

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, in the Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

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

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

Absent: None

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2019. Mr. Carey Williams 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 reject the Option A of the proposed agreement with the Cohn family on property donated to the City several years ago and further moved to authorize Mayor Lee to continue negotiating with the previous owners to determine the legal options available to the City for using this property. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. 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 reject the Option B of the proposed agreement with the Cohn family on property donated to the City several years ago and further moved to authorize Mayor Lee to continue negotiating with the previous owners to determine the legal options available to the City for using this property. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

City Council began discussing hiring part-time summer workers. Mr. Carey Williams moved to authorize Mayor Lee to hire six (6) part-time summer workers at the rate of \$7.25 per hour for up to twenty (20) hours not to begin before June 3, 2019 and to end on July 12, 2019. The City Council members stated their preference to be that the individuals hired be residents of the City of Port Allen. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. 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 authorize Mayor Lee to provide funding for the Port Allen High School Capital Campaign for the specific purpose of purchasing a mat to be hung on the wall of the gym to protect the players. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: Hubble. The motion carried. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence then moved to reconsider the vote by which the previous motion passed. Mr.

Hugh Riviere seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none. On the motion to reconsider the previous vote, a roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried. Mr. Brandon Brown the moved to authorize Mayor Lee to provide funding for the Port Allen High School Capital Campaign for the specific purpose of purchasing a mat to be hung on the wall of the gym to protect the players. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. The Municipal Clerk asked for clarification on whether the funds used for this expenditure would come from the Recreation Expenses in the Community Development Department. The Clerk was told that it is correct that this is the expense account to be used. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Lawrence, Riviere. NAYS: Hubble. ABSTAIN: Williams. Mr. Williams stated the reason for his abstention was because he currently works for the West Baton Rouge School Board and this was done in an abundance of caution.

City Attorney Alvarez stated that there were no condemnation pending at this time.

The Municipal Clerk stated that there were no alcoholic beverage permits pending.

Mayor Lee announced that there would be cleanup day on April 27th from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. and would be cleaning up Avenues A, B and C from LA 1 to 14th Street in conjunction with Keep West Baton Rouge Beautiful. Mayor Lee announced that the 42nd Annual Municipal Day at the Capital with the Louisiana Municipal Association would be on May 8th and they needed to register by April 24th if they wanted to attend. Mayor Lee announced that the LMA District Meeting would be held on June 12, 2019 at the Addis Community Center and Council members and a guest were invited to register for the meeting. Mayor Lee and Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence announced that there would be an Easter Egg Hunt at William and Lee Park on Saturday at 10 a.m. and again on Sunday at 1 p.m. Mayor Lee stated that there would be a workshop in Pineville, Louisiana on May 9, 2019 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on setting utility rates for municipalities. Please let Mayor Lee know if any Council members will be attending.

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 6:07 p.m.

s/ Richard N. Lee, III
Richard N. Lee, III, Mayor

s/ Audrey A. McCain
Audrey A. McCain, City Clerk