

**REGULAR MEETING – WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL  
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL/GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING  
880 NORTH ALEXANDER AVENUE, PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 – 6:30PM**

The Regular Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council was held on Thursday, September 11, 2014 and called to order. Council Chairman Gary Spillman requested that all electronic devices be placed on silent and that everyone remain standing following the pledge of allegiance (led by Garry Hubble) for a moment of silence in remembrance of Patriot Day in memory of people who were killed 13 years ago in terrorist attacks.

Roll-Call Pro System recorded the following members as being present:

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

Absent: Mr. Chris “Fish” Kershaw

Parish President Riley Berthelot, Jr. was also present.

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A motion was made by Ms. Charlene Gordon, seconded by Mr. Randal Mouch to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of August 14, 2014 and August 28, 2014 as published in the Parish Official Journal.

Roll-Call Pro System recorded the votes on the motion as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Mr. Mouch, Ms. Fair, Mr. Loupe, Ms. Gordon, Messrs. Porto, Spillman, Hughhins, Robertson)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Kershaw)

As a result of the votes the motion was unanimously adopted by those members present.

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Any amendments to the agenda and public comments were requested at this time and there were none.

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Mayor Joey Normand (Town of Brusly) was recognized under item 7 (communications with council members and/or elected or appointed officials) and commended the Council on success of fire district consolidation.

Mr. Hughhins commented on fact that Google maps indicate in 2004 legislature named entire length of U S Highway 190 Ronald Reagan Memorial Highway and requested changing out signs. Evan Cooper was recognized and informed federal government had renamed highway since U S Highway 190 is federal highway. Mr. Spillman requested confirming same prior to changing out signs.

Mr. Hughhins commented on the fact that no parish street is named after Martin Luther King and suggested appropriate street be renamed in honor of Dr. King.

Mr. Mouch requested recognizing former employee of the Parks & Recreation Department Gerald “Buck” Tullier, who passed away last week.

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Cancellation of second meetings in November and December due to holiday conflict was discussed and Council Clerk confirmed that the November meeting falls on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving Day), and the December meeting falls on Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day).

A motion was made by Mr. Barry Hughhins, seconded by Mr. Ricky Loupe to cancel the second meetings in November and December due to holiday conflicts as aforementioned.

Roll-Call Pro System recorded the votes on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Mr. Mouch, Ms. Fair, Mr. Loupe, Ms. Gordon, Messrs. Porto, Spillman, Hughhins, Robertson)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Kershaw)

As a result of the votes the motion was unanimously adopted by those members present.

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Mr. Berthelot was recognized at this time under item 11 (consider Providence proposed Ed LeJeune – Choctaw Road Connector) and requested withdrawing the item from agenda until future meeting following due diligence before pursuing further.

A motion was made by Mr. Phil Porto, Jr., seconded by Mr. Randal Mouch to remove the Providence proposed Ed LeJeune – Choctaw Road Connection item from the agenda per request of the Parish President as aforementioned.

Roll-Call Pro System recorded the votes on the motion as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Mr. Mouch, Ms. Fair, Mr. Loupe, Ms. Gordon, Messrs. Porto, Spillman, Hughhins, Robertson)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Kershaw)

As a result of the votes the motion was unanimously adopted by those members present.

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Riley Berthelot, Jr. was recognized under Parish President's Report regarding the following:  
Announced recognized anniversary of Patriot Day by having flags flown at half-mast today;  
Thanked Mayor Normand for fire district comments;  
Expressed pleasure of watching Port Allen & Brusly kids play on Superdome field during Saints game;  
Informed of today's meeting with Department of Transportation & Development officials and other entities on La 1 Corridor Study (99 per cent complete), and upcoming meeting scheduled next Thursday at 9:30AM;  
Informed members of Oldies Festival this weekend.

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Gary Spillman was recognized under Council Chairman's Report and reminded everyone of Oldies but Goodies this weekend from Noon to 6:00PM at the Conference Center.

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Chairman Spillman read resolution approving the issuance, sale & delivery not to exceed \$250,000.00 of Certificates of Indebtedness of the West Baton Rouge Convention & Visitors

Bureau for the purposes of paying costs of signage, lighting, equipment and other capital improvements and renovations to the Conference Center to go to the Bond Commission into the record, and confirmed concurring resolution adopted the Bureau Board of Commissioners.

Financial advisor Jim Ryan was recognized and explained Bureau would fund through the hotel/motel rebate. Mr. Berthelot clarified that Mr. Ryan handled all Parish bond issues as Government Consultants firm had been named financial advisor 7 years ago. Mr. Ryan explained that it was now illegal under Securities & Exchange Commission regulations to obtain advice on these types of issues from anyone other than municipal advisors.

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The West Baton Rouge Parish Council met in its regular session, duly called, advertised and convened at the West Baton Rouge Parish Council Governmental Building on Thursday, September 11, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., with the following members present:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Gary Spillman, District VII, Chairman	X	
Barry Huggins, District VIII, Vice Chairman	X	
Randal Mouch, District I	X	
Chris Kershaw, District II		X
Naomi Fair, District III	X	
Ricky Loupe, District IV	X	
Charlene Gordon, District V	X	
Phil Porto, Jr., District VI	X	
Edward G. Robertson, District IX	X	

Also present were Riley Berthelot, Parish President, Phillip Bourgoyne, Director of Finance and Sharon Zito, Clerk of Council.

The meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above result.

[Other business not pertinent to the present excerpt may be found of record in the official minute book.]

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Phil Porto, Jr., seconded by Mr. Barry Huggins, and adopted with the following vote:

YEAS: 8 (Mr. Mouch, Ms. Fair, Mr. Loupe, Ms. Gordon, Messrs. Porto, Spillman, Huggins, Robertson)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Kershaw)

And the resolution provides as follows:

A Resolution approving the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) of Certificates of Indebtedness of the West Baton Rouge Convention & Visitors Bureau.

WHEREAS, the West Baton Rouge Convention & Visitors Bureau (the “Tourist Commission”), proposes to issue not exceeding \$250,000 of Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2014 (the “Certificates”) to pay the costs of signage, lighting, equipment and other capital improvements and renovations to the West Baton Rouge Tourist Information and Conference Center and paying the costs of issuance of the Certificates; and

WHEREAS, the Tourist Commission has requested that this Parish Council approve the issuance, sale and delivery of the Certificates; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Tourist Commission on September 3, 2014, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the issuance of the Certificates;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Authority, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the West Baton Rouge Convention & Visitors Bureau, this Parish Council hereby approves the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding \$250,000 of Certificates of Indebtedness of said Tourist Commission in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Tourist Commission on September 3, 2014. The Certificates will be secured by and payable from a pledge of the excess of annual revenues of said Tourist Commission above statutory, necessary and usual charges in each of the fiscal years during which the Certificates are outstanding, and neither the Parish of West Baton Rouge nor this Parish Council shall be liable in any manner for the payment of principal and/or interest on the Certificates.

SECTION 2. The Council Chairman, the Council Clerk and the Parish President are hereby authorized to take any action, including the execution of necessary documents, as is required in connection with the authorization, issuance and delivery of the Certificates.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 11th day of September, 2014.

/s/Sharon Zito

Sharon Zito, Council Clerk

/s/Gary Spillman

Gary Spillman, Council Chairman

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF WEST BATON ROUGE

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Parish Council of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Authority on September 11, 2014, approving the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) of Certificates of Indebtedness of the West Baton Rouge Convention & Visitors Bureau.

I further certify that this Resolution has not been amended or rescinded.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and impress of the official seal of said Parish Council at Port Allen, Louisiana, on this, the 11th day of September, 2014.

/s/Sharon Zito

Sharon Zito, Council Clerk

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The Council Clerk read by the title into the record the below proposed ordinance being introduced and publicized by title, and considered for adoption following public hearing at the meeting of October 23, 2014 at 6:30PM in the Council Meeting Room, 880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen, La.:

Amend Code of Ordinances, Part III Unified Development code, Chapter 101 General Provision, Sec. 101-1 Definitions to provide for Council granted variances to the fifty (50 percent) square footage rule on accessory buildings in the definition of “home occupation”.

Mr. Spillman was recognized under item 16A (make determination on rezoning request of Paul Burch, 6772 South River Road, Brusly, La. designated as Lot A from Residential Single Family District to Regional-Scaled Commercial District for operation of classic car mechanic shop from 8/28/14) and explained previously postponed for additional information. Applicant Paul Burch thanked the Council for recognition and requested denial of rezoning to commercial property. Mr. Spillman clarified new “home occupation” ordinance introduced tonight will cover Paul Burch situation without changing property to commercial, which was Council’s concern at last meeting and requested refund of permit cost.

A motion was made by Mr. Randal Mouch, seconded by Mr. Ricky Loupe to deny the rezoning request of Paul Burch, 6771 South River Road, Brusly, La. designated as Lot A from Residential Single Family District to Regional-Scaled Commercial District for operation of classic car mechanic shop and further that Mr. Burch be refunded \$350.00 rezoning application permit fee as aforementioned.

Roll-Call Pro System recorded the votes on the motion as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Mr. Mouch, Ms. Fair, Mr. Loupe, Ms. Gordon, Messrs. Porto, Spillman, Huggins, Robertson)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Kershaw)

As a result of the votes the motion was unanimously adopted by those members present.

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At this time under Correspondence Report the Council Clerk read excerpt into the record from the West Baton Rouge Parish Planning & Zoning Commission meeting agenda scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 6:30PM.

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There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Charlene Gordon and adopted by acclamation at 6:55PM.

/s/Gary M. Spillman

Gary M. Spillman, Council Chairman

/s/Sharon Zito

Sharon Zito, Council Clerk