

CITY OF OPELOUSAS
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 13, 2021

The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 13th day of July 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic mandates for social distancing and limited occupancy requirements, the meeting was open to limited general public and was **LIVE-STREAMED ON THE WWW.CITYOFOPELOUSAS.COM website.**

With Mayor Julius Alsandor presiding, the meeting was called to order.

Mayor Alsandor requested the Clerk to call the roll and the following Council members were PRESENT: Marvin Richard, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis. ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

A moment of silent meditation was observed. Pastor Bonji Arvie, St. James Missionary Baptist Church, Opelousas, Louisiana, led the prayer.

Former Technical Sergeant Bill Rodier, an 8-year Air Force veteran now serving as Executive Director of the St. Landry Parish Economic Development District, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis and Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to APPROVE the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 06/08/2021. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to APPROVE the following change: under the NEW BUSINESS Section, CORRECTING Item No. 18(f), “(Abandoned Asbestos Siding) should (Abandoned Mobile Home)” and ADOPT the agenda as documented with the changes. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, and Marvin Richard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

- **Three-minute recess for submission of public comments/questions.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Reading of Public Comments/Questions, if any. No comments were submitted online or by email.
- Presentation of Louisiana Streauxs 9U Baseball Team—In appreciation for Coaches and parents investing in our local youth through the game of baseball. Winners of 16 of their last 17 games and being a finalist in the 2021 2D World Series, Broussard, Louisiana. Head Coach – Travis Gallow; Asst. Coaches – Perry Gallow and Matt Nugent.
- COVID-19 Update from Opelousas General Health Systems (OGHS) representative. No representative was present.
- Updates/Presentations by Mayor Julius Alsandor: Mayor Alsandor gave a brief presentation regarding debris/trash on the city streets. He stated that we cannot continue to trash our city. He stated that the city does not have the manpower or equipment to clean the streets every day or even twice a month. Everyone will have to do better to keep our city clean. We are a part He stated that no community can avoid flooding with the types of rain we have been receiving in the short periods of time we have been receiving them. Flooding is sustained if we continue to trash our streets. Mayor Alsandor read Ordinance 9 of 2010 of the Code of Ordinances relating to littering as it pertains to debris, grass clippings, litter being placed in the streets. He encouraged the citizens not to dump their trash in the streets but to take those large items to the landfill.

REPORTS

Review Monthly Finances. Mr. Stephen Woods gave a brief summary of the month end financial report and reminded the Council that there will be a public hearing next month to amend the current fiscal budget and adopt the upcoming proposed fiscal budget. On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, it was resolved to accept the Monthly Finance Report as presented by Mr. Stephen Woods. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Marvin Richard, and Floyd Ford.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chasity Davis (*stepped out*) and Milton Batiste III.

Engineer’s Monthly Report. Mr. William Jarrell was not in attendance. A copy of the Engineer’s Monthly Report was provided to the Council members. Mr. Purvis Morrison gave the following updates:

- (a) Road project finally got accepted through Facility Planning and it will be going out for bid in the next 30 days.
- (b) Water Meter project was accepted and will be getting started in the next few months to change about half of the water meters in this phase and the rest in the next phase.
- (c) CDBG – the City will receive \$1.8 million in funding – bid process has been started and 21 sewer pump stations will be repaired.

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Aldermen Charles Cummings and Floyd Ford, it was resolved to accept the Engineer’s Monthly Report as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, Floyd Ford, and Charles Cummings.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

City Attorney’s Report. Attorney Travis Broussard stated that he had no report. He will take care of his business during the Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

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OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Alsandor stated that Chief McLendon requested that the personnel item be moved up on the agenda. Mayor Alsandor asked the Council if they had any objection to moving the item to before the New Business Section. No objections from the Council.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to approve the **Promotion** of Meddrick Pickens from Permanent Police Officer First Class to Probational Sergeant, effective 07/11/2021.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratify the cooperative agreement with Evangeline State Bank to open a non-interest bearing checking account for the City of Opelousas. Mayor Alsandor invited Mr. Purvis Morrison to provide a presentation regarding this item and that it would answer a question that was inquired about by Alderman Cummings but also provide information to the public, both to those who are present and those who are watching on social media. He also invited Ms. Candace Papillion with Evangeline State Bank to come up. Mr. Morrison stated that this funding is the ARP money— American Rescue Plan money that we're supposed to be receiving from the Feds. We were on some Zoom calls—some different—many, many meetings. It is federal funds and they're requiring us to go in a non-interest bearing account because they want this money spent quickly. They're not encouraging communities to hold on to this money. I mean, it's not nothing new because that happens with LCDBG; it happens with some of the grants that we receive. We have to put them in the area that we cannot draw interest on them. One of the biggest things about this money when it came down to us, if we remember in Washington, they wanted to make sure we didn't pay our retirements with it; they wanted to make sure we didn't pay any debt with it; they wanted to make sure it was new projects that's hitting the ground so they're encouraging us to put it—well not encouraging—that's part of the mandate—that you cannot put it in an interest-bearing account. Because the money—you can hold the money all the way until 2026 before spending it. So they don't want communities to hold on to it. They want to put it in the community as quick as possible so you can do projects. So that's why under the advisement of LMA and reading all of the documents and going through all of the Zoom calls and everything that we have to open up a non-bearing interest account. At this time, Ms. Papillion gave some further information on the account. She stated that the account was opened up June 21st, 2021—a non-bearing checking account. Mr. Morrison stated that the City should be receiving funds in the next 30 days. He stated that just today they submitted all of the forms the Mayor had to sign. They are going to scan those things in and make sure those things are correct and then they will give the City authorization to put our routing numbers and everything in so they can start to give us the money. So we are anticipating in the next 30 days that we should have half of the total funding. Mayor Alsandor pointed out the City will be receiving the funding in two installments and that Mr. Purvis stated that they had contacted LMA but also the main directive came from the state Treasury Department. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to ratify the cooperative agreement with Evangeline State Bank to open a non-interest bearing checking account for the City of Opelousas. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

Discuss request for CONDITIONAL USE approval for property located in a C-1 (COMMERCIAL 1) ZONE located at 529 S. Union Street to construct, operate and maintenance of a Telecommunications - Class III facility and also requesting a VARIANCE approval for maximum front lot setback and height in the C-1 (COMMERCIAL 1) ZONE (John Clifford Mills – AT&T). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 07/12/2021 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to APPROVE the request for CONDITIONAL USE approval for property located in a C-1 (COMMERCIAL 1) ZONE located at 529 S. Union Street to construct, operate and maintenance of a Telecommunications - Class III facility and also requesting a VARIANCE approval for maximum front lot setback and height in the C-1 (COMMERCIAL 1) ZONE (John Clifford Mills – AT&T).

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, and Marvin Richard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to grant authority to advertise for bids for Off-Site Gasoline/Diesel Fuel Two Card System. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, and Floyd Ford.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, it was resolved to grant authority to advertise for a PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERATION OF CONDEMNATION/DEMOLITION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES:

- (a) Norma Jean Lewis Bolton, Usufruct Samuel Lewis, 614 Sherwood Street (Abandoned Brick Veneer House)
- (b) Mervin & Philonese Dunbar Washington, 1502 E. Duson Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structures)
- (c) St. Landry Parish Police Jury, George Kipling Manuel ETALS T/S, 1523 W. Blanchard Street (Abandoned Asbestos Siding)
- (d) Bessie Lee Williams, C/O Patricia Dixon, 1724 Bossier Street (Burned Wood Frame House)

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, Floyd Ford, and Charles Cummings.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021.

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES
AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas desires to amend the budget of revenues and expenditures adopted by the City of Opelousas in August 2020 as set out in the document attached to this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Opelousas, in legal session convened, that the budget of revenues and expenditures adopted by the City Council in summer 2019 for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2020 and ending August 31, 2021, shall be and is amended as set out in the document attached to this ordinance.

Said Ordinance was introduced by councilmember Charles Cummings on the 13th day of July 2021.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2022.

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES
AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2022

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act requires the City of Opelousas to adopt an annual budget of revenues and expenditures on or before August 31, 2021;

WHEREAS, the proposed budget must be accompanied by a budget adoption instrument;

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas desires to adopt the budget of revenues and expenditures proposed by the Mayor of the Municipality, Julius Alsandor, and attached to this Ordinance (the "Budget Ordinance");

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Opelousas (the "City Council") held on July 13, 2021, this Budget Ordinance was introduced by councilmember Sherell Roberts pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 33:406(B)(1)(2); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 33:406(B)(2), a public hearing on the Budget Ordinance was held prior to final adoption, and notice was appropriately run as required by the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Opelousas, in legal session convened, that the budget of revenues and expenditures proposed by the Mayor of the Municipality, Julius Alsandor, and attached to this Budget Ordinance be and is hereby adopted by the governing authority of the City of Opelousas.

The referenced Budget is available for public inspection at City of Opelousas Municipal office, 105 N. Main Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (except holidays).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MASTER PLAN.

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF
THE OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Opelousas Downtown Development District ("ODDD") was established in 2017 to build leadership and serve as the catalyst for economic growth and development in Downtown Opelousas; to encourage cooperation and collaboration by advancing a positive image of downtown; and to plan and develop the designated commercial district to its potential, through economic development and historic preservation;

WHEREAS, the ODDD established priority actions to improve and enhance pedestrian and bicycle accessibility within and into the downtown area; improve and enhance lighting and security through downtown corridor arteries; improve and enhance the aesthetic appearance of the downtown corridor arteries; identify and advocate for 1-2 anchor building redevelopment projects in the downtown core; spearhead the completion of a long-term downtown strategic growth plan and improve and enhance Broadband infrastructure and capacity;

WHEREAS, the ODDD determined a need for a unified vision and master plan for the District to achieve this mission and priorities;

WHEREAS, the ODDD entered into a Planning Services Agreement with the Center for Planning Excellence in order to perform research, planning, analysis, outreach and engagement, and preparation of a vision, long-term plan and implementation strategy for the District;

WHEREAS, the ODDD conducted extensive outreach and engagement activities throughout the planning process to ensure that Opelousas residents' voices are included in the Plan;

WHEREAS, the Plan sets the vision for the future of downtown Opelousas based on guiding principles that reflect residents' core values, and sets out recommendations that should be implemented across the entire District over the course of as many as 20 years;

WHEREAS, the recommendations of the Plan reflect the input of many Opelousas residents and business owners who attended public meetings of the ODDD;

WHEREAS, as implemented, the ODDD advises that the results of these recommendations will create a vibrant downtown;

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2021 the ODDD Board adopted the Opelousas Downtown Master Plan to guide development and investment in the District;

WHEREAS, to further the mission, the ODDD requested that the governing authority of the City of Opelousas express its support for the Plan, and adopt the Plan in its entirety;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was proposed to the governing authority of the City of Opelousas for the purpose of considering public support for the Plan, and adopting the Plan;

WHEREAS, the Ordinance was introduced by councilmember Charles Cummings on the 13th day of July, 2021, at a public meeting of the city council;

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World*, a Public Hearing was opened at 6:19 p.m. for consideration of condemnation/demolition of the following properties:

- (a) Corina Reed, C/O Curley Kelly, 739 Melancon Street (Abandoned House)
Recommendation of condemnation for demolition.
- (b) Peggy Sue Vories & Verna Elizabeth Anderson, C/O Carrie Williams, 1302 E. Truman Street (Abandoned Mobile Home)
Recommendation of condemnation for demolition.
- (c) Opelousas City of, Sustain Hall ETALS, 1619 Caddo Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
Recommendation of condemnation for demolition.
- (d) Frances E. Dunbar, C/O Lena Dunbar, 426 Arkansas (Abandoned Mobile Home)
Per Margaret Doucet, this item should have been listed as an Abandoned House. Per Attorney Broussard—recommendation is to table this item for follow-up.
- (e) St. Landry Parish Police Jury, Alton Ramer T/S, 1513 W. Blanchard Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
Per Margaret Doucet, this item should have been listed as an Abandoned Mobile Home. Per Attorney Broussard—recommendation is to table this item for follow-up.
- (f) St. Landry Parish Police Jury, George Kipling Manuel ETALS T/S, 1517 W. Blanchard Street (Abandoned Asbestos Siding)
Per Margaret Doucet, this item should have been listed as an Abandoned Mobile Home. Per Attorney Broussard—recommendation is to table this item for follow-up.
- (g) Hinder Cooper & Robert Albert, C/O Carolyn Joseph, 814 Sunset Drive (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
Recommendation of condemnation for demolition.
- (h) Emily & Her Children Trust & EH Hart Property Class Trust ETALS, 1731 W. Blanchard Street (Abandoned Mobile Home)
Per Margaret Doucet, this mobile home has already been demolished. Per Attorney Broussard—recommendation is to table this item as moot.
- (i) Andrew Semien, 400 Block of Colorado Avenue (2 Abandoned Mobile Homes)
Recommendation of condemnation for demolition.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:51 p.m.

The motions on the aforementioned properties were as follows:

- (a) On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, it was resolved to accept the recommendation of condemnation for demolition. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:
YEAS: Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.
- (b) On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to accept the recommendation of condemnation for demolition. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:
YEAS: Marvin Richard, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.
- (c) On a motion by Alderman Floyd Ford and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to accept the recommendation of condemnation for demolition. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:
YEAS: Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, and Marvin Richard.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.
- (d)(e)(f) On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to accept the recommendation to table items (d), (e), and (f) for follow-up. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:
YEAS: Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, and Floyd Ford.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.
- (g) On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to accept the recommendation of condemnation for demolition. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:
YEAS: Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, Floyd Ford, and Charles Cummings.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.
- (h) On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to accept the recommendation to table this item as moot. No further action needed. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:
YEAS: Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.
- (i) On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to accept the recommendation of condemnation for demolition. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:
YEAS: Marvin Richard, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

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RESOLUTIONS

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020.

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 09 OF 2021

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE LOUISIANA

MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Opelousas informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the following actions were taken by the Opelousas Board of Aldermen:

1. Reviewed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report which is attached to this Resolution.
2. Set forth the following actions necessary to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit, number LA 0036404:
 - a. ALL OPERATORS WILL BE SENT TO CLASS TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION.
 - b. MONITOR OVERFLOWS IN COLLECTION SYSTEM.
 - c. REPLACE LIFT STATION PUMPS AS NEEDED.

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on this 13th day of July, 2021, following a roll call vote:

YEAS: Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, and Marvin Richard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR

ADOPT A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS ALONG WITH ADOPTING CERTAIN POLICIES, PLANS & PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION WITH THE FY 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

The following Resolution was offered by Alderman Marvin Richard, seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford and carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 10 OF 2021

A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS ALONG WITH ADOPTING CERTAIN POLICIES, PLANS & PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION WITH THE FY 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR A SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas has been awarded a Fiscal Year 2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$1,852,650.00 to upgrade twenty-eight sewer pump stations in the City; and

WHEREAS, the federal Community Development Block Grant Program which is administered by the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development involves a significant amount of documentation, reporting, along with compliance with other federal regulations, statutes, and procedures; and

WHEREAS, for this Community Development Block Grant Program and any future Community Development Block Grant Programs, the City of Opelousas desires to comply with these requirements, statutes and procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas that Mayor Julius Alsandor is hereby authorized to sign and submit the Contract Agreement with the Louisiana Division of Administration, any amendments or extensions thereof, the environmental review record and all necessary documents, all of the necessary reports, studies, plans, certifications, assurances, contracts, change orders, requests for information and any other documents required in connection with this Fiscal Year 2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby appointed to coordinate the Section 504 efforts and act as the Accessibility Compliance Officer and perform all necessary tasks as associated with this position and that the attached Section 504 Policy Statement which includes Complaint Procedures for Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act adopted on June 12, 2018 is still in effect for this and any other active Community Development Block Grant Programs and shall remain in effect for future Community Development Block Grant Programs until amended by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby appointed as the Antidisplacement/Relocation Officer and that the attached Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan is hereby adopted for this and any other active Community Development Block Grant Programs and shall remain in effect for future Community Development Block Grant Programs until amended by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas.

YEAS: Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, and Floyd Ford.


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III

THEREUPON, the above Resolution was duly adopted.

CERTIFICATE

I, Leisa Anderson, City Clerk of the City of Opelousas, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, on July 13, 2021, at which meeting a quorum was present.


LEISA ANDERSON
CITY CLERK
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- Guns Down/Power Up will host a "Stop the Violence Rally" on 07/31/2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the Phillips Street Park.
- The North City Park Pool is now open to the public and free swimming lessons will be offered and sponsored by Big Brown Foundation. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 337-948-2562 for more information.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings, seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go into Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. to discuss the following matters:

- ***Discuss settlement proposal received in Patrick Johnson versus City of Opelousas, suit no. 15-C-0503-A, 27th Judicial District Court, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.***
- ***Discuss settlement proposal received in Keyania Freeman v. City of Opelousas, suit no. 20-C-0605-C, 27th Judicial District Court, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.***

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings, seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis and unanimously carried, it was resolved to return to Regular Session at 7:33 p.m.

The following actions were taken regarding these items:

- ***Discuss settlement proposal received in Patrick Johnson versus City of Opelousas, suit no. 15-C-0503-A, 27th Judicial District Court, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. Claimant is requesting a settlement amount of \$70,000.00. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, it was resolved to offer a settlement amount of \$30,000.00 to be presented by Attorney Travis Broussard to the Claimant Patrick Johnson. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:***
YEAS: Marvin Richard, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.
- ***Discuss settlement proposal received in Keyania Freeman v. City of Opelousas, suit no. 20-C-0605-C, 27th Judicial District Court, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. Claimant is requesting a settlement amount of \$1,000.00. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to decline the claimant's offer to settle for \$1,000.00. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:***
YEAS: Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, and Marvin Richard.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Aldermen Marvin Richard and Charles Cummings, seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK



MAYOR