

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, in the Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, Hugh Riviere, Carey Williams

Absent: None

The Clerk stated that she noticed a typographical error on the posted Agenda which indicates the proposed ordinance is No. 5 of 2018 when in fact it should be Ordinance No. 6 of 2018. Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to amend the posted Agenda to reflect this correction. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection to this amendment to the posted Agenda. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried by unanimous consent of the members.

Mr. Genre stated that another amendment to the posted Agenda was necessary to be considered by the City Council. The language would read to consider in Executive Session the pending legal matter in EEOC Complaint No. 461-2018-00642 with the City's legal counsel. Mr. Brandon Brown moved to amend the posted Agenda to reflect this additional item. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection to this amendment to the posted Agenda. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried by unanimous consent of the members.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 9, 2018. 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.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to approve Mayor Lee's recommendation to hire Roy Recasner as a Laborer I in the Roads and Drainage Department at Grade 101, Step E. 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.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to approve Mayor Lee's recommendations to hire Eric Antoine and Treylin Johnson as part-time student workers in the Roads and Drainage Department, Sam Fishburn as a part-time student worker in the Water and Gas Department, and Kevin Deloch as a part-time student worker in the Police Department. All student workers are to

be paid at the rate of \$7.25 per hour, 25 hours per week, for a total of 50 hours per pay period. Some of the Council members stated their concern about limiting the students to Port Allen in the future. Mr. Hugh Riviere 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.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to consider funding a line item in the General Fund budget for recreational purposes to be determined by approval of the City Council on a case by case basis. 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 authorize Mayor Lee to advertise, interview and recommend hiring a meter reader in the Water and Gas Department due to the retirement of an employee. 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, 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 2018-2019 beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. Mayor Lee stated that no one had signed in to speak. Mayor Lee asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard. No one answered. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mayor Lee read the Agenda item for adoption of Ordinance No. 6 of 2018 containing the fiscal year 2018-2019 budgets for the City of Port Allen. The Clerk read the title of the ordinance. Mr. Garry Hubble handed each City Council member a proposed amendment to the Ordinance and read it aloud. He stated the reasons he was bringing forth the amendment. Other members of the City Council asked questions and stated their reasons for support or opposition to the amendment. 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, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: Brown. ABSENT: None. The amendment was adopted.

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Mr. Hubble handed each of the City Council members another proposed amendment to the Ordinance and read it aloud. He stated the reasons he was bringing forth the amendment. Other members of the City Council asked questions and stated their reasons for support or opposition to the amendment. Mr. Garry Hubble moved adoption of the amendment. There was no second and the motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6 of 2018 as amended. 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, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Ordinance No. 6 of 2018, as amended, was adopted.

City Attorney Alvarez explained the reasons why he was asking and would recommend the City Council consider a declaration of emergency for the condemnation of property located at 1210 Avenue C in Port Allen. He explained the Louisiana Revised Statutes on the subject and the City of Port Allen ordinances regarding this declaration. Attorney Alvarez called the expert hired by the City to inspect derelict properties to explain the current status of the property and the danger it poses to the public health and safety. After hearing all of the evidence presented, Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to declare a state of emergency for condemnation of property located at 1210 Avenue C, Port Allen, LA. 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. ABSENT: None. The motion carried.

City Attorney Alvarez immediately began the condemnation proceedings. Again he presented evidence of the status and danger of this property. A person who owned a Tax Title Certificate to the property was served and was present at the hearing and was allowed to address the City Council. After all the evidence was presented and all information provided was considered by the City Council, Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to condemn the property located at 1210 Avenue C, Port Allen, LA and order that the record owner be notified that they have fourteen (14) days from service of the notice to demolish the property or the City would take all necessary actions to clean up this dangerous situation. 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. ABSENT: None. The motion carried.

City Attorney Alvarez began condemnation proceedings on the property located at 336 Magnolia in Port Allen, LA. Attorney Alvarez presented evidence of the status of the property. He called the expert hired by the City to testify as to the condition of the property. Attorney Anderson Dotson had been appointed by the City Council to represent the absent heirs to the property. He was present and explained to the City Council the efforts he made regarding his attempts to locate the owner of any of the heirs to the property. Those attempts were unsuccessful. After all the evidence was presented and all information provided was considered by the City Council, Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to condemn the property located at 336 Magnolia, Port Allen, LA and order that the record owner be notified that they have fourteen (14) days from service of the notice to demolish the property or the City would take all necessary actions to clean up the property and file a lien against the property. 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. ABSENT: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the legal matter pending in EEOC Complaint No. 461-2018-00642 with the City's legal counsel. 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, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular Agenda. 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.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to accept the recommendation of legal counsel regarding the matter known as EEOC Complaint No. 461-2018-00642. 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. Adrian Genre stated that there were no alcoholic beverage permits pending at this time.

Mayor Lee announced that the Centennial Park project was almost complete except for the monument with names of all the previous mayors engraved on it. The Juneteenth Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 16th at William and Lee Park from 11:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. with live music, free food and lots of other activities for the entire family. The July 4th event on the levee near City Hall would be upcoming in a few weeks. The District H meeting of the LMA is Thursday, June 14th in Rosedale, LA.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adjourn. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection and the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Richard N. Lee, III, Mayor

Audrey A. McCain, City Clerk