

MINUTES
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH
COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENT BUILDING
880 North Alexander Avenue, Port
Allen Thursday, June 10, 2021
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, June 10, 2021 and called to order at 05:30 PM. Council Vice 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**

Vice Chairman Denstel recognized Councilman Alan Crowe who led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **LOG ATTENDANCE**

The following members were recorded as being present: Messrs. Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Caleb Kleinpeter, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, and Alan Crowe.

Absent: Messrs. Kirk Allain, Craig Bergeron, Gary Joseph

Also present were, Mr. Riley Berthelot Jr, Parish President, Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne, Director of Finance, Mr. Kevin Durbin, Director of Public Works and Mrs. Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk

5. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

A. Approval of Minutes from May 27, 2021 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Chris Kershaw, seconded by Caleb Kleinpeter to approve the Minutes from May 27, 2021 Regular Meeting.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Caleb Kleinpeter, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 3 (Kirk Allain, Craig Bergeron, Gary Joseph)

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 Riley Berthelot was recognized and recognized Mr. Kevin Durbin who gave details in regards to the LA1/415 Connector project being converted from a Design Bid Build to a Construction Management at Risk format project by the Joint Transportation Committee. Mr. Durbin went on to explain a few more details and answer a few questions regarding the same.

President Berthelot was again recognized and asked Mrs. Tullier to read an email received from Chief Crockett regarding a recent major accident which happened on the

Interstate. President Berthelot went on to point out to the Council the cooperation of the WBR Parish government employees from various departments coming out to help in response to the emergency call, praising the departments for working with state and other local officials to clear up the damage. Mr. George Bragg, Animal Control Superintendent, was recognized and explained the Animal Control procedures for the animals involved in the crash. President Berthelot recognized Mr. Chris Murphy for his help along with various other employees who were involved in the emergency response. President Berthelot also covered the following:

American Rescue Plan Act and the 5.3 million dollars that are involved in this Act; Update on GRON Fuels project.

There were a few questions from the Council.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Matt Flores with Ecoplexus was recognized to give an update on their responses to the Planning & Zoning Commissions requests, and handed out a few documents to the Council regarding the Solar Farm.

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

Mr. Kevin Durbin was again recognized and went over a few items:

Agricultural map updates;

List of projects which have been approved by CRPC;

List of projects which have been approved by the Transportation Alternatives Program.

There were a few questions from the Council.

10. **CONSIDER COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR PARISH EMPLOYEES**

Mr. Bourgoyne was recognized and explained the administration is recommending a four percent cost of living pay increase for all WBR parish employees and a two percent cost of living increase for WBR Fire Department Employees.

A Motion was made by Caleb Kleinpeter, seconded by Chris Kershaw to approve a four percent cost of living pay increase for Parish Employees which includes the following: classified full-time, semi full-time, permanent part-time employees, including all appointed directors, which includes the following named departments: Council Clerk, Coroner, Registrar of Voters, Administration, Information Technologies, Planning/Zoning, Building Maintenance, Emergency Management, Engineering, Animal Control, Mosquito Control, Recreation, Roads, Health Unit, Drainage, Community Center, Community Action, E-911, Judges, District Attorney/Legal Counsel, Public Utilities, Sales Tax, Detention Center, Justice of the Peace, Constable and Keep West Baton Rouge Beautiful, and a two percent cost of living increase for Fire Protection District #1 employees with an effective pay period beginning July 1, 2021.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Caleb Kleinpeter, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 3 (Kirk Allain, Craig Bergeron, Gary Joseph)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion passed.

11. **DESIGNATE PARISH OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022**

A motion was made by Chris Kershaw, seconded by Atley Walker to approve naming the Westside Journal as the Official Journal for West Baton Rouge for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Caleb Kleinpeter, Kenneth Gordon, CareyDenstel, Alan Crowe)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 3 (Kirk Allain, Craig Bergeron, Gary Joseph)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion passed.

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

A. An Ordinance Adopting An Operating Budget Of Revenues And Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021 And Ending June 30, 2022 As Published For The West Baton Rouge Parish Council On Aging

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

There were no representatives from the Council on Aging, however Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne was available to try and answer any questions from the Council.

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

A motion was made by Chris Kershaw, seconded by Caleb Kleinpeter to approve the Ordinance Adopting An Operating Budget Of Revenues And Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021 And Ending June 30, 2022 As Published For The West Baton Rouge Parish Council On Aging.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Caleb Kleinpeter, Kenneth Gordon, CareyDenstel, Alan Crowe)
NAYS: 0 (None)
ABSENT: 3 (Kirk Allain, Craig Bergeron, Gary Joseph)
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion passed.

Ordinance 10 of 2021 can be found at the end of these minutes.

B. An Ordinance of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council Adopting the 2020 Year End Budget Adjustments to an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020

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

Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne was recognized and explained the need for the proposed budget adjustment 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 Vice Chairman at this point declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Atley Walker, seconded by Chris Kershaw to approve The Ordinance of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council Adopting the 2020 Year End Budget Adjustments to an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Caleb Kleinpeter, Kenneth

Gordon, CareyDenstel, Alan Crowe)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 3 (Kirk Allain, Craig Bergeron, Gary Joseph)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion passed.

Ordinance 11 of 2021 can be found at the end of these minutes.

13. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

There were no items to introduce at this time.

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

A. **Accept/Reject Change Order No. 1 for Concrete Road Work on Airline Park Drive Adjacent to the Railroad**

Mr. Kevin Gravois with PEC was recognized and went over the reasons for the aforementioned change order, noting this was a change order for an increase of \$117,363.74 dollars which would bring the contract total to \$210,597.64 and this change order would also add 113 consecutive calendar days to the contract for a completion date of July 31, 2021. Mr. Gravois offered to answer any questions from the Council.

A motion was made by Chris Kershaw, seconded by Kenneth Gordon to Accept Change Order No. 1 for Concrete Road Work on Airline Park Drive Adjacent to the Railroad.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Caleb Kleinpeter,

Kenneth Gordon, CareyDenstel, Alan Crowe)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 3 (Kirk Allain, Craig Bergeron, Gary Joseph)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes the motion passed.

15. **RESOLUTIONS**

There were no items to consider at this time.

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

A. **File# 2021-07 Final Plat showing the survey and subdivision of Lot 111-A and Lot 112-A into Lot 111-A-1 and Lot 112-A-1 located in Section 4, T8S - R12 E Southeastern Land District, West of the Mississippi River, West Baton Rouge Parish, LA for Paul K & Cynthia M Brown at 1906 Lansdown Dr. Port Allen LA 70767. Waiver request for Lot 112-A-1: Section 106-116 – R-SF-3 site development regulations. Minimum lot area: 22,500 square feet & Minimum lot depth: 150 feet (2/3 vote)**

Mr. Kevin Durbin was recognized and explained to the Council this item was brought before the Planning Commission and passed with a favorable recommendation with the requested waivers.

There were a few questions from the Council regarding the plat, and Mr. Durbin did his best to answer as there was no one at the meeting to represent the plat.

A motion was made by Alan Crowe, seconded by Chris Kershaw to approve with waiver/s: File# 2021-07 Final Plat showing the survey and subdivision of Lot 111-A and Lot 112-A into Lot 111-A-1 and Lot 112-A-1 located in Section 4, T8S - R12 E Southeastern Land District, West of the Mississippi River, West Baton Rouge Parish, LA for Paul K & Cynthia M Brown at 1906 Lansdown Dr. Port Allen LA 70767. Waiver request for Lot 112-A-1: Section 106-116 – R-SF-3 site

development regulations, being Minimum lot area & Minimum lot depth.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 6 (Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Caleb Kleinpeter,
Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 3 (Kirk Allain, Craig Bergeron, Gary Joseph)

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:

- Next Planning & Zoning Meeting June 15, 2021 at 5:30pm.
- Next Council Meeting June 24, 2021 at 5:30pm.

18. ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Caleb Kleinpeter and was adopted by acclamation at 06:25 PM.

Carey Denstel, Council Vice Chairman

Michelle Z. Tullier, Council Clerk

ORDINANCE 10 OF 2021

As Introduced by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council
At the Regular Meeting of May 27, 2021
And Adopted on June 10, 2021

An Ordinance Adopting An Operating Budget Of Revenues And Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021 And Ending June 30, 2022 As Published For The West Baton Rouge Parish Council On Aging

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

SECTION 1: The attached detailed estimate of revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 be and is hereby adopted as an operating budget of revenues for the West Baton Rouge Parish Council on Aging during said period.

SECTION 2: The attached detailed estimate of expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 be and is hereby adopted as an operating budget of expenditures for the West Baton Rouge Parish Council on Aging during said period.

SECTION 3: The adoption of this operating budget of revenues and expenditures are 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 the extent included within said budget.

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 HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A PUBLIC HEARING WAS CONSIDERED, AND UPON MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CHRIS KERSHAW, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CALEB KLEINPETER. THE ORDINANCE WAS SUBMITTED TO A VOTE AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

YEAS: 6 (KERSHAW, KLEINPETER, WALKER, DENSTEL, CROWE, GORDON)

NAYS: 0 (NONE)

ABSENT: 3 (ALLAIN, JOSEPH, BERGERON)

ABSTAIN: 0 (NONE)

WHEREUPON the ordinance was adopted on the 10th day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:


Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk

ORDINANCE 11 OF 2021
As Introduced by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council
At the Regular Meeting of May 27, 2021
And Adopted June 10, 2021

An Ordinance of The West Baton Rouge Parish Council Adopting the 2020 Year End Budget Adjustments to an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020

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

SECTION 1: The attached detailed 2020 year-end adjustments to estimate of revenues by department for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 be and the same is hereby adopted as an operating budget of revenues for the Parish during said period.

SECTION 2: The attached detailed 2020 year-end adjustments to estimate of expenditures by department for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as budget of expenditures for the Parish during said period

SECTION 3: The adoption of these 2020 year-end adjustments to operating budget of revenues and expenditures be 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 within the 2020 budget.

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 IT 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

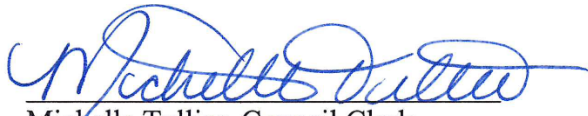
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Parish Council of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, Louisiana, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or application of this ordinance which can be given 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 ATLEY WALKER, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CHRIS KERSHAW, AND A VOTE BEING TAKEN, THE FOLLOWING RESULT WAS HAD:

YEAS:	6	(WALKER, KERSHAW, DENSTEL, KLEINPETER, CROWE, GORDON)
NAYS:	0	(NONE)
ABSENT:	3	(ALLAIN, JOSEPH, BERGERON)
ABSTAIN:	0	(NONE)

WHEREUPON the ordinance was declared adopted on the 10th day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:


Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk