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## THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderpersons was held in the Courtroom at City Hall at 6:16 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2024. Mayor Betty Alford-Olive presided.

The Invocation was led by Mr. Bradford. Mr. Darry Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was as follows:

Present: Angela Tappin (District A), Charles Bradford (B), James Green (District C), Darry Green (District D), Howard Loche, (District E)

Absent: None

A moment of silence was held in the memories of Dr. Carter Cox, a long-time physician in the community, Dr. J. J. Huggins of Morehouse General Hospital, Kathleen Cupples, mother-in-law of Fire Chief Timothy Williams and for other families experiencing pain.

The Regular Meeting recessed to the Sales Tax District No. 1 at 6:19 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Angela Tappin (District A), Charles Bradford (B), James Green (District C), Darry Green (District D), Howard Loche, (District E)

Absent: None

The Mayor announced work on the roof is ongoing. She said there has been more than one change order due to the extensive damage that was found. She said she has kept the State informed about what was found. The Mayor reported the City has submitted an application to Delta Regional Authority for additional funding.

Mr. Darry Green announced the Bastrop High band director sponsoring a Water Drive for July 8-12, 2024. The contact is Mr. Gilbert Wilson. Mr. Green also announced Splash World is scheduled 12:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. at the Morehouse Activity Center Saturday, July 13, 2024. Mr. Green continued that Jubilee is scheduled August 3, 2024 at the Bastrop Municipal Center. The Outreach program, sponsored by Senator Katrina Jackson-Andrews, Representative Adrian Fisher, and Reverend Ronald Williams, is being held at Morehouse Elementary School. The Mayor said these events, and others not announced, are posted on the City website. She urged people to drop off flyers to help keep up with events.

Ms. Tappin addressed the Mayor and Council regarding a letter she received from the Mayor. She stated that she later received a call from the Legislative Auditor's Office regarding the delay in passing the budget. Other Council Members stated they had also gotten letters and calls regarding the budget.

The meeting was expanded to discuss the 2024-2025 budget on a motion by Mr. James Green, seconded by Ms. Tappin. Ms. Joann Bradford, 1320 South Washington Street commented the meeting should be expanded to discuss the 2024-2025 budget. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The rules of order of the agenda were suspended on a motion by Mr. James Green, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Ricky Allen Anderson, 514 Kammell Avenue, made comments regarding the 2024-2025 budget.

The 2024-2025 budget was rejected on a motion by Mr. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote. The Mayor asked the record to reflect the Council asked for specific headings and page numbers be added to the budget, altering the original document. She stated the City is now operating at 50 percent of last year's budget and will have to check what projects will be suspended as a result of that.

Mr. James Green asked that the record reflects the Council is not at fault the budget isn't passed. He stated at six months in, there would be a crisis to operate at 50 percent of the budget, but that right now it is not an issue. Mr. Green then engaged Attorney Jones in regard to his question about certifying the budget and Attorney Jones quoted the law.

Mr. Bradford motioned, and Ms. Tappin seconded to set a date and time to set the budget. After discussion of dates, Attorney Jones said he would inform the Council of dates set to meet. The Mayor asked the record to reflect the Legislative Auditor asked what the office could do to help and asked if meetings are recorded. The Mayor said she informed the Legislative Auditor that meetings are recorded and where to find them. She asked the record to reflect the City has been successful under difficult circumstances, notably a million-dollar sewer improvement, a half-million-dollar project for park improvements, roof improvements are ongoing and other projects. Setting the time for meeting regarding the 2024-25 budget was approved by unanimous vote.

The Finance Committee Report was accepted with Ms. Tappin's recommendation that the Finance Committee be established through ordinance on a motion by Mr. James Green, seconded by Mr. Loche, followed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance 24-4276, to authorize an act of sale by the City of Bastrop to sell adjudicated property described as Parcel 00502/001/00008: Lot 8, Block 1, Madison-Watson addition, in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202 et seq. and to authorize the Mayor of Bastrop to sign all necessary documents and to address their matters relative thereto, was adopted on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Bradford, followed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance 24-4277, to authorize an act of sale by the City of Bastrop to sell adjudicated property described as Parcel 00502/001/00007: Lot 7 of Block 1, Madison-Watson Addition, in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202 et seq. and to authorize the Mayor of Bastrop to sign all necessary documents and to address their matters relative thereto, was adopted on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Bradford, followed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance 24-4278, to authorize an act of sale by the City of Bastrop to sell adjudicated property described as Parcel 03201/003/00007: Lot 7 of Block 3 of the W.H. Todd, Sr. Subd as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 4 in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202 et seq. and to authorize the Mayor of Bastrop to sign all necessary documents and to address their matters relative thereto, was adopted on a motion by Mr. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote.

Resolution 24-2069, commending Sandra Goleman upon retirement with the City of Bastrop, was approved on a motion by Mr. Loche, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote.

Resolution 24-2071, authorizing the City of Bastrop to participate in the recent National Kroger Settlement Agreement ("Kroger National Settlement") and any future settlements with any additional defendants or other parties arising from or relating to the City of Bastrop's claims in the national opioid litigation ("Future National Settlements"), in conjunction with and pursuant to the previously agreed to Louisiana Memorandum of Understanding with the Louisiana Attorney General's Office ("Louisiana MOU"), was approved on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Loche, followed by a unanimous vote.

Discussion/Action allowing permission to advertise for bids for repairs on McFee Bridge was tabled by the Mayor until completion of the budget. During the discussion, Ms. Tappin left the meeting at 7:57 p.m. and returned at 7:59 p.m. Mr. James Green asked that the record

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THE SPECIAL MEETING SALES TAX DISTRICT NO.1

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The meeting of the Sales Tax District No. 1 of the City of Bastrop, Louisiana was held on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 6:16 p.m. in the courtroom at City Hall. President Betty Alford-Olive presided.

Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Angela Moore, Charles Bradford, James Green, Darry Green, and Howard Loche

Absent: None

Five members were present and due notice was published.

Minutes of the June 27, 2024 meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Loche, followed by a vote of 4-1. Mr. Bradford voted no.

Resolution 24-2070 (BST 135), authorizing the issuance of five million five hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$5,580,0000) of Street Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2024, of the Sales Tax District No. 1 of the City of Bastrop, Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of such bonds and providing for the payment thereof; authorizing an agreement with the paying agent; and providing for other matters in connection therewith, was approved on a motion by Mr. Bradford seconded by Mr. Loche, followed by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m. on a motion by Mr. James Green, seconded by Mr. Bradford, followed by a unanimous vote.

  
BETTY ALFORD-OLIVE, PRESIDENT