

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, in the Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Chase Neyland-Square to lead the pledge of allegiance. A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to amend the posted Agenda to include an item as #10.1 to authorize additional spending in the amount of \$8,500 for the City's Christmas on Court Street event in December, 2019 and as item #10.2 to provide additional funds of \$1,500 to replace the lights on Court Street. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if anyone from the audience wished to be heard on the amendment to the posted Agenda. No one answered. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried by the unanimous consent of the members present and voting.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2019 and the Special Meeting of September 23, 2019. 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. Garry Hubble moved to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy in the matter entitled "Robert Cannon, Jr. Versus City of Port Allen Police Department, et al, #3:18-CV1061 JWD EWD, Middle District of Louisiana. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition to going into Executive Session. No one answered. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried by the unanimous vote of the members present and voting.

After about thirty minutes, Mr. Brandon Brown moved to close the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting Agenda. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition to going back to the regular meeting Agenda. No one answered. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried by the unanimous vote of the members present and voting.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to accept the recommendation of legal counsel in the matter entitled “Robert Cannon, Jr. Versus City of Port Allen Police Department, et al, #3:18-CV1061 JWD EWD, Middle District of Louisiana. 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.

Mayor Lee asked Chase Neyland Square to come up and be recognized for his outstanding achievements in creating the “Port Allen Middle School Pantry” which has gain nationwide recognition. Mayor Lee and the City Council offered him a Certificate of Achievement for his efforts.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize Chief Brown to advertise, interview and make recommendations for hiring three (3) new police officers to fill vacancies in the Port Allen Police Department. 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 recognized the developers of the newly annexed property on Court Street to answer any questions the City Council may have regarding their proposed subdivision to be called Westview Crossing. There were no questions and no further action was requested nor taken by the City Council.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to authorize spending additional funds in the amount of \$3,000 to assist with the Black History Parade in February, 2020. 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.

Mayor Lee stated that the request for a donation from the Port Allen Elementary School for its Fall Fest event was rescinded. Therefore, no action was taken by the City Council.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to authorize spending additional funds in the amount of \$8,500 to assist with the Christmas on Court Street in conjunction with the West Baton Rouge Convention and Visitors’ Bureau and the West Baton Rouge Parish Museum. 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.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved the authorize spending additional funds in the amount of \$1,500 to cover costs associated with replacing the Christmas lights on Court Street with new ones. 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.

City Attorney Alvarez conducted condemnation proceedings. He called witnesses and presented evidence to the City Council concerning property located at 1331 Avenue A and its current condition pointing out the specific ordinance violations. Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to condemn the property located at 1331 Avenue A and notify the owner that they had two (2)

