

CITY OF OPELOUSAS  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 14, 2015

The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

With Mayor Reginald Tatum presiding, the meeting was called to order.

Mayor Tatum requested the Clerk to call the roll and the following Council members were PRESENT: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts and Jacqueline Martin. ABSENT: None.

A moment of silent meditation was observed. Alderman Marvin Richard led the Pledge of Allegiance and Father Jaison Mangalath of Holy Ghost Catholic Church led the Prayer.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 06/09/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Jacqueline Martin, it was resolved to adopt the agenda, **with the following changes:** adding under the PRESENTATIONS Section, **Item No. 6-A**, "*PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF LIL' BOB & THE LOLLIPOPS*"; **Item No. 7-B**, "*Discuss request for VARIANCE of property located in a R1 (Residential 1) Zone at 734 N. Oak Street to open an assembly hall to host kiddie birthday parties/showers, etc. (Clarence Garlow)*"; **Item No. 8-A**, "*Presentation by Representative Steven Ortego with a Legislative update*"; **Item 11-A**, "*Appointment of Fire Chief*"; adding a RESOLUTIONS Section, **Item No. 13-A**, "*A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ST. LANDRY LAW ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT*"; correcting under the CONSENTS Section, **Item No. 15**, "*Approve the appointment of Mr. Brent Aymond as Public Works Director, effective 07/13/2015, pending satisfactory completion of prerequisites for employment*" - effective date should read **07/15/2015**; adding under the CONSENTS Section, **Item No. 15-A**, "*Approve the hiring of Mr. Richard Lewis as Administrative Assistant in the Police Department, effective 07/15/2015*".

**Alderman Julius Alsandor voiced an objection to the agenda and requested that Item No. 15-A be removed. Alderman Briggs withdrew his motion and each item was handled individually.**

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to add under the PRESENTATIONS Section, **Item No. 6-A**, "*PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF LIL' BOB & THE LOLLIPOPS*". A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to add under the PRESENTATIONS Section, **Item No. 7-B**, "*Discuss request for VARIANCE of property located in a R1 (Residential 1) Zone at 734 N. Oak Street to open an assembly hall to host kiddie birthday parties/showers, etc. (Clarence Garlow)*". A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to add under the PRESENTATIONS Section, **Item No. 8-A**, "*Presentation by Representative Steven Ortego with a Legislative update*". A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, it was resolved to add under the PRESENTATIONS Section, **Item 11-A**, "*Appointment of Fire Chief*". A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to add a RESOLUTIONS Section, with **Item No. 13-A**, "*A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ST. LANDRY LAW ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT*". A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, it was resolved to add under the CONSENTS Section, **Item No. 15**, "*Approve the appointment of Mr. Brent Aymond as Public Works Director, effective 07/13/2015, pending satisfactory completion of prerequisites for employment*" - effective date should read **07/15/2015**. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts to add under the CONSENTS Section, **Item No. 15-A**, "*Approve the hiring of Mr. Richard Lewis as Administrative Assistant in the Police Department, effective 07/15/2015*". The motion died for lack of a second. Item 15-A was removed from the agenda.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, it was resolved to adopt the agenda as amended with the deletion of Item 15-A. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF LIL' BOB & THE LOLLIPOPS.



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Camille "Lil Bob" Bob was born in Arnaudville, Louisiana and started his music career in the mid 1950's as drummer in a band led by the unrelated Good Rockin' Bob. He soon formed his own dance band, the Lollipops, and first recorded for Goldband Records in Lake Charles, LA in 1957.

WHEREAS, fans remember Lil Bob and the Lollipops as an R&B swamp pop big band that entertained audiences for more than 50 years. Born in 1937 in Arnaudville, Bob traded a horse for a set of drums so he could escape backbreaking work in the fields as a sharecropper; and

WHEREAS, during a time of racial segregation, Bob and the Lollipops became a top draw at white and black clubs, like the Southern Club and Bradford's White Eagle in Opelousas and the Step Inn Club in Lawtell; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, the late Carol Rachou recorded Bob at his La Louisianne Studios in Lafayette. Session singles included "Nobody But You," a regional hit, and its B side, "I Got Loaded," which became Bob's biggest hit more than 20 years later, and WHEREAS, Bob and his band backed blues singer O.V. Wright in 1969 and later had gigs backing up Al Green, Johnny Taylor, Gatemouth Brown, Johnny Rivers, and others. Bob remained a fixture at local clubs throughout the 1980's and 90's. He was inducted into the Louisiana Hall of Fame in 1990.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I, Reginald Tatum, Mayor of the Great City of Opelousas, hereby proclaim November 7th as Camille "Lil Bob" Bob Day

In Witness Whereof, I have set and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Opelousas, State of Louisiana, done this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

  
Reginald Tatum, Mayor

PROCLAMATIONS FOR SICKLE CELL/LUPUS AWARENESS.

PROCLAMATION

SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease is an inherited disease of the red blood cells. It is characterized by pain episodes, anemia and damage to vital organs; and

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell disease causes the red blood cells to make abnormal hemoglobin. Hemoglobin is the part of blood that carry oxygen through the body. There are different kinds of sickle cell diseases. Some are mild, but others cause serious illness; and

WHEREAS, this disease causes the blood cells to change from their normal round shape to a sickle shape. The sickle shape will sometime prevent the cell from passing through the small vessels, blocking the flow of blood to all parts of the body causing a "painful episode" or "crisis" in various parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, this disease affects many nationalities, including African Americans, Arabs, Greeks, Italians, Latin Americans, and people from India; and

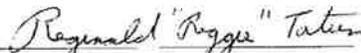
WHEREAS, SWLA Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc. is a non-profit Organization. The mission is to enhance the quality of life for persons with Sickle Cell Disease, their families, and the community through education, networking, guidance and referral of needs to support services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Reginald "Reggie" Tatum, Mayor of the great City of Opelousas, hereby proclaim the month of September, 2015, as

"Sickle Cell Awareness Month"

In the Historic City of Opelousas, Louisiana and urge all residents to join us in promoting a healthy lifestyle for individuals affected with Sickle Cell Disease.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Opelousas to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

  
Reginald "Reggie" Tatum, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Lupus attacks healthy cells and tissues. This can damage many parts of the body such as joints, skin, kidneys, heart, lungs, blood vessels, and the brain; and

WHEREAS, there are many kinds of lupus. The most common type, systemic lupus erythematosus, affects many parts of the body. Other types of lupus are Discoid lupus erythematosus, Subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus, Drug-induced lupus, and Neonatal lupus; and

WHEREAS, anyone can get lupus, but it most often affects women. Lupus is also more common in women of African American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American descent than in Caucasian women; and

WHEREAS, the cause of lupus is not known. Research suggests that genes play an important role, but genes alone do not determine who gets lupus. It is likely that many factors trigger the disease; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of lupus vary, but some of the most common symptoms of lupus are pain or swelling in joints, muscle pain, fever with no cause, red rashes, hair loss, mouth ulcers swollen glands, feeling very tired, etc.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Reginald "Reggie" Tatum, Mayor of the great City of Opelousas, hereby proclaim the month of May as

"Lupus Awareness Month"

In the Historic City of Opelousas, Louisiana and urge all residents to join us in promoting a healthy lifestyle for individuals affected with Lupus.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Opelousas to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

  
Reginald "Reggie" Tatum, Mayor

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Discuss request for CONDITIONAL USE of property located in a NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) Zone at 706 N. Main Street and request for VARIANCE for a 10 foot set back from property line to build and operate a retail business (Courville Properties, LLC). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 07/13/2015 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover, it was resolved to approve the request for CONDITIONAL USE of property located in a NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) Zone at 706 N. Main Street and request for VARIANCE for a 10 foot set back from property line to build and operate a retail business (Courville Properties, LLC). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Discuss request for VARIANCE of property located in a R1 (Residential 1) Zone at 734 N. Oak Street to open an assembly hall to host kiddie birthday parties/showers, etc. (Clarence Garlow). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 07/13/2015 and recommended denial of this item. On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to DENY the request for VARIANCE of property located in a R1 (Residential 1) Zone at 734 N. Oak Street to open an assembly hall to host kiddie birthday parties/showers, etc. (Clarence Garlow). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Discuss request by Mrs. Delores Guillory to amend the Museum Department budget by \$25,115.00 in line item 54610-1101 (Salaries) for adjustment to reflect re-employment of director for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget. Mrs. Guillory stated that when the budget was done at the beginning of this fiscal year, she was not here so her salary was not included in the budget. Alderman Julius Alsandor wanted it noted for the record that this amount is going into the museum budget to cover salaries and not directly to the Director's salary. Alderman Alsandor stated that some of this money will go toward the Director and some of it will go to an employee who is working now. Mrs. Guillory stated that she is in the red in her budget right now in salaries. On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the request to amend the Museum Department budget by \$25,115.00 in line item 54610-1101 (Salaries) for adjustment to Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

*Presentation by Representative Steven Ortego with a Legislative update.* Representative Ortego stated that he is here to give a quick legislative update. He touched on the following that happened in the Legislative session: 1. He voted against \$1.6 billion shortfall; 2. they blocked some bills that would have increased tuition and fees on students; 3. cost of living adjustment to state retirees and teachers who are retired—unfortunately the Governor vetoed this after they went home—there is talk of going back to override his veto, but that is usually not very likely and they will bring that back next year; 4. made sure charity hospitals and FUHCs were fully funded—but still were not able to force the Governor to take the Medicaid expansion which would insure 250,000 people in Louisiana who are uninsured right now—if this is not passed quickly, then they will be talking about another major budget deficit as well as looking at cutting those hospitals even more; 5. forced a slight increase in MFP formula—a formula for K-12 education—half of that increase goes to teacher pay raises; 6. Opelousas capital outlay—able to find some funding—able to keep \$200,000 in place in Priority 1 for Opelousas to use infrastructure improvements—also able to keep \$500,000 in Priority 2 for planning for the engineering and architecture services for the Harry Guilbeau project—also got \$500,000 in Priority 5 which is money that can potentially be moved up in future years; 7. able to get \$100,000 of the city's \$200,000+ request for a bike and walking path that would connect North Park with South Park in Priority 2 which should hopefully be approved by October or November. Representative Ortego stated that he announced his re-election campaign two weeks ago and he is asking for everyone's support. He stated that he wants to be a part of the rebuilding process to rebuild our hospitals and our education system.

*Presentation by City Attorney: Pending Lawsuits – Martin vs. Housing Authority of Opelousas and Guillory vs. Centerpoint Energy of Opelousas.* These items will be handled at the end of the meeting in Executive Session.

*Engineer's Monthly Status Report.* Mr. William Jarrell was not in attendance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: Personnel Committee.**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, July 8, 2015 @ 3:00 P.M.

PRESENT: J. Tyrone Glover, Chairman; Sherell Roberts, Julius Alsandor and Jacqueline Martin.

ABSENT: None

Alderman Glover stated that the Personnel Committee was initially scheduled to interview candidates on 06/24/2015; however, a quorum was not present to hold a personnel committee meeting. Interviews were conducted that day by Mayor Reginald Tatum.

1. *Review of Interviews of Candidates for Fire Chief.* Mayor Reginald Tatum listed the names of the candidates: Charles Mason, Carl White, Daniel Clark, Kenneth Duplechain, Brian Miller, Shane Fontenot, and Richard Joseph. The candidates were re-interviewed by the Personnel Committee and the Mayor.

*Brian Miller* – Mr. Miller was not in attendance. He had previously informed the Mayor that he would not be able to attend the meeting on today.

*Charles Mason* – 32 years in the Opelousas Fire Department. Currently serving as Interim Fire Chief.

*Carl White* – 26 years in the Opelousas Fire Department. Currently employed as an Assistant Fire Chief.

*Kenneth Duplechain* – 25 years as a firefighter. Currently employed as a firefighter with the City of Carencro.

*Shane Fontenot (via telephone)* – Mr. Fontenot officially withdrew his application for the position of Fire Chief.

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*Daniel Clark (via telephone)* – 28 years in Fire Service and has also worked overseas during his professional service. Resides in Colorado but would be willing to relocate if he is selected for the position.

*Richard Joseph (via telephone)* – 18 years in the Opelousas Fire Department. Has a military background and has been a captain in the Fire Department for the past 9 years.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to go into Executive Session to discuss the applicants responses. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: J. Tyrone Glover, Sherell Roberts, Julius Alsandor, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Personnel Committee went into Executive Session at 5:58 p.m.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, it was resolved to return to Regular Session. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: J. Tyrone Glover, Sherell Roberts, Julius Alsandor, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Personnel Committee returned to Regular Session at 6:30 p.m.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, it was recommended that the names of Charles Mason and Richard Joseph be submitted to Mayor Reginald Tatum for consideration for the position of Fire Chief and his selection be forwarded to the full council for approval.

YEAS: J. Tyrone Glover, Sherell Roberts and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: Julius Alsandor.

ABSENT: None.

THE MOTION PASSES.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor, seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn. The Personnel Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to accept the Personnel Committee Report. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

*Appointment of Fire Chief.* At this time, Mayor Tatum stated that the Personnel had recommended the names of Charles Mason and Richard Joseph for consideration for the position of Fire Chief. Mayor Tatum announced that he had selected Mr. Charles Mason to be appointed as the new Fire Chief. On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the appointment of Mr. Charles Mason for the position of Fire Chief, effective 07/15/2015 with salary to be determined by the Mayor. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

#### INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION OF  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF  
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2015

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana in general session convened that:

SECTION I. The attached detailed budget of Revenues for Fiscal Year beginning September 1, 2014 and ending August 31, 2015, has been and the same was hereby amended to serve as an Operating Budget of Revenues for the City of Opelousas, Louisiana, during the same period.

SECTION II. The attached budget of Expenditures by departments for the Fiscal Year beginning September 1, 2014 and ending August 31, 2015, has been and the same was hereby amended to serve as a budget of expenditures for the City during the said period.

SECTION III. The amending of this Operating Budget of Expenditures has been and the same was hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

SECTION IV. Amounts were available for expenditures only to the extent included with the 2014-2015 budget.

On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to introduce the ordinance and authorize a PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

INTRODUCTION OF  
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF  
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2016

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana in general session convened that:

SECTION I. The attached detailed estimate of Revenues for Fiscal Year beginning September 1, 2015 and ending August 31, 2016, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget of Revenues for the City of Opelousas, Louisiana, during the same period.

SECTION II. The attached estimate of Expenditures by departments for the Fiscal Year beginning September 1, 2015 and ending August 31, 2016, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as a budget of expenditures for the City during the said period.

SECTION III. The adoption of this Operating Budget of Expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

SECTION IV. Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included with the 2015-2016 budget.

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On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to introduce the ordinance and authorize a PUBLIC HEARING to ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2016. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Shereil Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

**RESOLUTIONS**

*A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ST. LANDRY LAW ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT.*

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

RESOLUTION NO. 06 OF 2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND  
ST. LANDRY PARISH LAW ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, both ST. LANDRY PARISH LAW ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "DISTRICT") and CITY OF OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "CITY") are public bodies and political subdivisions of the State; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 33:1321, et seq., allows the entering of cooperative agreements between such entities with the purpose of encouragement greater economy and efficiency in the operation of local services; and

WHEREAS, both parties deem this is in their best interest and the interest of their constituents to enter into this cooperative agreement for Law Enforcement purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, and other valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as to lease the following described property, which shall be used in its current state as a law enforcement criminal investigative building:

A certain lot or tract, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated on and fronting 57 feet on the West side of North Market Street in the City of Opelousas, Louisiana, by a depth of 180.8 feet, and bounded, now or formerly, as follows: North by property of Mrs. Anita Ruth Halphen Dagain, South by property of Dr. John F. Zoder, or assigns, and property by Maurice V. Halphen, or assigns; East by North Market Street; and West by the Estate of H. D. Larcade, or assigns.

Being the same property St. Landry Law Enforcement District acquired from Alex L. Andrus, III, Connie Oge Andrus and Doherty Family, LLC, by Act of Cash Sale dated June 19, 2006, recorded the same day, under Act. No. 964511, in Conveyance Book G-42, page 211, records of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

Improvements consist of a two-story brick veneer and stucco office building with a total square footage of 2565 square feet, CA/CH, along with parking facilities in front and rear of building.

Said Property bears a municipal of 117 N. Market Street, Opelousas, Louisiana 70570.

The term of this lease agreement is from month to month, or, 30 day terms, commencing on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of September, 2015. Monthly rental shall be \$1,500.00. All rental payments will be payable in advance on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and every month thereafter during the term of the lease.

All other terms of the attached lease agreement shall be followed accordingly.

For the purposes of this agreement, the parties nominate:

ST. LANDRY PARISH LAW ENFORCEMENT  
Bobby J. Guidroz, Sheriff of St. Landry Parish  
P. O. Box 1020  
Opelousas, LA 70571

CITY OF OPELOUSAS  
Reginald Tatum, Mayor  
105 N. Main Street (P. O. Box 1879)  
Opelousas, LA 70570

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Opelousas Board of Aldermen authorizes Mayor Reginald Tatum, to enter into a cooperative agreement with St. Landry Parish Law Enforcement District to lease the above-mentioned property, which shall be used in its current state as a law enforcement criminal investigative building.

The above Resolution, having been read in full and a vote taken, was adopted as follows on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015.

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR

**CONSENTS**

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to approve the appointment of Mr. Scott Roy to the Opelousas Municipal Fire & Police Civil Service Board. Term of office expires 04/25/2016. Mr. Roy will be finishing out the unexpired term of Mr. Willie Pickens, who has retired. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to approve the appointment of Mr. Brent Aymond as Public Works Director, effective 07/15/2015, pending satisfactory completion of prerequisites for employment. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Blair Briggs and Sherell Roberts.

NAYS: Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover and Jacqueline Martin.

ABSENT: None.

Mayor Tatum voted YES to break the tie.

THE MOTION PASSES.

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On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover, it was resolved to accept the retirement of Mr. Willie Pickens in the Fire Department, effective 07/01/2015, and approve payment in the amount of \$261.24 for twelve (12) hours of unused vacation hours, as verified by Fire and Police Civil Service Board. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the promotion of Derek Garrick from Police Officer to Probational Police Officer First Class, effective 04/12/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to approve the promotion of Robert Taylor from Police Officer to Probational Police Officer First Class, effective 04/12/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the promotion of Michael Hidalgo from Police Officer to Probational Police Officer First Class, effective 04/12/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Blair Briggs and Sherell Roberts.

NAYS: Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover and Jacqueline Martin.

ABSENT: None.

Mayor Tatum voted YES to break the tie.

THE MOTION PASSES.

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to approve the promotion of Nelson Simmons from Police Officer to Probational Police Officer First Class, effective 04/12/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Alderman Blair Briggs left the meeting at this time.

On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the Termination of Sick Leave for Permanent Lieutenant Donald Young, effective 04/13/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Blair Briggs (left early).

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the Administrative Leave with Pay for Permanent Police Officer First Class Catina Guilbeau, effective 06/03/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Blair Briggs (left early).

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the Administrative Leave with Pay for Probational Police Sergeant Brandon Harris, effective 06/03/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Blair Briggs (left early).

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the Administrative Leave with Pay for Permanent Police Officer Michael Hidalgo, effective 06/03/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: J. Tyrone Glover.

ABSENT: Blair Briggs (left early).

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City of Opelousas Police Department along with the Eunice Police Department has been awarded funding in the amount of \$34,949.00 in reference to the EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FY-14 #2014-DJ-BX-1063. The City of Opelousas will receive \$24,056.00, which will be used for overtime pay for extra patrol of high crime areas in the City.

The Sickle Cell Walk and Fun Day will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Heymann Park in Lafayette, Louisiana. The public is invited to participate in the walk and enjoy the games, music, and food. For more information, contact Southwest Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc., at 337-433-2602 or Mr. Don Vallien at 337-331-5558.

Mayor Tatum recognized Mr. Michael Grimes who is a candidate for the District 40 State Representative seat.

Mayor Tatum announced that Mr. Ronald Castille had passed away that morning. He stated that Mr. Castille was well known throughout the community and previously employed at Northeast Elementary School before he had to retire for health reasons.

CITY OF OPELOUSAS  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 14, 2015

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to go into Executive Session at 6:59 p.m. for the City Attorney to discuss pending litigation regarding *Calvin Martin vs. Housing Authority of Opelousas and Ernest Guillory vs. Centerpoint Energy of Opelousas*. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

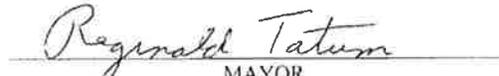
ABSENT: Blair Briggs (left early).

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderwomen Sherell Roberts and Jacqueline Martin and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go back into Regular Session at 7:04 p.m. The attorney is still litigating these cases and no action is needed at this time.

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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MAYOR