWE)

NAYS: 0 (NONE)

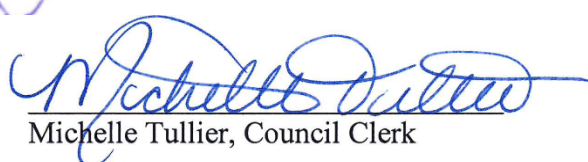
ABSTAIN: 0 (NONE)

ABSENT: 3 (MESSRS. ALLAIN, JOSEPH, GORDON)

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 13th day of February, 2025.



Jason Manola, Parish President



Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk

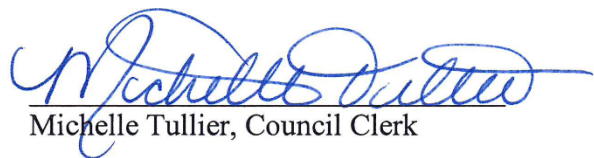
STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF WEST BATON ROUGE

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A SPECIAL TAX OF 5.00 MILLS (THE "TAX") ON THE DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL THE PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE PARISH OF WEST BATON ROUGE, STATE OF LOUISIANA (THE "PARISH") FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, BEGINNING WITH THE YEAR 2025 AND ENDING WITH THE YEAR 2034, SUCH TAX HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED TO BE IMPOSED, LEVIED AND COLLECTED AT A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH ON DECEMBER 7, 2024.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature on this, the 13th day of February, 2025.



Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk

RESOLUTION 5 OF 2025

A Resolution To Authorize The Parish President To Execute The Entity-State Agreements Between The Parish Of West Baton Rouge And The Louisiana Department Of Transportation For State Project H.015540, To Replace Section Road Bridge Over Bayou Poydras

WHEREAS this Council has previously supported – and continues to support – partnerships with state and federal agencies to provide alternative transportation solutions for the people and businesses in West Baton Rouge Parish, **AND**

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with said agreement, LaDOTD requires that the legislative body of the local government authorizes its chief executive “the Parish President” or his designee to execute the agreements titled:

**ENTITY /STATE AGREEMENT
STATE PROJECT NO. H.015440
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. H015540
SECTION ROAD OVER BAYOU POYDRAS
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH**

BE IT RESOLVED that the West Baton Rouge Parish Council, through Parish President Jason P. Manola (or his designee) is hereby authorized, directed, and empowered for and on behalf of the West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, to execute any and all contracts of whatever kind on behalf of the Parish of West Baton Rouge for State Project Number H. 015540.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to the extent that prior resolutions or acts of this council which conflict with this resolution, those prior resolutions and actions are superseded by this resolution.

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 resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

A MOTION TO ADOPT the above resolution was made by Council Member Daryl “Turf” Babin, seconded by Council Member Katherine Andre, and resulted in the following vote:

YEAS: 6 (Mrs. Andre, Messrs. Babin, Walker, Denstel, Crowe, Hotard)

NAYS: 0 (None)

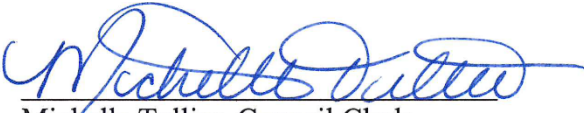
ABSENT: 3 (Messrs. Allain, Joseph, Gordon)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

Passed by a majority vote of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council on the 13th Day of February 2025.

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 February 13, 2025 at which meeting a majority of the members were present and voting.


Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk