

## House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Minutes of Meeting  
2013 Regular Session  
May 22, 2013

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Girod Jackson III, Chairman of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. in Room 6, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Girod Jackson III, Chairman  
Representative Austin J. Badon, Jr.  
Representative Taylor F. Barras  
Representative Regina Ashford Barrow  
Representative John A. Berthelot  
Representative Robert E. Billiot, Vice Chair  
Representative Wesley T. Bishop  
Representative Jared C. Brossett  
Representative Terry R. Brown  
Representative Michael E. Danahay  
Representative Kenneth E. Havard  
Representative Dalton W. Honoré  
Representative Stephen J. Ortego  
Representative Stephen E. Pugh  
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Roy A. Burrell  
Representative Barbara M. Norton

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Righteous, Committee Attorney  
Valarie Banks, Committee Secretary  
Brenca Berry, Committee Clerk  
R. Jared Evans, Central Staff Attorney  
Beverly Vincent, Sergeant at Arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

**Senate Bill No. 50 by Senator Erdey**

Senator Erdey presented Senate Bill No. 50, which establishes the Juban Crossing Economic Development District Fund as a special fund in the state treasury and provides for the disposition of certain sales tax proceeds within Livingston Parish.

Representative J. Rodgers Pope, Louisiana House District No. 71, P.O. Box 555, Denham Springs, LA 70727, (225) 667-3588, spoke in support of the bill.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 50 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honore, and Pugh voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 207 by Senator Morrell**

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 207, which provides relative to civil service for cities with a population of over 100,000.

Representative Barrow offered a set of amendments to provide that proposed law shall not apply to any municipality with a population of not less than 215,000 and not more than 300,000 persons. Representative Barrow offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honore, and Pugh voted yea.

Mr. Claud Schlesinger, representing Fraternal Order of Police, 200 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (504) 529-4141, submitted a witness card in support of the bill.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 207 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honore, and Pugh voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 159 by Senator Morrell**

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 159, which provides relative to paid detail or secondary employment administered or managed by the city of New Orleans.

Representative Brossett offered a set of amendments to remove provisions that (1) required the Office of Police and Secondary Employment to be responsible for workers' compensation and all

related insurance costs of officers on detail or secondary employment; and (2) required the city of New Orleans to be responsible for the funding and payment of social security and Medicare employer and employee contributions for all detail or secondary employment. Representative Brossett offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Danahay, Havard, Honore, and Pugh voted yea.

Mr. Rodney Braxton, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 381-0166, submitted a witness card in opposition to the bill but declined to speak.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 159 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Barras, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Havard, Honore, Ortego, and Pugh voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 47 by Senator Morrell**

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 47, which provides relative to the Sewerage and Water Board of the city of New Orleans.

Representative Brossett offered a set of amendments to:

- (1) Reduce the membership of the board from 11 to nine by removing appointments granted to the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives and Senate;
- (2) Remove provisions of proposed law that require the mayor to make his citizen appointments with the advice and consent of the Senate. To restore present law provisions that require the mayor to receive the advice and consent of the New Orleans city council;
- (3) Clarify that the mayor's appointments, including those from the board of liquidation, city debt, must include one citizen from each of the five council districts in the city. Additionally clarified that these members shall serve four-year staggered terms;
- (4) Add provisions that require the selection committee, if the mayor disapproves the nominees it submits, to convene to resubmit different nominees;
- (5) Add provisions that require the board to report quarterly to the New Orleans city council relative to contracts let in the construction and repair of its public systems of water, sewerage, and drainage. To provide for the content requirements of each report; and
- (6) Add provisions that board members in office on the effective date of proposed law shall remain in office until their successors are appointed and take office.

Representative Brossett offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Havard, Honore, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Walt Leger, III, Louisiana House District No. 91, 600 Carondelet Street, 9th Floor, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 556-9970, spoke in support of the bill.

Submitting a witness card in support of Senate Bill No. 47 but declining to speak was Mr. Rodney Braxton, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 381-0166.

Mr. Harold D. Marchand, representing the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, 625 St. Joseph Street, New Orleans, LA 70165, (504) 585-2236, submitted a witness card to provide information.

Testifying in opposition to the bill was Ms. Janet Howard, representing the Bureau of Governmental Research, 938 Lafayette, New Orleans, LA, 70113, (504) 259-3440.

Representative Brossett offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 47 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Havard, Honore, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 42 by Senator Morrell**

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 42, which provides relative to the New Orleans Regional Business Park.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 42 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Havard, Honore, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to place Senate Bill No. 42 on the Local & Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Girod Jackson III, Badon, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brossett, Brown, Havard, Honore, Ortego, Pugh, and Willmott voted yea.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Austin Badon, Chairman  
Date Approved: May 15, 2014