

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, in the Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Jason Hammock to lead the pledge of allegiance. A roll call vote resulted as follows:

Present: Ray Helen Lawrence, Garry Hubble, Brandon Brown, Carey Williams and Hugh Riviere

Absent: None

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2019. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none and the motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present.

Mayor Lee read aloud the procedure for public participation at the Regular Meetings of the Port Allen City Council in accordance with state statutes and local ordinances.

Mr. Carey Williams moved to amend the posted Agenda to include two (2) items for funding requested by the Community Development Committee. First, for authorization to spend \$2,500 for a Spring event for senior citizens. Mr. Carey Williams explained the reason he was asking for this amendment. "Mayor Lee stated he didn't place the item on the Agenda due to a ruling the council made last year concerning funding future events. Since all the events for this year's budget has been established, the council should reconsider funding the 'Family Day in the Park' event before considering funding for any new events, especially if no donations or sponsorships has been received." Rose Roche' stated she was unable to secure funding for this event and was requesting some seed money to put on the event and she'll continue to seek funding up to the day of the event. "Mayor Lee stated that if the city is going to authorize spending for a new event without receiving donations and sponsorships, then the city must revisit the funding request for 'Family Day in the Park' event. After some discussion among the members, Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if anyone objected to this amendment. No one answered. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried unanimously to add Item 7A to the Agenda for discussion.

For the second item, Mr. Carey Williams moved to amend the Agenda to include authorization to spend \$5,000 for the upcoming Market Days event. Mr. Carey Williams had already explained his reason for asking for this amendment. "Mayor Lee gave the same reasons why the item was not originally placed on the Agenda. Mayor Lee stated

again, if the city is going to authorize spending for a new event without receiving donations or sponsorships then the city must revisit the funding request for 'Family Day in the Park' event." After discussion among the members, Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if anyone objected to this amendment. No one answered. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried unanimously to add Item 7B to the Agenda for discussion.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to introduce an ordinance to amend the City of Port Allen Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget in the Water and Gas Fund to authorize the purchase of a utility locator for the Water and Gas Department. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to approve the recommendation of the Port Allen Planning and Zoning Commission to allow adjustments in the property lines located at 520 Avenue B into two contiguous lots. Mr. Hugh Riviere seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lee recognized Rawlston Phillips, III to provide the City Council with an update on the Riverview Traditional Neighborhood Development. Mr. Phillips provided information to the City Council and answered questions. No further action was requested of nor made by the City Council.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to authorize the administration to spend \$2,500 for a Spring senior event. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Lawrence, Williams. NAYS: Hubble, Riviere. The motion carried.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to authorize the administration to spend \$5,000 for the upcoming Market Days event. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Lawrence, Williams. NAYS: Hubble, Riviere. The motion carried.

City Attorney Alvarez stated that there were no condemnation pending at this time.

Mr. Adrian Genre stated that there were no alcoholic beverage permits pending.

Mayor Lee announced that the 2019 Good Friends of the Oaks Mardi Gras Parade would be held on Sunday, March 3, 2019 beginning at 1 p.m. Mayor Lee announced that Jack's Place was remodeled and reopened and that Court Street from Jefferson Avenue to Alabama Street will be closed for a block party on March 3, 2019. Mayor Lee announced that the parade honoring Black History Month was a success. Mayor Lee

reminded the members that the LMA Midwinter Conference is next week, February 19-20, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. Mayor Lee announced that the Port Allen girls' basketball team was crowned District Champions and would begin the state playoffs on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. and the Port Allen High boys' basketball team were District Runner Up in their district and would also be participating in the state playoffs. Mayor Lee announced that "Rick's Crawfish" located at 920 N. Alexander Avenue, owner Ricky Hasbert, is now open.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adjourn. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection and the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

s/ Richard N. Lee, III  
Richard N. Lee, III, Mayor

s/ Audrey A. McCain  
Audrey A. McCain, City Clerk