

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session on Wednesday, April 12, 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 Chief Brown 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

Mr. Garry Hubble moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2017. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence 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. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt a Commendation Resolution on the occasion of the retirement of Julie Rose from the West Baton Rouge Museum. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. The Clerk read the Commendation Resolution aloud. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection to the adoption of the Resolution. There was none and the motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize Chief Esdron Brown to advertise, interview and recommend the hiring of two (2) police officers as a result of vacancies on the police force. 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.

The City Council discussed the possibility of advertising and hiring an individual on a contract basis to assist the City with condemnation proceedings. After a lengthy discussion, there was no further action taken by the City Council.

Mayor Lee opened the public hearing to obtain views on the community development needs of the City of Port Allen and to discuss the submission of the City's application for funding in the FY 2018-2019 LCDBG program. Ashley Lormand of Professional Engineering Consultants explained the purpose of the public meeting and program highlights. The City Council and the audience asked questions. Mayor Lee asked if anyone else wished to be heard. No one answered and Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt a Resolution authorizing Mayor Lee to hire Professional Engineering Consultants, Inc. of Baton Rouge to guide and assist the City with its application for funding in the FY 2018-2019 LCDBG program. Mr. Brandon Brown 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.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to authorize Mayor Lee to hire Professional Engineering Consultants, Inc. of Baton Rouge to act as the City's administrative consultant for the City relative to the FY 2018-2019 LCDBG program. 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.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to authorize and direct Mayor Lee to sign the application and all other necessary documents associated with the application for funding through the FY 2018-2019 LCDBG program. 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 authorize the re-adoption of the Citizen Participation Plan of the City of Port Allen relative to the FY 2018-2019 LCDBG program. Mr. Brandon Brown 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 authorize the re-adoption of the Procurement Policy for the City of Port Allen relative to the FY 2018-2019 LCDBG program. 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, 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 rezone 1405 Court Street (Lots 128 & 129, Square 19, Cohn Subdivision) from R-3 single family residential to C-2 general commercial. 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, Hubble, Lawrence, Williams. NAYS: Riviere. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to introduce an ordinance to consider changing the rates for the City of Port Allen's water, gas and sewer minimum rates, regular usage rates, and penalty rates. The Council instructed the City Clerk to obtain information from area municipalities and local governments on their rates before the next meeting. 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. Brandon Brown moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Kirby Anderson to serve on the Port Allen Planning and Zoning Commission to replace Mr. James Altazan. 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.

Mayor Lee opened the public hearing to obtain views regarding the adoption of an ordinance to require a specific time frame for a property owner to make improvements to property that is under

consideration for condemnation proceedings by the City Council. No one signed in to speak at the hearing. Mayor Lee asked the audience if anyone wished to be heard. No one answered. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6 of 2017. Mayor Lee read the title of the ordinance. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection from the audience. 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 authorize a change in the name of the currently scheduled holiday of Washington's Birthday to be re-named President's Day. No one had signed in to speak at the hearing. Mayor Lee asked the audience if anyone wished to be heard. No one answered. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to adopt Ordinance No. 7 of 2017. Mayor Lee read the title of the ordinance. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection from the audience. 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 change the number and terms for members of the City of Port Allen Planning and Zoning Commission. No one had signed in to speak at the hearing. Mayor Lee asked the audience if anyone wished to be heard. No one answered. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 8 of 2017. Mayor Lee read the title of the ordinance. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection from the audience. 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 introduce an ordinance to add additional expenditures in the Sewer Fund for the emergency repairs recommended by the City's engineers regarding the bar screens and other repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and new pumps at the lift station by the Depot on Highway 1. Mr. Hugh Riviere 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.

Earlier in the meeting, Mayor Lee took individuals from the audience who were present to speak to the City Council regarding their candidacy for the Senate District 2 seat in an election scheduled for April with a runoff in May, if necessary. All of the candidates who had come to the meeting were allowed to address the audience and the City Council.

City Attorney Alvarez stated there were no formal condemnation proceedings pending.

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

Mayor Lee announced that the City's Live on the Levee series will begin this month with Don Rich performing on Thursday, April 20, 2017, Lil Nate performing on Thursday, April 27, 2017, and Tyree Neal performing on Thursday, May 4, 2017. The event scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> might need to be moved because of the National Day of Prayer service also scheduled for the same day. Mayor Lee announced that the Port Allen High School Annual Track Meet will be on April 13, 2017. The Easter Bash will be at William and Lee Park on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The Juneteenth Celebration will be on June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adjourn. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Richard N. Lee, III, Mayor

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Audrey A. McCain, City Clerk