

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 24, 2013
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL/GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING
880 NORTH ALEXANDER AVENUE, PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
6:00PM (TUTORIAL NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT)
MEETING FOLLOWS AT 6:30PM**

The Tutorial Session on the New Voting Equipment was held from 6:00PM until 6:20PM.

The Regular Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council was held on Thursday, January 24, 2013 and called to order. Council Chairman Gary Spillman requested that all electronic devices be silenced. Mr. Spillman requested before starting meeting that a moment of silence be observed as lost someone very dear to the Parish that did a lot for Parish over the past years, Mr. Leo Blaize, and remember him in prayers. Following the member of silence Mr. Spillman recognized Charlene Gordon, who led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Spillman stated sorry that new voting equipment was not cooperating correctly.

Roll call was taken with the following members being present:

Messrs. Phil Porto, Jr., Chris “Fish” Kershaw, Ms. Charlene Gordon, Messrs. Ricky Loupe, Gary M. Spillman, Randal “Randy” Mouch, Edward G. “Bob” Robertson, Ms. Naomi Fair, Mr. Barry Hughhins

Absent: None

Parish President Riley Berthelot, Jr. was also present.

Mr. Berthelot was recognized under item 3 (consider any amendments to the agenda) and requested that the agenda be amended for the following:

Kevin Gravois present to cover substantial completion and change orders on couple of projects;

Reject bids from the generator project with LRA money, and authorization to rescind contract, and re-advertise.

A motion was made by Mr. Randal Mouch, seconded by Mr. Barry Hughhins to amend the agenda to consider the aforementioned items.

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Messrs. Porto, Kershaw, Ms. Gordon, Messrs. Loupe, Spillman, Mouch, Robertson, Ms. Fair, Mr. Hughhins)

NAYS: 0 (None)

As a result of the roll call vote the motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Spillman requested that new Port Allen Mayor, Mrs. Slaughter, be recognized under item 5 (communications with council members and/or elected or appointed officials). Demetric Slaughter was recognized, stated she was glad to be here, part of this, ready to roll sleeves up and work with everyone in the community.

Chris Kershaw was recognized regarding attendance of Town of Brusly meeting, welcomed Council, Mayor, and Chief of Police to new terms, expressing looking forward to working with them.

Director-Department of Revenue & Taxation Melanie David was recognized and presented the annual delinquent sales tax report in compliance with the Home Rule Charter, including sales tax monthly collection history, and offered to answer any questions. Mr. Spillman thanked Mrs. David for the information.

A motion was made by Mr. Randal Mouch, seconded by Mr. Edward Robertson to accept the Annual Department of Revenue & Taxation Delinquent Sales Tax Report for 2012 as prepared and presented by said department.

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Mr. Kershaw, Ms. Gordon, Messrs. Loupe, Spillman, Mouch, Robertson, Ms. Fair, Messrs. Huggins, Porto)

NAYS: 0 (None)

As a result of the roll call vote the motion was unanimously adopted.

Kevin Gravois with Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation (PEC) was recognized and reviewed final adjustment change order and substantial completion for South Westport Road and Commercial Drive Improvements – Phase VII for concrete panel replacement (Industrial Enterprises), date of substantial completion was 12/3/12, recommend acceptance of project, and final adjustment change order for \$3,035.10 for additional road striping on Commercial Drive.

A motion was made by Mr. Phil Porto, Jr., seconded by Mr. Ricky Loupe to approve the Final Adjustment Change Order No. 2 as aforementioned and Certificate of Substantial Completion for South Westport Road and Commercial Drive Improvements – Phase VII (Industrial Enterprises) as of December 3, 2012 as recommended by Administration and Project Engineer, and authorizing Parish President to execute same, contingent upon contractor completing punch list items.

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Ms. Gordon, Messrs. Loupe, Spillman, Mouch, Robertson, Ms. Fair, Messrs. Huggins, Porto, Kershaw)

NAYS: 0 (None)

As a result of the roll call vote the motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Gravois was again recognized and reviewed final adjustment change order and substantial completion for the 2012 Road Maintenance Program (Barber Brothers Contracting), date of substantial completion was 12/18/12, deductive change order for -\$30,390.50 actual installed quantities (less patching, soil cement base, and leveling used on Burnside), and recommend acceptance of project.

A motion was made by Ms. Charlene Gordon, seconded by Mr. Randal Mouch to approve the Final Adjustment Change Order No. 1 as aforementioned and Certificate of Substantial Completion for the 2012 Road Maintenance Program (Barber Brothers Contracting) as of December 18, 2012 as recommended by Administration and Project Engineer, and authorizing Parish President to execute same, contingent upon contractor completing punch list items.

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Messrs. Loupe, Spillman, Mouch, Robertson, Ms. Fair, Messrs. Huggins, Porto, Kershaw, Ms. Gordon)

NAYS: 0 (None)

As a result of the roll call vote the motion was unanimously adopted.

Executive Assistance Jason Manola was recognized and based upon recommendations of consultant (Ed Hannum) and engineer (Volkert, Inc.) for Louisiana Recovery Authority Project No. 61PARA2302 that all bids received 10/22/12 be rejected, the contract for procurement of 29 generators for sewer lift stations throughout the Parish be rescinded, and authorize administration to re-advertise due to engineering error in restart specification. Mr. Spillman expressed concern without confirmation from successful bidder of rejection request.

A motion was made by Mr. Randal Mouch, seconded by Mr. Ricky Loupe to reject all bids received 10/22/12 for procurement of 29 generators for sewer lift stations throughout the Parish for Louisiana Recovery Authority Project No. 61PARA2302, rescinding contract with Blue Stream Services, LLC as aforementioned, and authorizing the Parish President to sign necessary documentation and re-advertise for bids.

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 9 (Messrs. Spillman, Mouch, Robertson, Ms. Fair, Messrs. Huggins, Porto, Kershaw, Ms. Gordon, Mr. Loupe)

NAYS: 0 (None)

As a result of the roll call vote the motion was unanimously adopted.

Riley Berthelot, Jr. was recognized under Parish President's Report regarding the following:
All police departments involved in Monday night incident coordinated through local dispatchers, who were commended for job well done due to parish's central communications system;
Reminded of Capital Region Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Monday at Baker Auditorium hosted by City of Baker to consider executive board meeting recommendations;
Meeting scheduled with Water Works District No. 2 next Thursday at 6:00PM at Brusly Town Hall regarding taking over portion of district and to answer any board questions.

Mr. Porto was recognized and thanked President and crews for hard work done during recent rain in response to comments received from public. Mr. Berthelot expressed appreciation for comments stating drainage worked on year-round to improve and be prepared for types of incidents.

The Council Chairman read by title the below proposed ordinance being introduced and publicized by title, and considered for adoption following public hearing at the meeting of February 14, 2013 at 6:30PM in the Council Meeting Room, 880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen, La.:

2012 Year End Budget Adjustments for Council funds.

The Council Clerk read by title the below proposed ordinances being introduced and publicized by title, and considered for adoption following public hearing at the meeting of February 28, 2013 at 6:30PM in the Council Meeting Room, 880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen, La.:

Amend Chapter 104 Zoning for rezoning request of Westport Investments, LLC, 2524 Commercial Drive, Port Allen, La. from Regional-Scaled Commercial District to Moderate Industrial District;

Amend Chapter 104 Zoning for N.W.E., LLC and Dollar Distributing, 4119 State Highway 1 S, Port Allen, La. for Special Use Permit to operate a Tavern within Community-Scaled Commercial District.

At this point under Correspondence Report the Council Clerk read excerpt from the West Baton Rouge Parish Planning & Zoning Commission meeting agenda scheduled for February 5, 2013 cancelled due to clear agenda.

Mr. Spillman discussed filling his position on the Capital Area Human Services District board due to resignation and Lynn Robertson's declining appointment. Mr. Spillman explained said organization's monthly meetings are held in Baton Rouge at 3:00PM, and requested postponing appointment until 2/14/13 meeting to obtain name of interested individuals for submission.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Charlene Gordon and approved by acclamation at 6:50PM.

/s/Gary M. Spillman

Gary M. Spillman, Council Chairman

/s/Sharon Zito

Sharon Zito, Council Clerk