

MINUTES
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENT BUILDING
880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen
Thursday, April 10, 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, April 10, 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 Council Member Atley Walker 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, Gary Joseph.

Absent: Mr. Brady Hotard, 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 and Mrs. Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk

5. MINUTES APPROVAL

A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2025

A motion was made by Council Member Kirk Allain, seconded by Council Member Alan Crowe to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2025.

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Brady Hotard, Katherine Andre)

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. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Anthony Summers was recognized and expressed his concerns about the way that Volunteer Firefighters are currently being treated. Mr. Summers brought up training, uniforms, and communication as some of his concerns. Multiple Council Members had questions for Mr. Summers, and at the end of the discussion Mr. Summers was instructed to attend the upcoming Fire Board Meeting to express his concerns when the Fire Chief is in attendance.

8. PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Parish President Jason Manola was recognized and covered the following items: Updated everyone on the recent Drainage and Library millage renewals that failed, noting that these items will be back on the ballot for the November 15th Election.

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

Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne, was recognized and briefly reviewed the report for recent drainage work in the Parish.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Approving The Following Item As Scrap:

Tag#3069 2013 Chevy Van Vin#1GAZGZFG5D1178121

Mr. Chance Stephens was recognized and asked the Council to designate the aforementioned item as scrap.

A motion was made by Council Member Kirk Allain, seconded by Council Member Daryl "Turf" Babin to approve The Following Item As Scrap: Tag#3069 2013 Chevy Van Vin#1GAZGZFG5D1178121.

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Brady Hotard, Katherine Andre)

ABSTAIN:0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

B. Consider Appointment to fill open seat of Constable for Ward 2.

Chairman Denstel opened the floor asking for any nominations for appointment to fill the current open seat of Constable for Ward 2. Councilmember Kirk Allain nominated Mr. Michael Dupuy for appointment to the aforementioned seat. No other nominations were received at this time.

A motion was made by Council Member Kirk Allain, seconded by Council Member Daryl "Turf" Babin to approve the appointment of Mr. Michael Dupuy to fill the open seat of Constable for Ward 2.

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Brady Hotard, Katherine Andre)

ABSTAIN:0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

C. Proclamation Calling for Special Election to Fill Seat of Constable Ward 2, Parish of West Baton Rouge.

A motion was made by Council Member Kirk Allain, seconded by Council Member Kenneth Gordon to approve the Proclamation Calling for a Special Election to Fill the Seat of Constable Ward 2, Parish of West Baton Rouge.

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Brady Hotard, Katherine Andre)

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. RESOLUTIONS

There were no items to consider at this time.

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

A. Accept/Reject Change Order No. 1 for the Arena Well No. 2 Project.

Mr. Adrian Genre, Director of Utilities, was recognized and explained the Change Order being presented and noted that line item #9 for the generator would be removed from this contract for a total of -\$553,696.00 which brings the Contract Price to \$3,029,792.00.

A motion was made by Council Member Daryl "Turf" Babin, seconded by Council

Member Kirk Allain to approve with amendment/s C change Order No. 1 for the Arena Well No. 2 Project., for a Contract total of \$3,029,792.00.

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Brady Hotard, Katherine Andre)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

14. 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 To Amend And Reenact The West Baton Rouge Parish Code Of Ordinances, Part III ("Unified Development Code"), Appendix A. "Purchase/Donation Of Real Property", Section 1, "Descriptions", And Further Authorizing The Parish President To Sign The Necessary Documentation To Accept Donation of Four (4) Acres at the corner of LA Hwy. 190 West and Rougon Road, Port Allen, LA and Accept Donation of 0.712 Acre Water Well Site Located on Section Road near its intersection with Poydras Bayou Road. Public Hearing Date: April 24, 2025
- 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, And Section 111-78 (Special, Conditional Use Requirements And Procedures). Regarding Property Located at 12450 Section Road, Port Allen, La 70767. File #2025-09: Described by the WBR Assessor as: LOT 3 CONT 66.0 AC SEC 13 T6S R10E 6A-55. Rezoning from AG-3 (Agricultural Large Scale) to AG-1 (Agricultural Small Scale) with a Special Use Permit for Utilities, Minor Services. Public Hearing Date: May 8, 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 West Baton Rouge Parish. Regarding Property located at 3605 Rougon Road, Port Allen, La 70767. File #2025-10: Described by the WBR Assessor as: 3065.546 AC DESIG AS: 619.60 AC IN SEC 4 T7S R11E 617.80 AC IN SEC 5 T7S R11E 145.66 AC IN SEC 6 T7S R11E 160.00 AC IN SEC 8 T7S R11E 247.00 AC IN SEC 9 T7S R11E 634.886 AC IN SEC 29 T6S R11E 640.600 AC IN SEC 32 T6S R11E 15-2 C. Rezoning From AG-3 (Agricultural Large Scale) and C-1.3 (Regional Scaled Commercial) to PF (Public Facilities). Public Hearing Date: May 8, 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 Rezoning Request of Carolyn Blanchard ETALS C/O Teri B. Bergeron. Regarding Property located at 1906, 1916, 1926, 1936, 1946, 1950, 2018, 2028, 2038, 2048, 2110, 2120, 2130, 2140, 2150, 2180, 2244, Plantation Ave. Port Allen, La 70767. File #2025-11: Described by the WBR Assessor as: TRACT A-2 CONT 1.81 AC 43B-34 ,TRACT A-3 CONT 1.06 AC 43B-35, SD CLINE BLANCHARD PROP: LOT 3 43B-18, LOT 4 43B-19, LOT 6 43B-21, LOT 7 43B-22, LOT 8 43B-23, LOT 9 43B-24, LOT 10 43B-25, LOT 11 43B-26, LOT 12 43B-27, LOT 13 43B-28, LOT 14 43B-29, LOT 15 43B-30, LOT 16 43B-31, LOT 17 43B-32. *Master Plan Change. Rezoning from R-SF-3 and C-1.3 to R-SF-2 with waivers* Public Hearing Date: May 8, 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 For Rezoning Request Of TMI Enterprises, LLC. Regarding Parcel #045100004401 Lot#JA-1A-2B Safe Energy Dr. Port Allen, La 70767. File #2025-06: Described by the WBR Assessor as TRACTS JA-1A-2B CONT 5.00 AC IN SEC 50 T7S R12E P/O POPLAR GROVE PLTN 51-44A. Rezoning from I-2 (Industrial Moderate Scale) to I-3 (Industrial Large Scale). Public Hearing Date: May 08, 2025

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

There were no items to consider at this time.

16. ALCOHOL PERMITS

A. Port Allen Ventures LLC. dba Silvers Travel Plaza located at 6742 Hwy 190 West Port Allen, La 70767, Class B License, change of ownership.

Mrs. Tullier was recognized and explained this was a change of ownership only, and the current applicant has met all the qualifications of West Baton Rouge Parish for an Alcohol License.

A motion was made by Council Member Kirk Allain, seconded by Council Member Kenneth Gordon to approve Port Allen Ventures LLC. dba Silvers Travel Plaza located at 6742 Hwy 190 West Port Allen, La 70767, Class B License, change of ownership.

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Brady Hotard, Katherine Andre)

ABSTAIN:0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

B. Port Allen Ventures LLC. dba Silvers Casino located at 6742 Hwy 190 West Port Allen, La 70767, Class A License, change of ownership.

Mrs. Tullier was recognized and explained this was a change of ownership only, and the current applicant has met all of the qualifications of West Baton Rouge Parish for an Alcohol License.

A motion was made by Council Member Kenneth Gordon, seconded by Council Member Gary Joseph to approve Port Allen Ventures LLC. dba Silvers Casino located at 6742 Hwy 190 West Port Allen, La 70767, Class A License, change of ownership.

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Brady Hotard, Katherine Andre)

ABSTAIN:0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

17. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

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

- Council to sign up for Legislative Day May 7, 2025 and WBR Capital Day May 20, 2025;
- Next Planning & Zoning Meeting April 15, 2025 at 5:30pm;
- Next Council Meeting Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 5:30pm.

18. ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Kirk Allain and was adopted by acclamation at 06:02 PM.



Carey Denstel, Chairman



Michelle Z. Tullier, Council Clerk



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

- WHEREAS,** a vacancy exists in the office of Constable, Ward 2, West Baton Rouge Parish, due to the resignation of the Honorable “Ron” Tetzl on March 31, 2025; and
- WHEREAS,** R.S. 18:602 mandates that the West Baton Rouge Parish Council shall call a special election to fill the vacancy in an office where the unexpired term exceeds one (1) year, in accordance with provisions of R.S. 18:602 (E) (2) (a) and/or the dates for elections set forth in R.S. 18:402;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** the West Baton Rouge Parish Council, in regular session called for this purpose on April 10, 2025, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:
- SECTION 1:** A special primary and a special general election shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of West Baton Rouge Parish Constable, Ward 2, for the purpose of electing a Constable for Ward 2 to fill the vacancy in the office.
- SECTION 2:** Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form and under the procedures and conditions provided by R.S. 18:461, *et seq.*, and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1, *et seq.*, during the period commencing Wednesday, July 9, 2025 and ending at 4:30pm Friday, July 11, 2025.
- SECTION 3:** The special election shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1, *et seq.*
- SECTION 4:** The primary election shall be held Saturday, October 11, 2025 and the general election shall be held Saturday, November 15, 2025, at the times and places and in the manner prescribed by law.
- SECTION 5:** The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Board of Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Registrar of Voters, and all other persons charge with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of the West Baton Rouge Parish, Constable, Ward 2, are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct the special election, to cause the returns to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results, and to perform all related and incidental functions.

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

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Brady Hotard, Katherine Andre)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

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

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, in the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, on this 10th day of April, 2025.


Carey Denstel, Chairman