

MINUTES
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENT BUILDING
880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen
Thursday, May 22, 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, May 22, 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 Mr. Chance Stephens 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 and Mrs. Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk.

5. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

A. **Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2025.**

A motion was made by Council Member Kirk Allain, seconded by Council Member Alan Crowe to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2025.

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.

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 accident with a WBR Parish vehicle and train;
Attended WBR Day at the Capital hosted by Senator Kleinpeter;
Spoke briefly on the John Foster Event.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public at this time.

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

A. ~~Dr. Chandler Smith, WBR Parish Schools Superintendent, Presentation On-Cohn/Early College Academy Project.~~

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

A. **An Ordinance Adopting the 2025 Council Amendments to the Community Center Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.**

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

Mr. Chance Stephens was recognized and explained the reason for the aforementioned budget adjustment, showed pictures to demonstrate the issue, and offered to answer any questions.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Kirk Allain, seconded by Council Member Katherine Andre to approve An Ordinance Adopting the 2025 Council Amendments to the Community Center Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025.

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.

Ordinance 28 of 2025 can be found at the end of these minutes.

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

A. Accept/Reject Bid Recommendation for 25 Complete Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Units and 25 Spare Cylinders. MSA G1 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Product Specifications for Fire Department

Mr. Chance Stephens was again recognized and reviewed for the Council the items which this bid included, explaining the budget would need to be amended in the future. Mr. Stephens recommended awarding this bid to Casco Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$206,900.00.

A motion was made by Council Member Daryl "Turf" Babin, seconded by Council Member Gary Joseph to approve the Bid Recommendation of Casco Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$206,900.00 for 25 Complete Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Units and 25 Spare Cylinders. MSA G1 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Product Specifications for Fire 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.

12. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution Of The West Baton Rouge Parish Council Approving Issuance Of Bonds By The Capital Area Finance Authority Pursuant To Section 147(F) Of The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986, As Amended

Ms. Kristen Delahoussaye, and Ms. Bridgette Homer, of Capital Area Finance Authority (CAFA), were recognized and asked the Council to support this resolution, and offered to answer any questions they may have. Mr. Chance Stephens was recognized and asked if this resolution was for bonds for first-time home buyers and veterans. Ms. Delahoussaye and Homer confirmed this, noting this program was only for first-time home buyers and veterans.

A motion was made by Council Member Atley Walker, seconded by Council Member Kenneth Gordon to approve the Resolution Of The West Baton Rouge Parish Council Approving Issuance Of Bonds By The Capital Area Finance Authority Pursuant To Section 147(F) Of The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986, As Amended.

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.

Resolution 12 of 2025 can be found at the end of these minutes.

B. A Resolution Expressing The Desire Of The West Baton Rouge Parish Council To Implement A Moratorium On Carbon Capture Sequestration Storage (CCSS) Projects In The Unincorporated Areas Of The Parish

Chairman Denstel opened this item by letting the audience know the speaking policy, noting that due to time restraints, we would allow 4 different people to talk before a brief presentation by Mr. Barry Huggins who was invited to attend by Vice Chairman Alan Crowe.

Ms. Desiree Lemoine was recognized and spoke briefly on the reasons that Carbon Capture should be embraced in West Baton Rouge Parish, presenting a handout to the Parish Council titled "Louisiana's Energy Development: Leading Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage".

Mr. Patrick Riley, on behalf of the Louisiana Chemical Association, was recognized and thanked the Council for communication, and asked that more be learned about CCS and its storage. Mr. Riley offered to answer any questions and concerns over this process, and asked that the Council defer action for more complete dialogue with industry.

Mr. James Lee representing the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association, was recognized and noted his opposition to this moratorium and pointed out the Economic Development benefits of these projects.

Mr. Michael Smith, Public and Stakeholder Engagement Lead with ExxonMobil, was recognized and briefly explained the ongoing projects already in the Parish, and the benefits to the Parish due to the pipelines operating here. Mr. Smith covered the engagement with the Fire Departments and the training that is offered to them in regard to CO2. Mr. Smith reads the resolution as not allowing projects which are ongoing to exist.

Mr. Barry Huggins was recognized and gave a brief presentation on the Why, What is it, the Why Not and the Consequences of Carbon Capture Storage.

Parish President Manola was recognized and asked that the Council consider deferring this moratorium until the session is concluded.

Vice Chairman Alan Crowe was recognized and noted that he was not in support of this Carbon Capture Storage, noting it is only for financial gain and made a motion to approve the resolution.

Councilman Brady Hotard was recognized and pointed out that maybe a timeframe was needed for this moratorium, noting that this would be a temporary pause and not a long-term resolution, pointing out the Council would like to look at oversight, and the long-term safety of these projects.

Councilman Atley Walker noted this was a public safety issue and in his opinion more information is needed on this item.

Councilman Kirk Allain pointed out that more information is needed on this item, and asked that we get professionals from both sides to help.

Chairman Denstel explained the reason for this moratorium, taking a pause to learn more information on this storage of CO2 in our grounds due to the potential impacts on the approximately 28,000 residents of WBR Parish. In closing, Chairman Denstel instructed the Council Clerk to read the complete resolution into the record.

A motion was made by Council Member Alan Crowe, seconded by Council Member Atley Walker to approve A Resolution Expressing The Desire Of The West Baton Rouge Parish Council To Implement A Moratorium On Carbon Capture Sequestration Storage (CCSS) Projects In The Unincorporated Areas Of The Parish.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Kirk Allain, Daryl "Turf" Babin, Atley Walker, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Katherine Andre, Gary Joseph)

NAYS: 1 (Brady Hotard)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion Passed.

Resolution 13 of 2025 can be found at the end of these minutes.

13. INTRODUCTIONS

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. Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 19.1 of Title 42 of the Louisiana

Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, that the Parish Council, acting as the governing authority, of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish**") at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 26, 2025 at its regular meeting place, West Baton Rouge Governmental Building, 880 N Alexander Avenue, Port Allen, Louisiana, at 5:30 p.m., will discuss and consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to authorize the renewal of two ad valorem taxes, which will be used for the purposes of: (i) maintenance, operation and capital expenditures necessary for the drainage works within and for the Parish, and (ii) maintenance, operation and capital expenditures necessary for the West Baton Rouge Parish Library and its branches.

- 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 Waring Oil Company, LLC, representing Yellow Transportation Inc. Regarding 956 Hwy 190 West, Port Allen, La 70767. File #2025-15: Described by the WBR Assessor as P/O TRACT E-22 & TRACT E-6 CONT 5.88 AC BEL AIR INDUSTRIAL PARK 50A-12A. Rezoning From I-1 (Industrial Small Scale) to I-2 (Industrial Moderate Scale). Public Hearing Date: June 26, 2025

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

There were no items to consider at this time.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

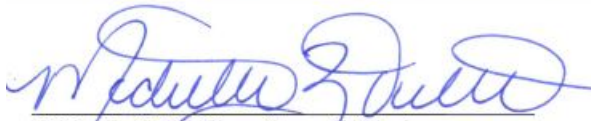
Correspondence Report from Council Clerk, Mrs. Michelle Tullier included the following items:

- Next Planning & Zoning Meeting June 3, 2025 at 5:30pm.
- Next Council Meeting Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 5:30pm.

16. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Alan Crowe and was adopted by acclamation at 06:32 AM.


Carey Denstel, Chairman


Michelle Z. Tullier, Council Clerk

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ORDINANCE 28 OF 2025

As Introduced by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council
At the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2025
And Adopted on May 22, 2025

An Ordinance Adopting the 2025 Council Amendments to the Community Center Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

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

SECTION 1: The attached detailed 2025 Council budget amendments to estimate of expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

SECTION 2: The attached detailed 2025 Council budget amendments to estimate expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025 be and the same is hereby adopted as budget of expenditures for the Parish during the said period.

SECTION 3: The adoption of these 2025 Council budget amendments to the Community Center Fund expenditures budget and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

SECTION 4: Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included with the 2025 amended budget as attached hereto.

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

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

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

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

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

YEAS: 9 (ALLAIN, ANDRE, BABIN, WALKER, DENSTEL, CROWE,
HOTARD, GORDON, JOSEPH)

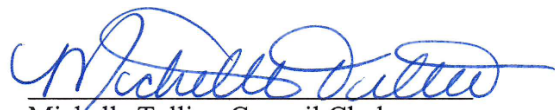
NAYS: 0 (NONE)

ABSENT: 0 (NONE)

ABSTAIN: 0 (NONE)

WHEREUPON, the ordinance was declared to be adopted on the **22nd Day of May, 2025**.

ATTEST:


Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk

RESOLUTION 12 OF 2025

Resolution Of The West Baton Rouge Parish Council Approving Issuance Of Bonds By The Capital Area Finance Authority Pursuant To Section 147(F) Of The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986, As Amended

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Finance Authority (the “**Authority**”), a public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2-A of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 9:2341-9:2347, inclusive) (the “**Act**”) has, by resolution dated April 16, 2025, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana State Bond Commission (the “**Commission**”), duly authorized the issuance of not exceeding of Capital Area Finance Authority Revenue Bonds in one or more series (the “**Bonds**”) to finance loans to first-time homebuyers within the jurisdictional parishes of the Authority and such other governmental units (the “**Participating Jurisdictions**”), and

WHEREAS, the Commission, on May 15, 2025, duly authorized the issuance and sale of the Bonds in accordance with law and the Commission’s Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds are classified as exempt facility bonds under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”) and the provisions of Section 147(f)(2)(A), (B) and (E) of the Code require that issuance of Bonds be approved by the “applicable elected representative” of the governmental unit which issues such bonds or on whose behalf such bonds are issued and by the “applicable elected representative” of such other Participating Jurisdictions within the Capital Area footprint

WHEREAS, the applicable elected representative (the “**Approving Representative**”) of the Governmental Unit for purposes of approving the Bonds is the **Chairman Carey Denstel** and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, Notice of Public Hearing (attached as **Exhibit “A”** hereto), was published in (i) The Advocate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (ii) The Daily Advertiser, Lafayette, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (iii) the Houma Courier, Houma, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (iv) the Lake Charles American Press, Lake Charles, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (v) The News Star, Monroe, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (vi) the Times-Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (vii) The Times, Shreveport, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, and (viii) The Town Talk, Alexandria, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, the public hearing with respect to the issuance of said Bonds was held on May 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., Louisiana Time, at 601 St. Ferdinand Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and simultaneously held by teleconference using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9940303250?omn=88470185621> or by dialing US toll-free: (833) 928-4610; meeting ID: 994 030 3250 in accordance with Rev. Proc. 2022-20 after due notice thereof was published in the official journal of the Authority and in the aforementioned publications sufficient to inform the public within the geographic area of the Participating Jurisdictions of the subject, date and place of said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, no objections were raised by any person present at the said hearing or by any person participating by teleconference relative to the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Approving Representative of the Participating Jurisdiction, desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds for the purposes of the Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned does hereby certify that the governing authority of the Participating Jurisdiction, hereby approves and confirms the issuance of the Bonds. The Authority, and its officers, are authorized to cause this certificate to be filed of record in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds and to file a copy thereof with any State or Federal agency, board or commission as may be required by any applicable State or Federal laws, rules or regulations.

The foregoing resolution has been read and considered, upon motion by Council Member Atley Walker, which was seconded by Council Member Kenneth Gordon, and a vote being taken, the following result was had:

YEAS: 9 (Walker, Gordon, Allain, Babin, Denstel, Crowe, Hotard, Andre, Joseph)

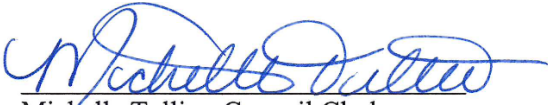
NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the **22nd day of May, 2025**.


Carey Denstel, Chairman

ATTEST:


Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk

RESOLUTION 13 OF 2025

A Resolution Expressing The Desire Of The West Baton Rouge Parish Council To Implement A Moratorium On Carbon Capture Sequestration Storage (CCSS) Projects In The Unincorporated Areas Of The Parish

WHEREAS, the West Baton Rouge Parish Council feels that there are certain items in the Zoning Appendix which need to be updated; and
WHEREAS, the West Baton Rouge Parish Council has the right, power and authority to enact moratoriums vital to promote, protect and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the Parish; and
WHEREAS, due to the increase in inquiries regarding the development of CCSS projects and the potential for those facilities to impact the long-term development of the Parish, care must be taken when considering approval of such facilities; and
WHEREAS, the West Baton Rouge Parish Code of Ordinances currently does not fully address the development of CCSS facilities; and
WHEREAS, before considering the development of CCSS facilities for approval under the land use ordinance, the West Baton Rouge Parish Council needs additional information to properly evaluate the immediate and long-term cumulative benefits, damages, and/or impacts of such facilities; and
WHEREAS, the West Baton Rouge Parish Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Parish, its employees, citizens and taxpayers to implement a moratorium on any Carbon Capture Sequestration Storage projects until such time as the Council votes to lift this moratorium.

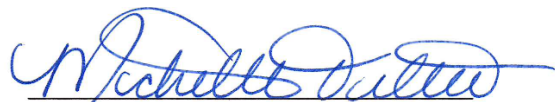
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the West Baton Rouge Parish Council does hereby express its desire to implement a moratorium on any Carbon Capture Sequestration Storage projects in West Baton Rouge Parish, until such time said Council votes to lift this moratorium.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this moratorium be effective upon its adoption by a majority vote of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council.
The Foregoing Resolution Was Considered, And, After Public Discussion, A Motion To Approve Was Made By Council Member Alan Crowe, Which Was Seconded By Council Member Atley Walker.

The resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: 8 (Crowe, Walker, Allain, Babin, Denstel, Gordon, Joseph, Andre)
NAYS: 1 (Hotard)
ABSENT: 0 (None)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this 22nd Day of May, 2025.

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 May 22, 2025 at which meeting a majority of the members were present and voting.


Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk