

CITY OF CENTRAL

**BY COUNCIL MEMBERS MOAK, WELLS, EVANS, FRENEAUX, MCKINNEY, MYER
and ROY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-30

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2019-2020 FISCAL
YEAR BUDGET TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR FLOOD
CONTROL BY \$4,000,000 AND TO PROVIDE FOR
RELATED MATTERS**

WHEREAS, since the 1990's improvements to drainage have been proposed to increase the capacity of Jones Creek, Wards Creek, Bayou Fountain, Beaver Bayou and Blackwater Bayou in East Baton Rouge Parish (the "Amite River Tributaries Project");

WHEREAS, despite the need for improved drainage in East Baton Rouge Parish and particularly in Central, funding for the Amite River Tributaries Project, has not heretofore been available;

WHEREAS, Congress appropriated approximately \$190,000,000 to fund 75% of the design and construction costs for the Amite River Tributaries Project;

WHEREAS, Governor John Bel Edwards committed to dedicate approximately \$53,000,000 in state funds toward the 25% local matching funds required for the United States Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") to design and construct the Amite River Tributaries Project;

WHEREAS, Mayor Sharon Weston-Broome committed to dedicate approximately \$8,000,000 in parish funds toward the 25% local matching funds required for the USACE to design and construct the Amite River Tributaries Project;

WHEREAS, approximately \$4,000,000 in additional funds are needed for the 25% local matching funds required for the USACE to design and construct the Amite River Tributaries Project;

WHEREAS, the Amite River Tributaries Project consists of improvements to 66 miles along the five channels in East Baton Rouge Parish including widening 8 miles of Beaver Bayou starting at the Hubbs Road bridge and traveling south to the Comite River and over 14 miles of improvements to Blackwater Bayou including widening and channel improvements along 9.9 miles of the main channel of Blackwater Bayou and 4.8 miles along Blackwater Bayou tributaries;

WHEREAS, the main channel of Blackwater Bayou starts at Highway 64 next to Galilee Baptist Church, travels south near Old Settlement subdivision, passes under McCullough Road, Blackwater Road and Dyer Road continues south under Talmadge Crumholt Road, proceeds under Blackwater Road until meeting the Blackwater Bayou tributary on the north side of Carmel Acres subdivision, and continues under Hooper Road at the four-lane bridge near Winchester subdivision emptying into the Comite River;

WHEREAS, the majority of the Amite River Tributaries Project passes through open, rural land and is expected to improve drainage in Old Settlement Place and Carmel Acres subdivisions;

WHEREAS, the Amite River Tributaries Project includes improvements to Blackwater Bayou near Plantation Way subdivision at Solitude Lane proceeding south passing under McCullough Road, proceeding under Country Estates Avenue, then proceeding under Core Lane, traveling south next to Central Private School and Centerra Court, proceeding under Gurney Road, continuing behind Morgan Place West and Willowood Acres, and joining the main Blackwater Bayou channel expected to improve drainage in Plantation Way, Beau Bois, Country Estates, Centerra Court, Morgan Place West, Willowood Acres, Boganvilla, and Carmel Acres subdivisions;

WHEREAS, the Amite River Tributaries Project includes improvements to Beaver Bayou near Hubbs Road, proceeding under Pinewood Drive and Denham Road at the newly replaced bridge, continuing south along the western side of Crystal Place, crossing under Hooper Road next to Custom Metal Works, continuing past Cimmaron subdivision, proceeding under Wax Road at the bridge near Central High School, proceeding south under Greenwell Springs Road east of Central Thruway, and meandering under the Central Thruway and Frenchtown Road crossings emptying into the Comite River expected to improve drainage in Pinewood Acres, Crystal Place, Bridlewood, Cimmaron, Biltmore, Wisteria Lakes, Brandon Place, and Geo-Je subdivisions;

WHEREAS, studies by the USACE indicate the Amite River Tributaries Project will reduce the risk of flooding in much of Central;

WHEREAS, reducing the risk of flooding in Central will enhance the public, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Central and preserve and increase property values in Central;

WHEREAS, the contribution by Central of approximately \$4,000,000 toward the 25% local matching funds required for the USACE to design and construct the Amite River Tributaries Project will bring approximately \$255,000,000 in drainage improvements to East Baton Rouge Parish of which approximately \$75,000,000 are located within Central;

WHEREAS, upon verification of funding for the required local match and execution of agreements, the Amite River Tributaries Project design will be completed with improvements expected to begin in January 2020 and anticipated to be completed in 2024;

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Central desires to work in cooperation with the USACE, the state of Louisiana and the parish of East Baton Rouge to fund and the Amite River Tributaries Project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year General Fund Budget and the Capital Outlay & Improvement Fund Budget to include funding for the required local match for the Amite River Tributaries Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Central, State of Louisiana as follows:

Section 1. Budget Amendment

Transfer to CO & I Fund (General Fund Expenditure Account No. 000.491.21.200) is hereby increased by \$4,000,000.

Transfer from General Fund (CO & I Fund Revenue Account No. 210.391.00.100) is hereby increased by \$4,000,000.

Drainage (CO & I Fund Expenditure Account No. 210.400.20.000) is hereby increased by \$4,000,000.

Section 2. Conflicts

The specific terms and conditions of this Ordinance shall prevail against prior ordinances of the City to the extent there is any conflict.

Section 3. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or parts thereof, other than the part declared invalid. The remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected by the declaration of invalidity and shall remain in force and effect.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

Introduced before the Council on August 27, 2019.


This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

For:	Evans, Freneaux, McKinney, Moak, Myer, Roy, Wells
Against:	None
Absent:	None

Adopted this 10th day of September, 2019.

Signed this 12th day of September, 2019.

Delivered to Mayor on the 12th day of September, 2019:




Mark Miley, City Clerk

Approved:



David R. Barrow, Mayor

Received from Mayor on the 12th day of September, 2019:



Mark Miley, City Clerk

Adopted Ordinance published in The Advocate on the 19th day of September, 2019.