

**MINUTES OF THE
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen
Tuesday, October 19, 2021
5:30 PM**

The Following Minutes Are Summarized For Brevity, For Precise Meeting Information Please Refer To Meeting Audio Or Video.

ZONING

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Parish Zoning Commission was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 and called to order at 5:30 PM.

2. SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Chairman Curtis Ducote asked that all electronic devices be placed on silent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Ducote led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL

The following members were recorded as being present: Sidney Blanchard, Ray Rivet, Curtis Ducote, Joycelyn Green, Todd Plauche, Russell Vallet, Brady Hotard.

Absent: Mr. Alfreda Jackson, Gary Leblanc

Also present were, Mr. Kevin Durbin, Public Works Director, Mrs. Mallorie Davis, Secretary.

5. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- A. Approve minutes of September 21, 2021.

A motion was made by Russell Vallet, seconded by Brady Hotard to approve minutes of September 21, 2021.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Sidney Blanchard, Ray Rivet, Curtis Ducote, Joycelyn Green, Todd Plauche, Russell Vallet, Brady Hotard)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 2 (Alfreda Jackson, Gary Leblanc)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion Passed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Mr. Kevin Durbin - Director of Planning and Development

Mr. Kevin Durbin thanked the Commissioners for the flowers, kind words, thoughts and prayers due to his mom's passing back in September.

7. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. An Ordinance To Amend And Reenact The West Baton Rouge Parish Code Of Ordinances, Part III (“Unified Development Code”), Chapter 111 (“Administration And Enforcement”), Article IV (“Zoning Enforcement”), Section 111-78 (“Special, Conditional Use Requirements And Procedures”), Subsection 2 (“Procedures”) To Clarify Various Procedures For Special, Conditional Use Permit Reviews.

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

Mr. Kevin Durbin was present to represent the ordinance.

He spoke briefly about the changes being made within the special use permit procedures stating that ultimately this new ordinance will reflect the rezoning procedures.

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

A motion was made by Todd Plauche, seconded by Russell Vallet to recommend approval for An Ordinance To Amend And Reenact The West Baton Rouge Parish Code Of Ordinances, Part III (“Unified Development Code”), Chapter 111 (“Administration And Enforcement”), Article IV (“Zoning Enforcement”), Section 111-78 (“Special, Conditional Use Requirements And Procedures”), Subsection 2 (“Procedures”) To Clarify Various Procedures For Special, Conditional Use Permit Reviews..

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Sidney Blanchard, Ray Rivet, Curtis Ducote, Joycelyn Green, Todd Plauche, Russell Vallet, Brady Hotard)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 2 (Alfreda Jackson, Gary Leblanc)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion **Passed**.

- B. An Ordinance To Amend And Reenact The West Baton Rouge Parish Code Of Ordinances, Part III (“Unified Development Code”), Chapter 104 (“Zoning Ordinance”), Appendix A (“Zoning Districts”), To Prohibit “Solar Farms” From AG-1 And AG-2 Zoning Districts.

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

Mr. Kevin Durbin was present to represent this ordinance.

He explained that this ordinance would take solar farms out of the newly adopted AG-1 and AG-2 zones due to the lot sizes, it will remain in the AG-3 zone that has a minimum of 4 acres requirement.

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

A motion was made by Russell Vallet, seconded by Ray Rivet to recommend approval for An Ordinance To Amend And Reenact The West Baton Rouge Parish Code Of Ordinances, Part III (“Unified Development Code”), Chapter 104 (“Zoning Ordinance”), Appendix A (“Zoning Districts”), To Prohibit “Solar Farms” From AG-1 And AG-2 Zoning Districts.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Sidney Blanchard, Ray Rivet, Curtis Ducote, Joycelyn Green, Todd Plauche, Russell Vallet, Brady Hotard)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 2 (Alfreda Jackson, Gary Leblanc)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion **Passed**.

8. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Todd Plauche, seconded by Joycelyn Green to adjourn the zoning meeting at 5:37 PM.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Sidney Blanchard, Ray Rivet, Curtis Ducote, Joycelyn Green, Todd Plauche, Russell Vallet, Brady Hotard)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 2 (Alfreda Jackson, Gary Leblanc)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion **Passed**.

PLANNING

A Regular Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Parish Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 and called to order at 5:37 PM.

9. **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- A. Approve minutes of September 21, 2021.

A motion was made by Brady Hotard, seconded by Todd Plauche to approve minutes of September 21, 2021.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Sidney Blanchard, Ray Rivet, Curtis Ducote, Joycelyn Green, Todd Plauche, Russell Vallet, Brady Hotard)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 2 (Alfreda Jackson, Gary Leblanc)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion **Passed**.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

11. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. An Ordinance To Amend And Reenact The West Baton Rouge Parish Code Of Ordinances, Part III (“Unified Development Code”), Chapter 105 (“Subdivisions”), Article II (“Minimum Design Standards”), Section 105-40 (“Improvements”) To Clarify Streetlight Installation Requirements For New Subdivisions.

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

Mr. Kevin Durbin was present to represent this ordinance.

He spoke briefly about the changes being made within the streetlight ordinance. The Commissioners had questions about current Parish streetlight standards and also about the developer’s requirements.

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

A motion was made by Todd Plauche, seconded by Russell Vallet to recommend approval for An Ordinance To Amend And Reenact The West Baton Rouge Parish Code Of Ordinances, Part III (“Unified Development Code”), Chapter 105 (“Subdivisions”), Article II (“Minimum Design Standards”), Section 105-40 (“Improvements”) To Clarify Streetlight Installation Requirements For New Subdivisions.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Sidney Blanchard, Ray Rivet, Curtis Ducote, Joycelyn Green, Todd Plauche, Russell Vallet, Brady Hotard)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 2 (Alfreda Jackson, Gary Leblanc)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion **Passed**.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will be held on November 9, 2021.

13. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ray Rivet and was adopted by acclamation at 5:45 PM.

Curtis Ducote, Chairman

Mallorie Davis, Secretary