



City of Lake Charles

326 Pujo Street
P.O. Box 1178
Lake Charles, LA
70602-1178

Special Meeting Minutes City Council

*Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, John Ieyoub, Mary Morris,
Johnnie Thibodeaux, Stuart Weatherford
Council President: Luvertha August*

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER - Luvertha August, President of the Council, presided

INVOCATION - Rodney Geyen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Johnnie Thibodeaux

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - John Ieyoub, Johnnie Thibodeaux, President or Presiding Officer Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, and Stuart Weatherford

Absent: 1 - Mary Morris

Also present were Mayor Nic Hunter (by telephone), Mr. David L. Morgan, City Attorney and Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

Ms. August stated this was a special meeting with only 9 persons in the Council Chambers. Persons can call in to listen to the meeting. She deferred to David Morgan, City Attorney, who outlined the procedure for this meeting. He stated Mayor Hunter and Ms. Morris are both on the phone and that John Cardone, Karen Harrell and Mike Huber were present should the Council Members have any questions. Mr. Morgan introduced into the record the Notice of the Special Meeting and stated that the city provided a number of ways for which the public could provide comments regarding the items on the Special Meeting agenda either by e-mail, telephone, fax, or written letter. He did confirm for the record that no comments were received in the City Council Office nor the Legal Department regarding any items on the agenda.

Mr. Morgan stated that a second telephone line has been set up for those attending by telephone. It is a long distance number. If you have a cell phone, you are not charged long distance for the call. The 491-1228 number is limited in its capacity and the quality of the sound of the recording is better on the other number which is 408-650-3123. Call into that number and enter access code 986-426-221. This number is on the City's Facebook page under Lake Charles City Hall. Mr. Morgan asked the Council to delay the meeting to allow two minutes for people to change numbers if they choose. Ms. August agreed to the delay.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2020

A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

1. 37-2020

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2824 11th Street, Gilbert Foote Estate, owner.

Mr. Morgan presented photographs and documents regarding the property along with a copy of a notice posted on the structure on March 26, 2020 at 5:00p.m. which were made a part of the record. Mr. Geyen recommended time delays of 24 hours due to the structure being badly burned which was approved by the following vote.

A motion was made that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18660

2. 15-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase one (1) new trailer-mounted six inch (6") sewer pump, for use by the Public Works Department, Wastewater Division.

Sponsors: Johnnie Thibodeaux

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Fluid Process & Pumps, LLC in the amount of \$44,507.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18661

3. 16-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of milk for the 2020 Summer Food Service Program.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Milk Products, LLC dba Borden Dairy Co. of TX in the amount of \$47,932.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18662

4. 17-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of food for the 2020 Summer Food Service Program.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Lamm Food Service in the amount of \$218,740.74. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18663

5. 18-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of food containers and other non-food items for the 2020 Summer Food Service Program.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Economical Janitorial & Paper Supplies, LLC in the amount of \$16,753.67. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18664

6. 30-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3051, 2019 Supplemental Infrastructure - Striping Package.

Sponsors: Stuart Weatherford

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Pavement Markings, LLC in the amount of \$1,041,007.81. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18665

7. 31-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3345, 2019 Supplemental Infrastructure - Overlay Package No. 1.

Sponsors: Mary Morris

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from R. E. Heidt Construction Co., LLC in the amount of \$667,016.05. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18666

8. 45-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3282 and CP3318, River Road Drainage and Paving Improvements - Phase One.

Sponsors: Mary Morris

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Asphalt Associates in the amount of \$504,039.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18667

9. 56-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3337, North Division Street, Hodges Street and Pujo Street Drainage Rehabilitation, and to amend the budget accordingly.

Sponsors: Mary Morris

Mr. Morgan called on Karen Harrell, Finance Director, who requested the Capital Budget be amended to provide additional funding for this project since the bids came in over budget. She stated money was available in miscellaneous drainage funds that are allocated for drainage projects as needed and will go toward that specific drainage project. A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc. in the amount of \$489,690.00 and to amend the budget. The ordinance passed by the following vote:

For: 6 John Ieyoub, Johnnie Thibodeaux, Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, and Stuart Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: Mary Morris

Mr. Morgan requested this item be reconsidered as the ordinance needs to be amended to include the wording "to amend the budget". A motion was made by Ms. August, seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux and passed by the following vote to reconsider.

A motion was made that this item be reconsidered. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18668

A motion was made that this item be adopted as amended and accept the recommended bid from Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc. in the amount of \$489,690.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18668

10. 67-2020

An ordinance accepting the best proposal received from the Requests for Proposals issued for the Annual Mowing and Maintenance of under three (3) years adjudicated properties within the City limits of Lake Charles, Louisiana, under a twelve (12) month contract, with the option to renew for an additional twelve (12) months.

Sponsors: Mark Eckard

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from D & M Enterprises in the amount of \$38,600.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18669

11. 79-2020

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an A & E agreement with D. W. Jessen & Associates, LLC for engineering services for 7th Avenue and 20th Street Drainage Improvements.

A motion was made that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18670

12. 80-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3364, 2019 Wastewater Pipe Bursting.

Sponsors: Johnnie Thibodeaux

Deferred to the April 15, 2020 City Council meeting.

13. 81-2020

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an A&E Agreement with Moss Architects, Inc. for architectural services for Rosa Hart Theatre Repairs.

A motion was made that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18671

14. 82-2020

An ordinance accepting Michele Court, East Lake Michele, South Savannah Lakes and W. Savannah Lakes, in Savannah Lakes, Phase 2B Subdivision, public right-of-ways, drainage, water and sewer lines and traffic control devices for ownership and maintenance by the City of Lake Charles., Louisiana.

A motion was made that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18672

15. 91-2020

Introduction and final action of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 18643, passed and adopted on February 19, 2020 to correctly state an ordinance accepting Hermitage Oaks Drive in Hermitage Oaks Subdivision, public right-of-ways, drainage, water, and sewer line and traffic control devices for ownership and maintenance by the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana.

The emergency nature for introduction and final action is for preservation of the public peace, health and safety.

A motion was made that this item be adopted and introduced as read into the record by David Morgan. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18673

16. 103-2020

Introduction and final action of an ordinance revising Appendix I of the City of Lake Charles Personnel Policy Manual, the Drug and Alcohol Policy, to comply with all DOT FTA requirements.

Mr. Morgan stated the emergency nature for introduction and final action was to timely get the City in compliance with the provisions of the DOT FTA Audit.

A motion was made that this item be adopted and introduced as read into the record by David Morgan. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18674

17. 105-2020

Introduction and final action of an ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Environmental Technical Sales for repairs to the Trojan Ultra-Violet Disinfection System located at all Waste Water Plants, for use by the Public Works Department, Waste Water Division.

Mr. Morgan stated the emergency nature for introduction and final action was to insure that the City meets the standards to treat our sewer systems.

A motion was made that this item be adopted and introduced as read into the record by David Morgan. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18675

18. 106-2020

Introduction and final action of an ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to exceed the twenty percent (20%) cumulative change order increase for Project No. CP3313, Shattuck Street Bridge Rehabilitation.

Mr. Morgan stated the emergency nature for introduction and final action was to allow for the cost for additional work needed for this ongoing project.

A motion was made that this item be adopted and introduced as read into the record by David Morgan. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18676

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENT

21. 94-2020

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3252, 2018 CDBG South Roosevelt Drainage Improvements, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45 day lien period.

Mr. Geyen stated he was pleased with the results of this project and his constituents were pleased with the reduction of flooding in their area.

A motion was made that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 38-2020

24. 118-2020

A resolution appointing a member to the Recreation District Number One of Ward Three Board, to fill the unexpired term of Solomon Cannon, said term to expire October 27, 2024.

Mr. Geyen stated one resume was received for this board position from Gregory Gauthier and he made a motion to nominate Mr. Gauthier. The motion was seconded by Ms. August which passed by the following vote naming Mr. Gauthier to the Board.

A motion was made that this item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 39-2020

19. 92-2020

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3303, New Transit Storage Facility, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45 day lien period.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 40-2020

20. 93-2020

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3334, Henderson Bayou Bridge Rehabilitation, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45 day lien period.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 41-2020

22. 101-2020

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. CP3346, Civic Center Boardwalk, Phase I.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Geyen was designated Chairman.

Enactment No: 42-2020

23. 102-2020

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. CP3284, 4th Avenue Drainage Improvements, 6th Street to High School Park Lateral.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Ms. August was designated Chairperson.

Enactment No: 43-2020

25. 120-2020

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3332, Port Wonder Utilities Extension, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45 day lien period.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 44-2020

26. 121-2020

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. CP3336, Oak Park Lateral Drainage Improvements.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Geyen was designated Chairman.

Enactment No: 45-2020

27. 122-2020

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise and receive sealed bids to purchase an annual supply of traffic control products, under a twelve (12) month contract with the option to renew for an additional twelve (12) months for use by the Public Works Department, Communication and Traffic Division.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Thibodeaux was designated Chairman.

Enactment No: 46-2020

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Morris

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES ARE FOR INTRODUCTION BY CONSENT AND WERE READ INTO THE RECORD THE DAY FOLLOWING THIS MEETING AT 9:00A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

28. 116-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3346, Civic Center Boardwalk, Phase I.

Sponsors: John Ieyoub

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

29. 117-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3284, 4th Avenue Drainage Improvements, 6th Street to High School Park Lateral.

Sponsors: Luvertha August

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

30. 123-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3336, Oak Park Lateral Drainage Improvements.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

31. 124-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase an annual supply of traffic control products, under a twelve (12) month contract with the option to renew for an additional twelve (12) months for use by the Public Works Department, Communication and Traffic Division.

Sponsors: Johnnie Thibodeaux

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

Ms. August stated items 28 through 31 would be read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council, on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 9:00a.m. in the City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to come before the Council, Ms. August declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10p.m. The next City Council meeting is April 15, 2020.

I, LYNN F. THIBODEAUX, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Council of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. I further certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct draft copy for approval of the Minutes of a meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 1st day of April, 2020.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 9th day of April, 2020. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council

I, LYNN F. THIBODEAUX, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Council of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. I further certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the Ordinances adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said city held on the 1st day of April, 2020.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 9th day of April, 2020. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

The City of Lake Charles fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Americans with Disabilities Act, and related statutes, executive orders, and regulations in all programs and activities. The City operates without regard to race, color, or national origin. Any person who believes him/herself or any specific class of persons, to be subjected to discrimination prohibited by Title VI and/or Americans with Disabilities Act may by him/herself or by representative file a written complaint with the City of Lake Charles. The City's Title VI Coordinator/ADA Coordinator may be reached by phone at (337) 491-1440, the Mayor's Action Line at (337) 491-1346, or contact the appropriate Department Head.