

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Ray Helen Lawrence called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Rose Roche' 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 February 8, 2017. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. Mrs. 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.

After a presentation of the renewal of healthcare benefits for City of Port Allen employees by the City's insurance agent, Claude Jarreau, and members were given an opportunity to ask questions, Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize Mayor Lee to take action on the renewal of health insurance coverage for City employees with an effective date of April 1, 2017, with the same payment ratio and plans available as the previous year and with a small scheduled increase in premiums. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mrs. Lawrence 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. Lawrence read the purpose of the public hearing and opened the public hearing. The City Clerk explained the reason for the budget adjustment requested in the ordinance and answered questions. No one from the audience had requested to speak on the agenda item. Mrs. Lawrence asked if anyone from the audience wished to be heard. No one answered and Mrs. Lawrence closed the public hearing.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved the adopt Ordinance No. 3 of 2017 to amend the current fiscal year 2016-2017 budget in the City of Port Allen Water and Gas Fund to allocate an additional \$168,000 to cover the cost of relocating the water line under the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and to cover the cost of repairs to gas lines in the Oaks Subdivision near River Road. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 3 of 2017 by title. Mrs. Lawrence 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. Garry Hubble moved to approve the recommendation of the City of Port Allen Planning and Zoning Commission to re-subdivide W/2 of Lot 4 (Burbridge Tract Subdivision) into the ESWG & the remainder of W/2 of Lot 4 located in Sections 65 & 66, T-7-S, R-12-East, S.E.L.D. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mrs. Lawrence 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.

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Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to the adopt Ordinance No. 4 of 2017 to amend the current fiscal year 2016-2017 budget in the City of Port Allen Sewer Fund to allocate an additional \$118,000 to cover salary expenses. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 4 of 2017 by title. Mrs. Lawrence 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.

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Mr. Brandon Brown moved to adopt Ordinance No. 5 of 2017 to amend the current fiscal year 2016-2017 budget in the City of Port Allen General Fund to recognize additional sales tax revenue of \$47,000, authorize moving \$10,000 in salary expense in administration to community development, and allocate these funds to the community development department within the General Fund to cover the salary and benefits of the newly appointed Director and to cover the cost of additional expenditures for the Centennial Celebration. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 5 of 2017 by title. Mrs. Lawrence asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Lawrence, Williams. NAYS: Hubble, Riviere. The ordinance was adopted.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to approve Mayor Lee's recommended changes to the City Council Committee membership. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mrs. Lawrence 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 introduce an Ordinance to make changes in the language in the Planning and Zoning Commission to reflect a smaller number of membership and terms in accordance with the policies that have been in place for a number of years. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. Mrs. Lawrence 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 stated that there were no formal condemnation proceedings pending.

Mr. Adrian Genre stated that there were no alcoholic beverage licenses pending.

Mayor Pro Tem Ray Helen Lawrence announced that there would be a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Port Allen City Hall Council Meeting Room to discuss annexation plans for areas west of the city limits. Mr. Carey Williams announced that Southern University would be hosting a Founder's Day Celebration at 9 a.m. at the F.G. Clark Activity Center on Thursday, March 9, 2017 for all elected officials who are graduates of Southern University.

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 6:04 p.m.

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Ray Helen Lawrence, Mayor Pro Tem

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Audrey A. McCain, City Clerk