

**Washington Parish Council
Public Hearing
Washington Parish Courthouse
908 Washington Street
Franklinton, La 70438
Council Chambers
November 19, 2018
Monday – 5:45**

Public Hearing - Ordinance 18-639 – An ordinance to amend the 2018 Annual Operating Budget for the Washington Parish Government.

Chairman Talley: read ordinance aloud and asked if anyone from the public would like to speak on ordinance 18-639.

No one came forward.

Public Hearing - Ordinance 18-640 – An ordinance to adopt the 2019 Annual Operating Budget and the Capital Outlay Budget for the Washington Parish Government.

Chairman Talley: read ordinance aloud and asked if anyone from the public would like to speak on ordinance 18-639.

No one came forward.

Councilman McMasters offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Workman to close public hearing.

Roll call of vote as follows:

YEAS: (7) Lewis, McMasters, Bedwell, Anthony, Talley, Fussell and Workman

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

**Washington Parish Council
Regular Meeting
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Item No. 1. - Call to order – Chairman Talley called the meeting to order.

Item No. 2. - Invocation – Councilman Lewis gave the invocation.

Item No. 3. - Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman McMasters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item No. 4. - Roll Call – Council Clerk Sarah Cook called the roll. Present were Perry Talley, Michael Fussell, Chris Workman, Levi Lewis, Phillipp Bedwell, Reginald McMasters and David Anthony.

Chairman Talley: “before we begin I would like to entertain a motion to amend the agenda to add Introduction of Ordinance 18-641.”

Councilman Bedwell offered a motion, seconded by Councilman McMasters to add Introduction of ordinance 18-641 to the agenda.

Roll call of vote as follows:

YEAS: (7) Lewis, McMasters, Bedwell, Anthony, Talley, Fussell and Workman

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Item No. 5. – Approval of Minutes – Approval of minutes dated November 5, 2018.

Councilman Fussell offered a motion, seconded by Councilman McMasters to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 5, 2018.

Roll call of vote as follows:

YEAS: (7) Lewis, McMasters, Bedwell, Anthony, Talley, Fussell and Workman

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Item No. 6. – Introduction of Ordinance 18-641 – An ordinance to repeal ordinance 10-530 adjusting the compensation of the Washington Parish Council Clerk.

Chairman Talley: “This is an introduction only and we will be having a public hearing on December 3, 2018 at 5:45 pm.”

Item No. 7. – Adopt Ordinance 18-639 – An ordinance to amend the 2018 Annual Operating Budget for the Washington Parish Government.

Chairman Talley: “We just had a public hearing, would anyone from the public like to come forward and speak before the Council votes”

No one Came forward.

Councilman Fussell offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to adopt Ordinance 18-639.

Roll call of vote as follows:

YEAS: (7) Lewis, McMasters, Bedwell, Anthony, Talley, Fussell and Workman

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Item No. 8. – Adopt Ordinance 18-640 – An ordinance to adopt the 2019 Annual Operating Budget and the Capital Outlay Budget for the Washington Parish Government.

Chairman Talley: “We just had a public hearing, would anyone from the public like to come forward and speak before the Council votes”

No one Came forward.

Councilman Lewis offered a motion, seconded by Councilman McMasters to adopt Ordinance 18-640.

Roll call of vote as follows:

YEAS: (7) Lewis, McMasters, Bedwell, Anthony, Talley, Fussell and Workman

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Item No. 9. – Public Participation –

Chairman Talley: “Would anyone from the public like to come forward and speak? Please state your name and address.”

No one came forward.

Councilman Workman offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Anthony to close public participation.

Roll call of vote as follows:

YEAS: (7) Lewis, McMasters, Bedwell, Anthony, Talley, Fussell and Workman

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Item No. 10. - President’s Report –

Adopt Resolution 18-881 – A resolution of Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Mount Hermon Water District; term will be effective November 19, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2021.

Chairman Talley: “Would anyone from the public like to speak before the council votes?”

No one came forward.

Councilman Anthony offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Workman to appoint Robert Klerk to the Board of Directors of the Mount Hermon Water District.

Roll call of vote as follows:

YEAS: (7) Lewis, McMasters, Bedwell, Anthony, Talley, Fussell and Workman

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

President Thomas: “There were different ones that volunteered for the Wall that Heals and I would like to thank each of you. Thank you, Senator Mizell for getting it here. This was absolutely beautiful, and my heart was moved.”

Donna Graham: "I would like to ask if any of you have questions regarding the budget, please let me know. I did want to share with you our response to the tornados. I did do a cost estimate and it cost the parish approximately \$32,000 through November 9, 2018."

Ken Wheat: "I would like wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving."

- All the documents have been signed for the LCDBG Grant for district 6.
- Animal Shelter had a set back from the 8 rainout days along with a tornado and we hope to pour concrete this week.

President Thomas: "Mr. Donnell Merritt is on a well-deserved vacation and he will have a full report at our next meeting

- Picked up 125 bags of trash.
- Installed 43 other signs.

President Thomas: "Washington Parish Government Office will be closed Thursday November 22, 2018 and Friday, November 23, 2018 for The Thanksgiving Holiday. I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving."

Item No. 11. Council Discussion –

Councilman McMasters: "I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. I would like to thank everyone that participated in the Wall That Heals, especially Senator Mizell for making it happen. My father was killed December 11, 1966 and it was absolutely beautiful for not only me but for a lot of families. Thank everyone for all their hard work from administration office, Attorney, road crew and council clerk."

Chairman Workman: "Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and a big thank you to everyone that participated in the Wall the Heals."

Councilman Anthony: "I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and invite everyone to the Listening to our lights. We will open up this Friday."

Councilman Bedwell: "I would like to remind everyone that the Bogalusa Christmas Parade is going to be Thursday evening at 5:00pm and Angie Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 10:00am. Regards to the Wall that Heal, If I sat here until next meeting, I couldn't thank everyone that participated or helped out. There were thousands of people that did things towards that wall. I had the pleasure of working on the coordinating committee, but I guarantee you, we almost had to tell people to quit donating stuff. It wasn't a matter of having to beg people to provide items it was what do you need. We had an official estimate of 15,000 visitors and the staff that was here said the Fair Grounds was a wonderful place to have it. It was a lot of work but well worth it and I want to thank everyone for the help and coming out."

Councilman Lewis: "The Wall that Heal was a beautiful display and I commend everyone who organized this. May the Lord continue blessing those families that made the sacrifice. I would like to thank the President and staff for the recovery of the storm victims. I would like to wish everyone for safe and Happy Thanksgiving."

Councilman Fussell: "I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Wall that Heals, certainly Senator Beth Mizell. I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving."

Chairman Talley: "I would like to thank Donna Graham for all the work on the budget and Ken Wheat for all the hard work on the Animal Shelter. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. I would like to thank our Veterans for their service and sacrifice. I would like invite everyone to stay for a Home Rule Charter meeting."

Item No. 12. – Adjourn – No further business to come before the Council, meeting was adjourned on motion by Councilman Fussell, seconded by Councilman Anthony.

Roll call of vote as follows:

YEAS: (7) Lewis, McMasters, Bedwell, Anthony, Talley, Fussell and Workman

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Order of Voting:

Levi Lewis	Perry Talley
Reginald McMasters	Michael Fussell
Phillipp Bedwell	Chris Workman
David Anthony	

Next meeting will be held on Monday, December 3, 2018

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