The Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and the City of Baton Rouge convened in special session on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 4:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Governmental Building, Room 348, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Meeting was called to order by the Presiding Officer and the following members were present:

Absent:  None

PROOF OF NOTICE OF THE MEETING

/s/ Denise Amoroso                  /s/ Donna Collins-Lewis
/s/ Chauna Banks                    /s/ Chandler Loupe
/s/ LaMont Cole                     /s/ Matt Watson
/s/ Barbara Freiberg                /s/ Trae Welch
/s/ Erika Green                     /s/ Tara Wicker
/s/ Dwight Hudson                   /s/ Scott Wilson

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ITEMS

A proposed resolution was read in full.

RESOLUTION 54732

APPOINTING A REPLACEMENT TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED ON THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL IN THE DISTRICT 12 COUNCIL SEAT BY THE ELECTION OF BARBARA FREIBERG TO THE LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the election of Barbara Freiberg, a member of the Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and City of Baton Rouge (the “Metropolitan Council”), representing District 12, to the Louisiana House of Representatives has created a vacancy on the Metropolitan Council; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Plan of Government of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and the City of Baton Rouge adopted August 12, 1947, as amended from time to time; Section 1:13 of the Code of Ordinances; and La. R.S. 18:602(A), the Metropolitan Council is required to appoint a qualified voter residing in District 12 to fill the vacancy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and the City of Baton Rouge that:

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Plan of Government, Section 1:13 of the Code of Ordinances, and La. R.S. 18:602(A), by a unanimous vote of the Metropolitan Council members present, Jennifer Racca is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy to represent District 12 on the Metropolitan Council for the remainder of the current term.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Councilwoman Denise Amoroso, Councilman LaMont Cole, Councilwoman Donna Collins-Lewis, Councilwoman Erika Green, Councilman Dwight Hudson, Councilman Chandler Loupe, Councilman Matt Watson, Councilman Trae Welch, Councilwoman Tara Wicker, and Councilman Scott Wilson

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

DID NOT VOTE:

ABSENT: Councilwoman Chauna Banks

Done, approved and adopted on this, the 29th day of January, 2020.

By: /s/ Ashley Beck____  By: /s/ Scott Wilson____
Council Administrator President Pro Tempore

January 29, 2020

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

I, ASHLEY BECK, certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Council Administrator of the Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and City of Baton Rouge, the governing authority of the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

I further certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a special meeting of said Metropolitan Council held January 29, 2020 and of a Resolution appointing a replacement to fill the vacancy created in the District 12 council seat due to the election of Barbara Freiberg to the Louisiana House of Representatives.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, on this, the 29th day of January, 2020.

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Ashley Beck, Council Administrator
(SEAL)

The Presiding Officer announced that a public hearing on the above resolution was in order at this time. Interested citizens speaking on the proposed resolution were Chase Berenson, Tania Nyman, Jennifer Racca, Elvin Sterling, Messiah Ward, Donald Luther, Cleve Dunn, Jr., and Gary Chambers.

A motion was made to appoint Chase Berenson. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Yeas: None
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Did Not Vote: Amoroso, Cole, Collins-Lewis, Green, Hudson, Loupe, Watson, Welch, Wicker, Wilson
Absent: Banks

With 0 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 10 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion failed.

A motion was made by Mr. Cole and seconded by Ms. Amoroso to appoint Jennifer Racca. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Nays: None
Abstains: None
Did Not Vote: None
Absent: Banks

With 10 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 0 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion was adopted.
The following proposed resolution was introduced by Ms. Freiberg and read in full at the meeting of the Metropolitan Council on January 8, 2020. With a public hearing called thereon for this meeting, the proposed resolution was read in full for a second time.

RESOLUTION 54707

RESCINDING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COURT TO CANCEL THE DECISION AND ORDER RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 27, 2019 AT ORIGINAL 506 OF BUNDLE 12996 IN THE MATTER OF "CITY OF BATON ROUGE VS. EUGENE WEATHERSBY, JR." - CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING NO. 10082 (3145 VANCOUVER DRIVE, LOT 137, VILLAGE COTE SUBDIVISION (2ND FILING)).

BE IT RESOLVED by the Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and the City of Baton Rouge that:

Section 1. The Decision and Order in the matter of “City of Baton Rouge vs. Eugene Weathersby, Jr.” – Condemnation Proceeding No. 10082 (3145 Vancouver Drive, Lot 137, Village Cote Subdivision (2nd Filing)) is hereby rescinded in its entirety.

Section 2. The Clerk of Court of Baton Rouge is directed to cancel the Decision and Order recorded on November 27, 2019 at Original 506 of Bundle 12996 in its official records.

The Presiding Officer announced that a public hearing on the above resolution was in order at this time. No interested citizens spoke either for or against the proposed resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Watson to adopt the proposed resolution. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:


Nays: None

Abstains: None

Did Not Vote: None

Absent: Banks

With 10 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 0 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion was adopted.

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The following proposed resolution was introduced by Ms. Freiberg and read in full at the meeting of the Metropolitan Council on January 8, 2020. With a public hearing called thereon for this meeting, the proposed resolution was read in full for a second time.

RESOLUTION 54708

AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF THE MATTER ENTITLED "CHARLES LLOYD AND CHELSEA ELLINGTON VS. CITY OF BATON ROUGE, ET AL," SUIT NO. C669,841 ON THE DOCKET OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, IN THE AMOUNT OF $37,593.02, PLUS COURT COSTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $74.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF $37,667.02, WHICH AMOUNT SHALL BE PAID FROM THE ACCOUNT DESIGNATED "INSURANCE – AUTO LIABILITY" (1000.4700.10.0550.0000.000000.644120). *THIS MATTER MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and the City of Baton Rouge that:

Section 1. The Parish Attorney is hereby authorized to settle the matter entitled “Charles Lloyd and Chelsea Ellington vs. City of Baton Rouge, et al,” Suit No. C669,841 on the docket of the 19th Judicial District Court in the amount of $37,593.02, plus court costs in the amount of $74.00, for a total amount of $37,667.02.

Section 2. Said settlement in the total amount herein authorized shall be paid from the account designated “Insurance – Auto Liability” (1000.4700.10.0550.0000.000000.644120).

Section 3. Notice was given on the agenda that this matter may be discussed in Executive Session.

The Presiding Officer announced that a public hearing on the above resolution was in order at this time. No interested citizens spoke either for or against the proposed resolution.

A motion was made by Ms. Collins-Lewis and seconded by Mr. Watson to adopt the proposed resolution. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Nays: None
Abstains: None
Did Not Vote: None
Absent: Banks

With 10 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 0 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion was adopted.
The following proposed resolution was introduced by Ms. Freiberg and read in full at the meeting of the Metropolitan Council on January 8, 2020. With a public hearing called thereon for this meeting, the proposed resolution was read in full for a second time.

RESOLUTION 54719

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR-PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT (CEA) WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE (LSU), RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION OF EAST BATON ROUGE (BREC) AND UNIVERSITY LAKES, LLC (UL), THE SOLE MEMBER OF WHICH THE LSU REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES FOUNDATION (REFF), AN AFFILIATED ENTITY OF THE LSU FOUNDATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INITIAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES ON THE FUTURE LAKE PROJECTS.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and the City of Baton Rouge that:

Section 1. The Mayor-President is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU), Recreation and Parks Commission of East Baton Rouge (BREC) and University Lakes, LLC (UL), the sole member of which the LSU Real Estate and Facilities Foundation (REFF), an affiliated entity of the LSU Foundation, to provide for the initial design and construction services on the future lake projects.

Section 2. Said agreement shall be approved by the Office of the Parish Attorney as to form and legality.

The Presiding Officer announced that a public hearing on the above resolution was in order at this time. No interested citizens spoke either for or against the proposed resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Hudson and seconded by Mr. Watson to adopt the proposed resolution. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:


Nay: None

Abstain: None

Did Not Vote: None

Absent: Banks

With 10 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 0 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion was adopted.
The following proposed resolution was introduced by Ms. Freiberg and read in full at the meeting of the Metropolitan Council on January 8, 2020. With a public hearing called thereon for this meeting, the proposed resolution was read in full for a second time.

RESOLUTION 54723

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR-PRESIDENT TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT WITH NEARMAP US INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $81,013.80 FOR AERIAL IMAGERY OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH. SAID AGREEMENT SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE PARISH ATTORNEY AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and the City of Baton Rouge that:

Section 1. The Mayor-President is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with Nearmap US Inc. in the amount of $81,013.80 for aerial imagery of East Baton Rouge Parish.

Section 2. Said agreement shall be approved by the Office of the Parish Attorney as to form and legality.

The Presiding Officer announced that a public hearing on the above resolution was in order at this time. No interested citizens spoke either for or against the proposed resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Hudson and seconded by Mr. Watson to adopt the proposed resolution. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Nays: None
Abstains: None
Did Not Vote: None
Absent: Banks

With 10 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 0 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion was adopted.

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APPOINTMENTS

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
Consideration of replacing Helena Cunningham who has resigned. This term will expire on July 23, 2023.

Current Ballot
Justin Gaudet
Frederick Thomas

A motion was made by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Hudson to appoint Justin Gaudet. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Nays: None
Abstains: None
Did Not Vote: None
Absent: Banks

With 10 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 0 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion was adopted.
GREATER BATON ROUGE AIRPORT DISTRICT-
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Consideration of replacing Kelly Balfour, he is not seeking reappointment. The term expires on January 1, 2020, effective January 2, 2020. This is a five (5) year term.

Current Ballot
Scott Hensgens
Kizzy Payton

A motion was made by Ms. Collins-Lewis and seconded by Mr. Loupe to appoint Kizzy Payton, as Scott Hensgens has withdrawn his name. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Nays: None
Abstains: None
Did Not Vote: None
Absent: Banks

With 10 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 0 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion was adopted.

GREATER BATON ROUGE AIRPORT DISTRICT-
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Consideration of replacing James Ellis, he is not seeking reappointment. The term expires on January 1, 2020, effective January 2, 2020. This is a five (5) year term

Current Ballot
William Profita
Cedric Upshaw

A motion was made by Mr. Loupe and seconded by Mr. Wilson to appoint William Profita. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Yeas: Amoroso, Hudson, Loupe, Watson, Welch, Wilson
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Did Not Vote: Cole, Collins-Lewis, Green, Wicker
Absent: Banks

With 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 4 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion failed.

A substitute motion was made to appoint Cedric Upshaw. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Yeas: Cole, Collins-Lewis, Green, Wicker
Nays: Amoroso, Loupe
Abstains: None
Did Not Vote: Hudson, Watson, Welch, Wilson
Absent: Banks

With 4 yeas, 2 nays, 0 abstains, 4 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion failed.
A motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Amoroso to defer the appointment to the council meeting on February 12, 2020. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

**Yeas:** Amoroso, Cole, Green, Hudson, Loupe, Watson, Welch, Wicker, Wilson

**Nays:** None

**Abstains:** None

**Did Not Vote:** None

**Objecting:** Collins-Lewis

**Absent:** Banks

With 9 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 0 not voting, 1 objecting, and 1 absent, the motion was adopted.

**RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION (BREC)**

Recommending a replacement for Larry Selders, (term limited and not eligible to serve another term) This is a three (3) year term.

**Current Ballot**

Gary Chambers

William Scheffy

A motion was made to appoint Gary Chambers. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

**Yeas:** Cole, Collins-Lewis, Green

**Nays:** Loupe

**Abstains:** None

**Did Not Vote:** Amoroso, Hudson, Watson, Welch, Wicker, Wilson

**Absent:** Banks

With 3 yeas, 1 nays, 0 abstains, 6 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion failed.

A motion was made to appoint William Scheffy. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

**Yeas:** Amoroso, Hudson, Loupe, Watson, Wicker, Wilson

**Nays:** None

**Abstains:** None

**Did Not Vote:** Cole, Collins-Lewis, Green, Welch

**Absent:** Banks

With 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 4 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion failed.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Hudson to defer the appointment to the council meeting on February 12, 2020. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

**Yeas:** Amoroso, Cole, Collins-Lewis, Green, Hudson, Loupe, Watson, Welch, Wicker, Wilson

**Nays:** None

**Abstains:** None

**Did Not Vote:** None

**Absent:** Banks

With 10 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 0 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion was adopted.
ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Amoroso to adjourn. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

Yea:

Nay:
- None

Abstain:
- None

Did Not Vote:
- None

Absent:
- Banks

With 10 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 0 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion was adopted.

The Presiding Officer declared the meeting adjourned.

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Council Administrator/Treasurer

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Mayor-President Pro-Tempore