

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, in the City Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Richard Lee was out of town, so Mayor Pro Tem Ray Helen Lawrence called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Garry Hubble to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Present: Brandon Brown, Garry Hubble, Ray Helen Lawrence, R.J. Loupe, Jr., Hugh Riviere

Absent: None

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2016 and the Emergency Special Meeting on August 22, 2016. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none and the motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present.

Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence 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. Hugh Riviere moved to open the public hearing. Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. seconded the motion and the public hearing began. No one had signed in to address the Council. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if anyone wished to be heard before the Council voted on the ordinance to set the millage rates for the tax year 2016 for all properties subject to ad valorem taxes within the City of Port Allen, Louisiana. No one answered. Therefore, Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to close the public hearing. Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. seconded the motion and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt a Resolution setting the millage rates for the tax year 2016 for all properties subject to taxation within the City of Port Allen in the following manner: General Alimony at 7.67 mills and Police Department at 5.27 mills in accordance with the renewal approved by the voters through a general election held on November 21, 2015 for a period of ten years beginning with 2016. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any objection to the adoption of the Resolution. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to adopt a Resolution to support the 1984 sales tax distribution as presented by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council. Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any objection to the adoption of the Resolution. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to open a public hearing in reference to the proposed Ordinance No. 8 of 2016 regarding amending the City's fiscal year budget for 2016-2017. Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr.

seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none and the motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present.

No one from the audience had signed up to speak on the proposed Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if anyone from the audience wished to be heard. No one answered. Therefore, Mr. Brandon Brown moved to close the public hearing. Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none and the motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present.

Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence read Ordinance No. 8 of 2016 by title. Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 8 of 2016. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any objection to the adoption of the Ordinance. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to open a public hearing in reference to the proposed Ordinance No. 9 of 2016 regarding amending the City's fiscal year budget for 2016-2017. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none and the motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present.

No one from the audience had signed up to speak on the proposed Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if anyone from the audience wished to be heard. No one answered. Therefore, Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to close the public hearing. Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none and the motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present.

Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence read Ordinance No. 9 of 2016 by title. Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 9 of 2016. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any objection to the adoption of the Ordinance. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence called Surveyor Woody Triche to address the Council. He explained the property exchange that had been requested by adjacent property owners. Attorney Woods stated that this was not an issue that should be voted on by the City Council. Therefore, Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. moved to table agenda item number 12. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any objection. There was none and the motion carried by the unanimous consent of the members present.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to introduce an ordinance to amend the City's Code of Ordinances to allow for exceptions for accumulated leave time for city employees in case of declared emergency. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition to the introduction of an ordinance to provide this exception. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

City Attorney Joseph stated that there were no condemnations pending.

