

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, in the City Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Richard Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Jane Harris to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2017. 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 introduce an ordinance to put a specific time frame for homeowners to repair their property within one hundred twenty (120) days if they have been cited for possible condemnation by the City Inspector for the City of Port Allen or for a shorter time if it is determined by the Mayor that the property poses an immediate threat to the health and/or safety of the adjacent property owners. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

On agenda item number 6, Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to amend the posted agenda to reflect "Washington's Birthday" instead of "President's Day" which is the language currently in the City's Code of Ordinances. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. Mayor Lee asked if anyone in the audience had any objection to amending the agenda. No one objected. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The official posted agenda was amended by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize Mayor Lee to allow City employees to observe Washington's Birthday in 2017 on Monday, February 27, 2017 instead of February 22, 2017. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

On agenda item number 7, Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to amend the posted agenda to reflect a "water" line instead of a "gas" line relocation. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion.

Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. Mayor Lee asked if anyone in the audience had any objection to amending the agenda. No one objected. A roll call vote resulted as follows; YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The official posted agenda was amended by the unanimous vote of the City Council.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to introduce an ordinance to amend the City's Water and Gas Fund budget to authorize and allocate an additional \$150,000 to cover the cost of relocating a water line under the Union Pacific tracks and an additional \$18,000 to cover the cost of repairs to gas lines in the Oaks Subdivision near River Road. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. 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 amend the City's Sewer Fund budget to authorize and allocate an additional \$118,000 to cover the correct amount of salary expense previously approved by the City Council in the Sewer Fund. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to approve Mayor Lee's recommendation of Mrs. Rose Roche' for the position of Community and Economic Development Director at Grade/Step 116/F. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. After discussion among the City Council members and hearing from members of the audience, Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. 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 introduce an ordinance to amend the City's General Fund budget to authorize and allocate the funds to cover the salary and benefits associated with the new position in the Community Development Department of the City's General Fund budget. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Lawrence, Williams. NAYS: Hubble, Riviere. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to introduce an ordinance to change the language of Washington's Birthday holiday in the City's Code of Ordinances to "President's Day." Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to approve Mayor Lee's recommendation of Mr. Jacoby Smith for the position of Laborer I in the Roads and Drainage Department at Grade/Step 101/C. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: Hubble. The motion carried.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to approved Mayor Lee's recommendation of Al Perkins of the Hammonds, Sills, Adkins, and Guice, LLP law firm as the City's Attorney. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call

vote resulted as follows: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to open the public hearing to obtain views regarding the adoption of an ordinance to amend the current fiscal year 2016-2017 budget in the City of Port Allen General Fund to recognize additional sales tax revenues in the amount of \$46,000 to cover the cost of the purchase of two (2) new police vehicles and authorizing Mayor Lee to use the \$20,789.76 received from insurance proceeds from the loss of two police vehicles toward the purchase price of these new vehicles. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none and the public hearing was opened. Mayor Lee asked if anyone in the audience or on the City Council wished to be heard. No one answered. Mr. Hugh Riviere then moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none and the public hearing was closed.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1 of 2017 to recognize additional sales tax revenues in the amount of \$46,000 to cover the cost of the purchase of two (2) new police vehicles and authorizing Mayor Lee to use the \$20,789.76 received from insurance proceeds from the loss of two police vehicles toward the purchase price of these new vehicles. Mr. Hugh Riviere seconded the motion. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 1 of 2017 by title. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The ordinance was adopted.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to open the public hearing to obtain views regarding the adoption of an ordinance to amend the current fiscal year 2016-2017 budget in the City of Port Allen General Fund to recognize additional sales tax revenues in the amount of \$8,600 to cover the cost of the purchase of eight (8) new Tasers for the Police Department. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none and the public hearing was opened. Mayor Lee asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard. No one answered. Mr. Hugh Riviere then moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2 of 2017 to recognize additional sales tax revenues in the amount of \$8,600 to cover the cost of the purchase of eight (8) Tasers for the Police Department. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. There was significant discussion among the members of the City Council and Chief Brown over the Chief's request for more Tasers. Initially an amendment was offered by Mr. Garry Hubble, but it was later withdrawn. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The ordinance was adopted with a statement from Garry Hubble that he intends to seek the additional funds in the FY 2017-2018 budget for additional Tasers for the Police Department.

Mr. Hugh Riviere updated the audience on the information that has been gathered by City, Parish, and State officials regarding the noxious odors in the City on Sunday, February 5, 2017. Parish Fire Chief Kenny Hunts stated that there was no indication of a hazardous situation at any time during the event and indicated that he, along with state officials, are monitoring and investigating the source of the odor. No action was requested of nor taken by the City Council on this agenda item.

Interim City Attorney Joseph stated that there were no formal condemnation proceedings pending.

Mr. Adrian Genre stated that there was one (1) alcohol beverage license renewal pending from Jambalaya Shoppe at 245 N. Alexander Avenue, Port Allen, LA for a Class A Beer. Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to approve the license. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS; None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lee announced that Krewe of Good Friends of the Oaks Parade would be rolling on the regular parade route on Sunday, February 26, 2017 1 p.m. Mayor Lee announced that the City had been approved from a Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to replace aging water lines in the City. Mayor Lee announced that there would be a celebration of Black History Month on Sunday, February 19, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Port Allen Community Center. The celebration begins with a march from Williams and Lee Park to the Community Center for a Gospel Brunch.

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 6:50 p.m.

Richard N. Lee, III, Mayor

Audrey A. McCain, City Clerk