

On motion by, and seconded by, All Councilmen, the following resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION 2015-11(A)

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Westwego, Louisiana, supporting the West Jefferson Levee District's November 21, 2015 millage proposition which creates a 5.5 mill ad valorem property tax mill levy for thirty years ending in 2045.

WHEREAS, the West Jefferson Levee District (the "WJLD") has been operating off of the same level of mills of the general ad valorem tax since its' founding in 1980; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to WJLD Resolution 081215-01, a special tax of 5.50 mills for thirty years will be placed on the November 21, 2015 general election ballot; and

WHEREAS, the Westbank and Vicinity Projects ("WBV") are now complete and have been turned over to the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West (the "Authority"), the governing authority of the WJLD, for Operation, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement and Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers has transferred the West Closure Complex ("WCC") to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority ("CPRA"); and

WHEREAS, the WCC is a major feature of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System ("HSDRRS") for southeast Louisiana which reduces risk for residences and businesses in three parishes on the west bank of the Mississippi River, including Jefferson Parish; and

WHEREAS, the WJLD is apportioned with the operations and maintenance cost of the WCC with Plaquemines Parish and CPRA; and

WHEREAS, the revenues of the proposed special levee tax will be dedicated and used for the purpose of constructing and maintaining levees, levee drainage, flood protection, hurricane flood protection and for all other purposes incidental thereto, as well as a portion of the operation and maintenance of the WCC; and

WHEREAS, City Council of the City of Westwego fully supports the proposed measure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Westwego, Louisiana, that:

The City Council of the City of Westwego hereby supports and urges a YES vote on the West Jefferson Levee District's Special Tax of 5.50 mills, which will appear on the November 21, 2015 election ballot.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to vote, the vote thereon was as follows:


Yeas: Green, Nobles, Fonseca, Toups, Warino

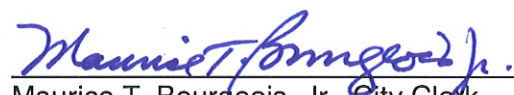
Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Adopted: Monday, November 9, 2015


John I. Shaddinger, Jr., Mayor


Maurice T. Bourgeois, Jr., City Clerk