

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 27, 2011
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL/GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING
880 NORTH ALEXANDER AVENUE, PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
6:30PM**

The Regular Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council was held on Thursday, October 27, 2011 and called to order. Council Chairman Spillman requested that all electronic devices be silenced and recognized Keith Washington, who led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following members being present:

Mr. Jeff “Petit” Kershaw, Ms. Charlene Gordon, Messrs. Keith K. “Keedy” Washington, Sr., Gary M. Spillman, Ricky Loupe, Phil Porto, Jr., Edward G. “Bob” Robertson

Absent: Mr. Randal “Randy” Mouch, Mrs. Alethea “Lisa” Johnson

Jason Manola, Phillip Bourgoyne and Mitzi Fourroux were recognized at this time and made power point presentation, and based on considerations (reinstate the \$400.00 for single and \$800.00 for family HSA contributions, Parish continue to pay 100% of the premiums of the High Deductible Plan, employees with PPO option continue to pay 10% premium or \$563 for single and \$1,494 for family per year and Parish pay 90% of the premiums) the administration recommends switching to Blue Cross for Employee Group Medical Insurance. At this time Messrs. Manola, Kershaw and Loupe expressed appreciation to staff and insurance agent of record, Dwayne Wilson with Chapman Group, for endeavors.

A motion was made Mr. Jeff Kershaw, seconded by Mrs. Alethea Johnson to accept the Administration’s recommendation of Blue Cross for 1) high deductible plan 2) health savings account, 3) alternative co-payment plan to provide coverage for employee hospitalization and life insurance, 4) continue with dental vision plans through Humana and 5) continue with Humana Group Medicare Advantage Paid Fee for Service (078031) for employees/retirees 65 or older with Medicare Parts A & B for the period January 1, 2012- December 31, 2012 according to Blue Cross and Humana request for proposals submitted 10/5/11, and authorizing the Parish President to sign necessary documentation.

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Mr. Kershaw, Ms. Gordon, Messrs. Washington, Spillman, Loupe, Porto, Robertson)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Mr. Mouch, Mrs. Johnson)

As a result of the roll call vote the motion was unanimously adopted by those members present.

A motion was made by Mr. Phil Porto, Jr., seconded by Ms. Charlene Gordon to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of September 8, 2011 and September 22, 2011 as published in the Parish Official Journal.

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Mr. Kershaw, Ms. Gordon, Messrs. Washington, Spillman, Loupe, Porto, Robertson)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Mouch)

As a result of the roll call vote the motion was unanimously adopted by those members present.

Ms. Gordon was recognized under item 8 (communications with council members and/or other elected or appointed officials) and announced West Baton Rouge Parish Fair November 3-6, 2011, including Arena Pep Rally on Thursday, November 3rd and Tailgate Party on Saturday, November 5th.

Mr. Porto was recognized and announced Lobdell Volunteer Fire Department has scheduled food drive for collection of non-perishable can goods on Saturday, November 12th at facility from 8:00AM until Noon to replenish local food bank supply.

Parish Architect Dean Hotard was recognized under item 10 (consider status report, change order and/or other matters as required on current projects) and reviewed the certificate of substantial completion for the Interior Renovations to the Port Allen Community Center.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Kershaw, seconded by Mr. Edward Robertson to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Interior Renovations to the West Baton Rouge Community Center in Port Allen (Tullier Services, LLC) as of October 19, 2011 as recommended by the Parish Architect, and authorizing the Parish President to sign documentation for same, contingent upon contractor completing the punch list.

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Ms. Gordon, Messrs. Washington, Spillman, Loupe, Porto, Robertson, Kershaw)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Mouch)

As a result of the roll call vote the motion was unanimously adopted by those members present. Brief discussion held on scheduling grand re-opening ceremony.

Executive Assistant Jason Manola was recognized under Parish President's report and requested authorization to advertise for the budgeted Courthouse Elevator Modifications.

A motion was made by Mr. Ricky Loupe, seconded by Mr. Phil Porto, Jr. authorizing the administration to advertise to receive and open bids for budgeted Courthouse Elevator Modifications.

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Messrs. Washington, Spillman, Loupe, Porto, Robertson, Kershaw, Ms. Gordon)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Mouch)

As a result of the roll call vote the motion was unanimously adopted by those members present.

Mr. Manola informed the Council that all of the road overlays and shoulder-work were complete and stripping would be completed next week.

The Council Clerk read by title the proposed ordinance being introduced by title, publicized by title, and considered for adoption following a public hearing at the meeting of December 8, 2011 at 6:30PM in the Council Meeting Room of the Governmental Building, 880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen, La. for an Ordinance amending Chapter 104 Zoning, Sec. 104-3 Establishment of districts, official zoning map for request of Mandeville Rental Properties, LLC, 2855 I-10 Frontage Road, Port Allen, La., described as Tracts T-C & T-C-1 located in Section 93, T7S-R12E containing .602 AC P/O Jacintoport Property for Special Use Permit to allow an Adult Store within C-1.3 (Regional-Scaled Commercial District).

Director of Public Works Kevin Durbin was recognized and explained plat (too big to put on overhead projector) final showing the re-subdivision of Tract JA-1D-2A (Poplar Grove Plantation) into Tracts JA-1D-2A -1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 that came before the Planning Commission at meeting of 10/18/11 and Mr. Langlois was present representing said plat. Mr. Langlois clarified pending sale of property to adjacent owner, location, surrounding properties zoned I-3, and due to variance requirement 8 acres will remain intact. Mr. Durbin clarified that administration had worked out details with applicant now proposing to do 13 acres and 8 acres.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Kershaw, seconded by Mr. Phil Porto, Jr. to approve the final plat showing the re-subdivision of Tract JA-1D-2A (Poplar Grove Plantation) into Tracts JA-1D-2A-1, JA-1D-2A-2, JA-1D-2A-3, JA-1D-2A-4 & JA-1D-2A-5 located in Section 50, T6S-R12E & Section 57 & 58, T7S-R12E for Rural Properties, LLC as previously recommended by the Planning Commission, (subdivide property into the 2 lots with variances to 20 acres on both 13 acre lot and 8 acre lot and granting of depth variance on the 8 acre lot – reasoning surrounded by I-3 and fits in there).

Roll call vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Messrs. Spillman, Loupe, Porto, Robertson, Kershaw, Ms. Gordon, Mr. Washington)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Mouch)

As a result of the roll call vote the motion was unanimously adopted by those members present.

At this time under Correspondence Report the Council Clerk read excerpts the West Baton Rouge Parish Planning & Zoning Commission Agenda scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2011 at 6:30PM.

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

/s/Gary M. Spillman
Gary M. Spillman, Council Chairman

/s/Sharon Zito
Sharon Zito, Council Clerk