

CITY OF OPELOUSAS
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2022

The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 13th day of December 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was also **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, Milton Batiste III, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis-Warren. ABSENT: District B representative due to vacancy created by Floyd Ford's resignation.

A moment of silent meditation was observed. Pastor Joel Greene, Jr. and Mr. Deontre Mallet were not in attendance. Interim Fire Chief Richard Joseph led the Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III, it was resolved to APPROVE the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 11/08/2022. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis-Warren.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: District B (*due to vacancy*).

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, it was resolved to approve the following changes to the agenda:

UNDER THE ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION

- ADDING "Presentation by Alderwoman Chasity Davis-Warren" at the end of the meeting.

UNDER THE NEW BUSINESS SECTION

- ❖ CORRECTING Item No. 16, "Presentation by the Opelousas Downtown Development District Recommending City of Opelousas enter a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with SUNCHDO organization to redevelop the New Life Center" should read "Presentation by the Opelousas Downtown Development District Recommending City of Opelousas enter a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Maison des Chambers Corporation to redevelop the New Life Center".

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Milton Batiste III, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis-Warren, and Marvin Richard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: District B due to vacancy.

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to ADOPT the agenda with the approved changes. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Milton Batiste III, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis-Warren, and Marvin Richard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: District B (*due to vacancy*).

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- COVID-19 Update from Opelousas General Health Systems (OGHS).

- The numbers are tracking favorably for the region
 - Hospital is encouraging vaccinations, especially the flu vaccine
 - Isolate/staying away from others when not feeling well

- Announcements from Ms. Patrice Melnick regarding upcoming museum events.

Ms. Melnick announced the following events/activities taking place at the Opelousas Museum and Interpretive Center:

- ❖ *The Museum recently received a grant from the Jazz and Heritage Foundation to help with installation of the forthcoming "Still Rising: Free People of Color in St. Landry Parish from 1700 to the Present" Exhibit which will be available in March 30, 2023.*
- ❖ *The Museum recently had an Art Show featuring two talented artists, Ke'Shawn Collins and Ilea McGee. Their exhibits are still up at the Museum until January 31, 2023.*
- ❖ *The Museum will host an Interfaith Program on January 19, 2023 entitled "An Imam, a Priest and a Rabbi walk into a Museum". As spring approaches and you prepare to celebrate religious holidays, have you ever been curious about how others celebrate? Three Abrahamic religions coexist in the Opelousas area: Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. The Opelousas Museum and Interpretive Center presents an interfaith program with a panel of religious leaders discussing rituals and beliefs related to Ramadan/Eid al-Fitr, Passover and Easter. Visitors are encouraged to bring refreshments that reflect their own cultural traditions. This program provides an opportunity to build cross cultural understanding and fellowship. There will also be time for questions and informal conversation. Featured speakers are Dr. Ghayas Qureshi of the Islamic Center of Lafayette, Father Justin Arockiasamy, S.V.D. of Holy Ghost Church and Rabbi Sarah Smiley of Unified Jewish Congregation of Baton Rouge. The program will be moderated by Professor Michael Alleman of LSUE. FMI: Patrice Melnick 337-948-2589; museum@cityofopelousas.com*

- Presentation from Mr. Scott Roy with Opelousas Fire Department to bring awareness to the citizens of Opelousas.

Firefighter Scott Roy gave the following presentation: Opelousas firefighters are again asking elected city officials to provide enough revenue for annual pay raises and that they say will also elevate the salaries of individuals wanting to join the department. Lieutenant Scott Roy told the Board of Aldermen Tuesday night that his current pay scale hasn't changed since he became a fireman 15 years ago. Lt. Roy stated, "Since that time a number of guys have left the department to pursue more pay somewhere else. Right now there is no one applying for jobs to replace those who have left". At this time, Lt. Roy pointed out that the Opelousas fire stations are shorthanded and overworked due to the low entrance level salaries and firefighters that he once worked with him have left the city to work for departments in other municipalities. Lt. Roy stated that firefighters who work in Port Barre, Eunice and Carencro are paid higher wages than those employed in Opelousas. Mr. Daniel Saucier, one of several firefighters who attended the meeting, said beginning firefighters in Opelousas are paid \$9.50 an hour. That hourly wage Saucier said provides starting firefighters with \$22,000 annually in gross pay. Lt. Roy told the Board that at some Opelousas fast food restaurants, beginning employees are paid \$10 an hour. Fire Chief Richard Joseph told the Board that he and workers in the department plan to make larger presentations than the one made during the Tuesday night meeting. Alderman Milton Batiste III said he understands the request made by the firefighters, but he said there is a question of whether the city can afford to provide increases at this time. Batiste stated, "It all comes down to (financial) numbers. This is not the first time that (the fire department) has come to us, but we also have to look at (city finances)". Lt. Roy pointed out that having a department that lacks sufficiently trained personnel could eventually lead to the city losing its current fire rating. Lt. Roy added that the city is on the verge of doing that right now and if something is not done, sooner or later the insurance rates are going to go up for the citizens. He stated, "We are coming to you right now because we don't know what else to do". No action was taken at this time.

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- Updates/Presentations from Mayor Julius Alsandor. *None.*
- Reading of Public Comments/Questions, if any. *No comments or questions.*

REPORTS

Review Monthly Finances. Mr. Stephen Woods gave a financial update for the period covering November 2022 and stated that they are through the first quarter of the new fiscal year. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis-Warren, it was resolved to accept the Financial Report as presented for the period of November 2022. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis-Warren, Marvin Richard, and Milton Batiste III.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: District B (*due to vacancy*).

Engineer's Monthly Report. A copy of the Engineer's Monthly Status Report was provided to the Council members. Mr. Jarrell stated that next month he will change the format of the report to add a little more detail for the Council. He stated that last month the City received bids on three different projects. He has submitted his recommendation of award for those projects and these items will be handled later on the agenda. On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis-Warren, 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-Warren, Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, and Charles Cummings.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: District B due to vacancy.

City Attorney's Report. Attorney Travis Broussard had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III, it was resolved to approve Contract Change Order No. 4 (Final) in the increase amount of \$109,843.32 for adjustment of final contract quantities and the addition of Item Nos. CO 4-1 thru CO 4-3. This change order is for Citywide Street Improvements Project, FP&C Project No. 50-MM6-20-02, MGA Project S#539 (Contractor: Prairie Contractors, LLC). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Chasity Davis-Warren, Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: District B (*due to vacancy*).

On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, it was resolved to accept the Citywide Street Improvements Project, MGA Project S#539, as substantially complete. (Contractor: Prairie Contractors, LLC). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis-Warren.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: District B (*due to vacancy*).

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to award contract for the Water System Improvements (Relocation of Waterlines and Rehabilitation of Ground Storage Tank), FP&C Project No. 50-MM6-20-01, MGA Project W#302, to Allen & Leblanc, LLC in the amount of \$816,030.00 subject to approval from Facility Planning & Control (FP&C). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Milton Batiste III, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis-Warren, and Marvin Richard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: District B (*due to vacancy*).

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III, it was resolved to award contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, MGA Project STP#85, to Trek, Inc., in the amount of \$2,770,046.00. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis-Warren, Marvin Richard, and Milton Batiste III.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: District B (*due to vacancy*).

On a motion by Alderwoman Chasity-Davis-Warren and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to award contract for the Water and Sewer Improvements (Extensions to Serve Chic-fil-a), MGA Project BLDG#310, to E. B. Feucht & Sons, LLC in the amount of \$198,875.00. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis-Warren, Marvin Richard, and Charles Cummings.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: District B (*due to vacancy*) and Milton Batiste III (*stepped out*).

Presentation by the Opelousas Downtown Development District Recommending City of Opelousas enter a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Maison des Chambers Corporation to redevelop the New Life Center. After a presentation by Ms. Lena Charles, Opelousas Downtown Development District (ODDD) representative, it was determined by the City Attorney that this was a discussion only item and that no action would be taken at this meeting. This matter will be presented again at next month's meeting to allow the Council time to review and make changes to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and then present a resolution to consider adoption of the final CEA. No action needed at this time.

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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

This Ordinance was introduced by Council Member Sherell Roberts at a public meeting on December 13, 2022. A public hearing was lawfully advertised and held on _____. Thereafter, on Motion of Councilmember _____ and Second by Councilmember _____, it was offered for final adoption, and the following vote was recorded:

Yay:

Nay:

Absent:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the city council of the City of Opelousas, that the following provisions applicable to Mobile Food Vendors are hereby imposed in the City of Opelousas:

**CHAPTER 6
MOBILE FOOD VENDORS**

Section 1. Purpose and Intent.

The City of Opelousas desires to regulate Mobile Food Vendors throughout the City to provide for the health and safety of its citizens. This Ordinance shall apply to all Mobile Food Vendors in the City of Opelousas, and it shall be effective upon signature by the Mayor.

Section 2. Definitions.

“City” means the corporate limits of the City of Opelousas.

“Mobile Food Establishment” means a food service establishment that is vehicle-mounted or wheeled and is capable of being readily movable, and is commonly referred to as a Mobile Food Truck or Trailer.

“Mobile Food Vendor” means anyone who operates a Mobile Food Establishment.

“Special events” means organized special events or activities sponsored by government organizations, or large events substantially supported by local government and police and/or fire personnel, including but not limited to, the Holy Ghost Creole Festival and other events as determined by the City Council.

Section 3. Permits.

Section 3-1. Application.

(a) All Mobile Food Vendors who desire to operate a Mobile Food Establishment in the City shall apply for a Permit annually.

(b) The following shall accompany each application for a Permit:

1. A principal address at which the Mobile Food Vendor may receive mail related to the operation of the Mobile Food Establishment;
2. Documentary evidence of the applicant’s registration with the St. Landry Parish School Board Sales Tax Division;
3. Proof of Good Standing with the Louisiana Secretary of State for all corporations and unincorporated associations, including but not limited to limited liability companies;
4. Proof of Commercial General Liability Insurance Coverage with coverage in an amount not less than \$200,000.00;
5. Proof of current registration of the Mobile Food Establishment with the Louisiana Department of Motor Vehicles;
6. Proof of permit to operate received from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals;
7. Social Security or Tax Identification Number for the Applicant;
8. Proof of the dimensions of the Mobile Food Establishment; and
9. Proof of ownership or lease of the property at which the Mobile Food Establishment will be operated.

Section 3-2. Permit Application Fee.

A fee of \$300.00 shall be paid prior to acceptance of any applications for a Permit.

Section 3-3. Duration of Permit.

Permits shall be valid from the date of issuance until December 31 of the calendar year in which the Permit has been issued unless terminated sooner by the City for good cause.

Section 3-4. Failure to Renew a Permit.

If a Mobile Food Vendor fails to apply for a Permit within thirty (30) days of expiration of any validly issued Permit, a fee of \$100.00 shall be paid in addition to the permit application fee required by Section 3-2.

Section 3-5. Display of Permit.

All Permits issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall be prominently displayed in a conspicuous place at the Mobile Food Establishment and shall remain so displayed for so long as the Mobile Food Vendor operates the Mobile Food Establishment. The Permit shall be produced and handed over immediately upon request of a law enforcement officer or employee of the Code Enforcement Department of the City.

Section 3-6. Permit Invalidity.

Permits issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall not be valid during the time and location of any special events.

Section 4. Restrictions on Operation.

Section 4-1. Hours of Operation.

Mobile Food Establishments are permitted to operate during the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. They shall remain closed at all other times.

Section 4-2. Historic District.

If operating within the Historic District, Mobile Food Establishments must be moved daily.

Section 4-3. Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited.

The sale of alcoholic beverages at Mobile Food Establishments is prohibited.

Section 4-4. Sale of Goods Other than Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited.

The sale of any goods other than food and non-alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

Section 4-5. Size Restrictions.

No Mobile Food Establishment shall exceed twenty-seven (27) feet in length and eight (8) feet in width.

Section 4-6. Operation on Property Owned or Leased.

Mobile Food Establishments shall be operated on property owned or leased by the Mobile Food Vendor.

Section 4-7. Observance of Federal, State and Local Laws.

Mobile Food Vendors shall observe all federal, state and local laws when operating the Mobile Food Establishment. Under no circumstances shall any Mobile Food Establishment obstruct any public or private sidewalk or street.

No item related to operation of the Mobile Food Establishment shall be placed on any street, sidewalk, public place, or anywhere other than in or on the Mobile Food Establishment.

Section 5. Violations.

Section 5.1. Civil Fines and Penalties.

Any person found to have violated any provision of this Article shall be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense. In the event a Mobile Food Establishment is given written notice regarding any violation of this Ordinance, each day that the Violation(s) continue, after the time for compliance, if any, has expired, shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 5.2. Lien and Privilege

City of Opelousas shall have a lien and privilege against the immovable property in, on, or upon which Violation(s) have occurred. The lien and privilege shall secure all fines, fees, costs, and penalties that are assessed by the Code Enforcement Department.

Section 6. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Article is, for any reason, held unconstitutional or invalid, such decision or holding will not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof. It being the intent of the City Council to enact each section and portion thereof, individually and each such section will stand alone, if necessary, and be in force not with the validity of any other division, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of these regulations.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

No Hearings for Consideration.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

No Ordinances to Adopt.

RESOLUTIONS

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021.

On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 33 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION ENVIRONMENTAL
AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021

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. REPLACE AND REPAIR PARTS AND PUMPS IN COLLECTION SYSTEM.
 - b. WASTEWATER PLANT OPERATORS WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON CERTIFICATION.
 - c. COLLECTION SYSTEM WILL CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED FOR OVERFLOWS.
 - d. TREATMENT PLANT WILL MAKE NECESSARY REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT ON MACHINERY, ETC.

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on this 13th day of December, 2022, following a roll call vote:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis-Warren.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: District B (*due to vacancy*).

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR

ADOPT A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PURCHASE OF SECURITY CAMERAS FOR \$140,000.00 USING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN.

RESOLUTION NO. 34 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PURCHASE OF SECURITY CAMERAS FOR \$140,000.00
USING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Opelousas Police Department has entered an agreement with American Integration Contractors, LLC for the purchase of citywide surveillance cameras;

WHEREAS, to complete the purchase, American Integration Contractors, LLC sent City of Opelousas Invoice number 14671 in the amount of \$115,208.88, and Invoice number 14943 in the amount of \$24,030.00;

WHEREAS, City of Opelousas has funds on hand from the American Rescue Plan to advance the funds necessary to complete the purchase;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 170 of the 2022 legislative session, the funds advanced from the American Rescue Plan will be reimbursed upon receipt of \$140,000.00 ear marked for the purchase by the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, on motion of council member Marvin Richard and second by council member Milton Batiste III, this resolution was offered for adoption at a lawful public meeting on December 13, 2022, and the following vote was recorded:

Yea: Milton Batiste III, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis-Warren, and Marvin Richard.

Nay: None.

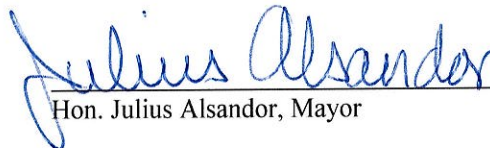
Absent: District B (*due to vacancy*).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City of Opelousas is authorized to pay Invoice numbers 14671 and 14943 provided the funds used to advance the purchase are reimbursed upon receipt of funds from the State of Louisiana through Act 170.

Opelousas, Louisiana this 13th day of December, 2022.

Attest:


Leisa Anderson, City Clerk


Hon. Julius Alsandor, Mayor

PERSONNEL ITEMS

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III, it was resolved to approve the following personnel items:

- ❖ Approve Police Records Clerk Dana Castille's Termination of Sick Leave, effective 11/28/2022.
- ❖ Approve Permanent Police Sergeant Loretta Etienne's Termination of Sick Leave, effective 12/06/2022.
- ❖ Approve Permanent Police Sergeant Loretta Etienne's Promotion to Probational Police Lieutenant, effective 12/06/2022.
- ❖ Approve Permanent Police Officer First Class Amber Sylvester's Termination of Sick Leave, effective 11/04/2022.
- ❖ Accept Police Communications Officer Ashley King's Resignation, effective 12/02/2022.
- ❖ Approve Substitute Police Lieutenant Kerry Sam, Jr.'s Termination of Substitute Appointment Status, effective 12/06/2022.
- ❖ Approve Kerry Sam, Jr.'s Return to Permanent Police Sergeant Status, effective 12/06/2022.
- ❖ Approve Probational Police Lieutenant Catina D. Guilbeau's Confirmation to Permanent Police Lieutenant, effective 12/10/2022.
- ❖ Approve Probational Police Lieutenant Ebony D. Martin's Confirmation to Permanent Police Lieutenant, effective 12/10/2022.
- ❖ Approve the Police Chief's Recommendation of Hire of Cedric W. Jackson as a Probational Police Officer, effective 12/19/2022.
- ❖ Approve the Police Chief's Recommendation of Hire of Sarah M. Winbush as a Police Officer Recruit, effective 12/19/2022.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis-Warren, Marvin Richard, and Milton Batiste III.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: District B (*due to vacancy*).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation by Alderwoman Chasity Davis-Warren. Speech as presented by Alderwoman Davis-Warren:

"I remember when I first won and became the councilwoman for District E. A few of you all told me how fast the 4 years would go by, and you all were so right. I've definitely grown to love each one of you as part of my extended family. Surprisingly, we all get along well for the most part. Yes, MJA (Mayor Julius Alsandor) I probably got on your last nerve for the past 4 years, because I call you about 4 days a week about my district. I hope you know that the times my mouth was not to your liking, that you know that it's because I'm so passionate about anything that has my name attached to it. We are all aware that we have challenges in the city, the problem for me is the fact that the community did not know how much we have to deal with and the things that were out our hands.

MJA, you once stated that you would like to have all of us walk in each district so people can know that we are trying. We never did that in the past four years, but I will definitely hold you to it for these next 4 years. Look at us, the majority of us are back in our seats. I think we may have made history! We are all still here for a reason. I can't go another 4 years, without letting the city know what we are dealing with. I'm asking you mayor and the council to make a promise that we all go at least once or twice a month to two areas in each district that may have water leaks or other issues and talk to them and let them know that we are trying. By doing this, it shows unity and we will continue making history in Opelousas.

I have 4 bridges that are currently out and that's not including two others that need attention soon. That makes 6 bridges and the finger points at me as their councilwoman, and we all know that it's not our fault. So, transparency is all that we have in a situation like this. Five of the six council members are back and it's because we truly work well together!

To Marvin: You are the best. Our passion for Opelousas is so much alike, that you would think we were siblings. You were definitely loyal to me for these 4 years and I truly thank you for always being there.

To Milton: I'm so glad that I can know the business side and the fun side of you. You remain neutral and admire the way to make decisions for the city. I've learned so much from you.

To Floyd: You are one of a kind. Though, you won't be serving another 4 years with us, I want to say that you worked your butt off in your district. No one can ever take that away from you.

To Mr. Cummings: I love how knowledgeable you are about the decisions we had to make over the years. You're Outspoken and hilarious. I leaned to never have a quiet conversation in public with you. Your response is always loud.

To Ms. Sherell: We have a blast sitting next to each other. I'm sure people may say that we are always talking, but they better know that we are still up there handling business. I appreciate how you made my first 4 years, a pleasant one while sitting next to you.

To you, Mayor: I know I gave you hell, but you always found a way to calm me down. I admire your ability to look at certain situations in a different light. I have had several conversations with you and it's apparent that you want the best for the city. I'm asking for more transparency so the entire city can know that you care.

To: Mr. Broussard: You are one of the Smartest men I know! Yes, we say you're long winded at times, but I enjoy how well you represent the city.

To Ms. Leisa: You could never be replaced! Thanks for all that you do and I want you to know that you are appreciated.

To: Mr Woods and Mr. Pervis, you guys are the absolute best. I admire your dedication to the city.

To Department heads and employees that I've gotten to work with, I appreciate those that go out and do their best for the city.

I look forward to giving my all with the additional 4 years that God and the community has blessed me with.

THANKS".

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Items Submitted.

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings, seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR