

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, in the Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and asked Bruce Bass 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 May 8, 2019. Mr. Brandon Brown 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.

Several members of the audience were asked to address the City Council regarding drainage issues in the City resulting from the severe rain event in Port Allen on 6/6/19 that caused significant flooding of streets, houses and businesses. Mayor Lee asked Bruce Bass, the supervisor over Roads and Drainage, to explain to the audience and City Council the steps that have been taken to alleviate this problem in the future. No further action was requested of or taken by the City Council.

Mayor Lee asked Attorney Dana Larpenteur to explain the current status of the annexation of the property located on Court Street into the city limits. After hearing the explanation and getting an update, Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to introduce an ordinance to annex the right of way property along Louisiana Highway 76 (Court Street) owned by the Louisiana Department of Transportation into the city limits of the City of Port Allen containing approximately 16.29 acres. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence 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. Hugh Riviere moved to introduce an ordinance to annex property adjacent to Louisiana Highway 76 (Court Street) known as the Noland-McKay Tract into the city limits of the City of Port Allen containing approximately 203.92 acres. 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.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to authorize spending \$1,208.75 of previously allocated or funds for the Juneteenth Celebration. 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, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: Hubble. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to introduce an ordinance to amend the current City of Port Allen ordinances prohibiting chickens and other fowl in cages to now allow them, but to place restrictions and limitations on having fowl inside the city limits. Mr. Garry Hubble 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 opened the public hearing to obtain views regarding the adoption of an ordinance to provide for revenues and expenditures for all City of Port Allen's budgetary funds for fiscal year 2019-2020 beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. Several members from the audience addressed concerns about the plans and priorities of the proposed budget and were allowed to ask questions. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Garry Hubble provided each member of the City Council with a written Amendment No. 1 to the proposed 2019-2020 budgets to authorize \$5,000 in additional funding to purchase a new air conditioner for the Depot. 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 Amendment was adopted.

Mr. Garry Hubble provided each member of the City Council with a written Amendment No. 2 to the proposed 2019-2020 budgets to remove \$30,000 in funding for Community Events and removing \$10,000 in funding for Community Promotions for a total reduction in the Community Development Department expenses by \$40,000. 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: Hubble, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: Brown, Lawrence. The Amendment was adopted.

Mr. Hugh Riviere provided each member of the City Council with a written Amendment No. 3 to the proposed 2019-2020 budgets to remove \$75,000 in funding for the capital expenditure for a bathroom facility at Centennial Park and moved adoption of the Amendment. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Hubble, Riviere. NAYS: Brown, Lawrence, Williams. The Amendment failed.

Mr. Hugh Riviere provided each member of the City Council with a written Amendment No. 4 to the proposed 2019-2020 budgets to remove \$75,000 in funding for the capital expenditure for a bathroom facility at Cohn Park and moved adoption of the Amendment. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Hubble, Riviere. NAYS: Brown, Lawrence, Williams. The Amendment failed.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3 of 2019, as amended. The Municipal Clerk read the title of the ordinance. 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 ordinance was adopted, as amended.

Two property owners were asked to appear before the City Council to get an update from the City Inspector and allow the residents to explain their plans for the property at 1305 Avenue B and 1125 Avenue B. Both residents stated that they intend to sell the property. They were given an additional sixty (60) days to come back to the Council at the August 14th meeting to update them on the status of the property.

There were no alcoholic beverage permits pending at this time.

Mayor Lee announced that the Juneteenth Celebration would be held on Saturday, June 15th at William and Lee Park. Mayor Lee stated that the City had been approved for Cultural District status and would be working with the West Baton Rouge Parish Museum to work out the final details and logistics. Mayor Lee announced that on June 22, 2019, 10th Street from Georgia Avenue to Oregon Avenue would be blocked due to a Family and Friends Beginning of Summer Water event to be held during that day. Also, Mayor Lee stated that on June 29, 2019, Oregon Avenue from 14th Street to 12th Street would be blocked due to an event to be held during that day. Scott United Methodist Church is having a Food Distribution on June 22, 2019. LMA 82nd Annual Convention is in Monroe beginning August 1st through August 3rd.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adjourn. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection and the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Richard N. Lee, III, Mayor

Audrey A. McCain, City Clerk