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

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

4:00 PM

The Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and the City of Baton Rouge convened in special session on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 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:  Banks, Collins-Lewis

PROOF OF NOTICE OF THE MEETING

/s/ Denise Amoroso  ____________________________
                     Donna Collins-Lewis

/s/ Chauna Banks  ____________________________
                     Chandler Loupe

/s/ LaMont Cole  ____________________________
                     Matt Watson

/s/ Barbara Freiberg  ____________________________
                     Trae Welch

/s/ Erika Green  ____________________________
                     Tara Wicker

/s/ Dwight Hudson  ____________________________
                     Scott Wilson
ITEMS

A proposed resolution was read in full.

RESOLUTION 54184


WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council gave formal notice to Todd Walker, Director of Mosquito Abatement and Rodent Control, of their intent to remove him from his appointment as Director of Mosquito Abatement and Rodent Control; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council held a hearing at a Special Meeting on April 3, 2019 in accordance with Section 2.13 of the Plan of Government;

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

The Metropolitan Council hereby accepts the resignation of Todd Walker to be effective June 8, 2019. Dr. Walker will enjoy all rights of paid administrative leave as allowed by law, and further, will not conduct any official business with the Mosquito Abatement and Rodent Control District through his retirement date.

The Presiding Officer announced that a public hearing on the above resolution was in order at this time. Interested citizens speaking in opposition of the proposed resolution were Randy Vaeth and Lane Foil. An interested citizen speaking without favor or opposition of the proposed resolution was Martha Littlefield.

A motion was made by Mr. Hudson and seconded by Mr. Wilson to enter into a closed session after Dr. Walker elected to hold a closed hearing. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

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

With 8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 0 not voting, and 4 absent, the motion was adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Welch to adjourn the closed session. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

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

With 9 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 1 not voting, and 2 absent, the motion was adopted.
A motion was made by Mr. Loupe and seconded by Mr. Wilson to effective upon immediate receipt, Dr. Walker will tender his resignation to be effective in June 2019. Dr. Walker will enjoy all of the rights of paid administrative leave as allowed by law. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

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

With 9 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 1 not voting, and 2 absent, the motion was adopted.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Hudson and seconded by Mr. Watson to terminate Dr. Walker effective immediately upon the close of business on April 3, 2019. A "Yea" and "Nay" vote was called for and resulted as follows:

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

With 2 yeas, 6 nays, 0 abstains, 1 not voting, and 3 absent, the motion failed.

ADJOURN

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

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

With 9 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstains, 1 not voting, and 2 absent, the motion was adopted.
The Presiding Officer declared the meeting adjourned