THE SPECIAL MEETING SALES TAX DISTRICT NO.1

The meeting of the Sales Tax District No. 1 of the City of Bastrop, Louisiana was held on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 5:47 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 December 14, 2023 meeting were tabled for corrections on a motion by Mr. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Bradford, followed by a unanimous vote.

BETTY/ALFORD-OLIVE, PRESIDENT

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS

The special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderpersons was held in the Courtroom at City Hall 5:44 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2024. Mayor Betty Alford-Olive presided.

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

Roll call was as follows:

Present:

Angela Moore, (District A), Charles Bradford (B), James Green (District C)

Darry Green (District D), Howard Loche (District E)

Absent:

None

The Mayor postponed announcements until the regular meeting.

The meeting recessed to enter into the Sales Tax District No. 1 Meeting at 5:47 p.m.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 5:53 p.m.

Roll Call was as follows:

Present:

Angela Moore, (District A), Charles Bradford (B), James Green (District C)

Darry Green (District D), Howard Loche (District E)

Absent:

None

The Mayor opened the meeting to discuss the General Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. The Council expressed concerns about revising the previous budget and adopting it at the same time. Attorney Jones explained the Council could introduce the resolution in one meeting and adopt it in a separate meeting. Ms. Tappin requested the line items be revised separately from the new budget. Mr. D. Green expressed the Council needed to know what the revised budget is before adopting a new one.

Mr. Loche requested to know if the City received any revenue from the new solar farm. The Mayor asked that a note be made for further review.

Mr. Bradford stated that all cities are required to fund 100% of the City Marshal budget and should be reimbursed. The Mayor stated that the Marshal has a budget that is supplemented by the City. Attorney Jones advised that the matter will be considered when it goes into effect. The Mayor stated it would be saved for another time.

Mr. J. Green requested a comparison of last year's budget to what was spent and what was returned to the general fund.

Ms. Tappin expressed her concerns no one asked before spending, indicating her belief the for approval. Attorney Jones stated that it would be a line-by-line item and that the budget was the cap. He said that if it becomes known that the budget is running over, it must be amended. Attorney Jones recommended the Council review and amend the budget approximately halfway through the fiscal year.

Mr. J. Green requested a breakdown of the Police Department's shifts and the associated budgets. The Mayor requested a note be made for further review.

Mr. Bradford requested the pages be numbered and show descriptions on each page of the budget document. Attorney Jones stated that it was not a legal requirement, but that he, too, found page numbers helpful. Mayor stated the final draft would be in a different form.

Mr. J. Green requested supervisors provide a breakdown of their original budget and their actual cost. The Mayor indicated it would appropriate to provide a written report in accordance with the Charter. J. Green requested to have the supervisors provide the written report as early as possible. Mayor stated that the written reports would be included in Council packets.

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m. on a motion by Mr. J. Green, seconded by Mr. Loche, followed by a unanimous vote.

Ditty Offsel-Olive, MAYOR