

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
GREATER BATON ROUGE AIRPORT AUTHORITY
EAST BATON ROUGE SEWERAGE COMMISSION
CAPITOL IMPROVEMENTS DISTRICT
CITY OF BATON ROUGE AND PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

3:30 PM

The Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and the City of Baton Rouge convened in special session on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 3:30 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:

Present: Adams, Amoroso, Cole, Coleman, Dunn Jr., Gaudet, Hudson, Hurst, Moak, Noel, Racca

Absent: Banks

PROOF OF NOTICE OF THE MEETING

/s/ _____
Laurie Adams

/s/ _____
Rowdy Gaudet

/s/ _____
Denise Amoroso

/s/ _____
Dwight Hudson

Chauna Banks

/s/ _____
Darryl Hurst

/s/ _____
LaMont Cole

/s/ _____
Aaron Moak

/s/ _____
Carolyn Coleman

/s/ _____
Brandon Noel

/s/ _____
Cleve Dunn, Jr.

/s/ _____
Jennifer Racca

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ITEMS

INTRODUCTIONS

A proposed resolution, entitled as follows, was introduced by Mr. Dunn Jr. and read in full.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor-President to accept, appropriate additional emergency rental assistance grant funding from state of Louisiana authorized through the U.S. Department of Treasury - emergency rental assistance program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the covid-19 pandemic, authorizing administering agency as the office of community development and authorizing the execution of all documents in connection therewith in accordance to the line item budget in an amount not exceed \$100,000,000.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Dunn Jr. and seconded by Ms. Coleman that the introduction of the above proposed resolution be published in accordance with law and that a public hearing thereon be called for the council meeting on March 23, 2022. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

- Yeas: Adams, Amoroso, Cole, Coleman, Dunn Jr., Gaudet, Hudson, Hurst, Moak, Noel, Racca
- Nays: None
- Abstains: None
- Did Not Vote: None
- Absent: Banks

With 11 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 0 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion was adopted.

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A proposed resolution, entitled as follows, was introduced by Mr. Dunn Jr. and read in full.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor-President to accept, appropriate and allocate an increase to the second allocation of grant funding not to exceed \$75,000,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Treasury-Emergency Rental Assistance Program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the Covid-19 pandemic, authorizing administering agency as the office of community development and authorizing the execution of all documents in connection therewith.

A motion was made by Mr. Dunn Jr. and seconded by Ms. Coleman that the introduction of the above proposed resolution be published in accordance with law and that a public hearing thereon be called for the council meeting on March 23, 2022. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

- Yeas: Adams, Amoroso, Cole, Coleman, Dunn Jr., Gaudet, Hudson, Hurst, Moak, Noel, Racca
- Nays: None
- Abstains: None
- Did Not Vote: None
- Absent: Banks

With 11 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 0 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion was adopted.

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PUBLIC HEARING/PUBLIC MEETING

A proposed resolution was read in full.

RESOLUTION 56239

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR-PRESIDENT TO AMEND THE EXISTING GRANT AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS FOR THE WORKFORCE GROUP TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT BY \$4,187,478.08 FOR A TOTAL OF \$14,192,850.62 TO DISBURSE ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE UNABLE TO PAY RENT AND UTILITIES DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WITH FUNDS AWARDED UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.

WHEREAS, the City-Parish Office of Community Development recommends approval of an increase to the existing grant agreements bearing City-Parish contract number 800003795 for The Workforce Group to disburse direct assistance to eligible households that are unable to pay rent and utilities in an amount not to exceed \$14,192,850.62;

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 an amendment to the grant agreements/contracts bearing City-Parish contract number 800003795 for the Emergency Rental Assistance Grant Program at the appropriate times.

Section 2. Any grant agreements, contracts or amendments with associated line-item budgets authorized above shall be contingent upon prior review and approval by the City-Parish Grants Review Committee.

Section 3. Said grant agreements, contracts or amendments 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. Dunn Jr. and seconded by Ms. Coleman to adopt the proposed resolution. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

- Yeas: Adams, Amoroso, Cole, Coleman, Dunn Jr., Gaudet, Hudson, Hurst, Moak, Noel, Racca
- Nays: None
- Abstains: None
- Did Not Vote: None
- Absent: Banks

With 11 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 0 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion was adopted.

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ADJOURN

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

Yeas: Adams, Amoroso, Cole, Coleman, Dunn Jr., Gaudet, Hudson, Hurst,
Moak, Noel, Racca
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Did Not Vote: None
Absent: Banks

With 11 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 0 not voting, and 1 absent, the motion was adopted.
The Presiding Officer declared the meeting adjourned

Council Administrator/Treasurer

Mayor-President Pro-Tempore