



# City of Lake Charles

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

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

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Wednesday, June 2, 2021

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

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**CALL TO ORDER - Stuart Weatherford, President of the Council, presided**

**INVOCATION - Mark Eckard**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mary Morris**

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 - John Ieyoub, Johnnie Thibodeaux, Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, Mary Morris, and President or Presiding Officer Stuart Weatherford

**Absent:** 0

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

*Mr. Weatherford stated item number 22 was being deleted and would not be discussed at this meeting.*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2021**

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

**For:** 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

#### **1. 76-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase one (1) new four wheel sweeper, for use by the Public Works Department, Grounds Maintenance Division.

**Sponsors:** Mary Morris

**Appointed Mary Morris Chairperson.**

**2. 77-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase one (1) side loader refuse truck, for use by the Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division.

**Sponsors:** Luvertha August

**Appointed Luvertha August Chairperson.**

**3. 79-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase one (1) rear-end loader refuse truck, for use by the Public Works Department, Trash Collection Division.

**Sponsors:** Luvertha August

**Appointed Luvertha August Chairperson.**

**4. 80-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase and delivery of bulk lubricants, for a one (1) year period, with the option to renew for up to two additional twelve-month periods, for use by all City of Lake Charles Departments.

**Sponsors:** Mark Eckard

**Appointed Mark Eckard Chairman.**

**5. 107-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase one (1) new three-quarter (3/4) ton crew cab four (4) door pickup truck for use by the Lake Charles Fire Department, Mechanics Division.

**Sponsors:** Johnnie Thibodeaux

**Appointed Johnnie Thibodeaux Chairman.**

**6. 108-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase one (1) new one half (1/2) ton regular cab LWB pickup truck for use by the Public Works Department, Streets Division.

**Sponsors:** Mary Morris

**Appointed Mary Morris Chairperson.**

**7. 109-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase three (3) new small size sport utility vehicles, for use by the Lake Charles Permit Center (2) and Public Works Department, Wastewater Division (1).

**Sponsors:** John Ieyoub

**Appointed John Ieyoub Chairman.**

**8. 110-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase one (1) new fourteen (14) foot flatbed dump truck for use by the Public Works Department, Water Division.

**Sponsors:** Rodney Geyen

**Appointed Rodney Geyen Chairman.**

**9. 111-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase six (6) new one-half (1/2) ton regular cab SWB pickups, for use by the Public Works Department, Water (4) and Wastewater (2) Divisions.

**Sponsors:** Mark Eckard

**Appointed Mark Eckard Chairman.**

**10. 112-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of one (1) new one-ton truck with service body and crane, for use by the Public Works Department, Wastewater Division.

**Sponsors:** Luvertha August

**Appointed Luvertha August Chairperson.**

**11. 116-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-81, WWTP A Tank Debris Removal & Disposal, HL- 29 WWTP B/C Tank Debris Removal & Disposal, HL-126 WWTP D Tank Debris Removal & Disposal.

**Sponsors:** Luvertha August

**Appointed Luvertha August Chairperson.**

**12. 132-21**

An ordinance amending the official zoning map for the City of Lake Charles from Residential to Business in order to construct an aggregate parking area with drive access on East Oak Lane with side yard bufferyard reduction from 15 ft. to 5ft at the rear of 3711 Ryan Street through to 319 East Oak Lane.

*Doug Burguières stated this request was approved 5-0 by the Planning and Zoning Commission with two amendments as a condition of approval: (1) Maintaining a 10 ft. bufferyard versus the required 15 ft. bufferyard; (2) Eliminating any access with driveways to E. Oak Lane for the proposed development.*

*Scott Bailey, 3847 Cypress Lake Dr., applicant, requested to have access granted to E. Oak Lane with very minimal traffic impact for short term storage for a boat or an RV being picked up by a customer.*

*This matter was presented to the Council with the two amendments. Mr. Thibodeaux made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Ieyoub to allow vehicle access onto East Oak Lane and maintain a 10' bufferyard abutting a residential use.*

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

**For:** 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18884

**13. 133-21**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with D & W Drilling for inspection, cleaning, and repairs of Water Wells G-8 and G-11 at GH West Water Plant and M-1 at McNeese Water Plant, for use by the Public Works Department, Water Division.

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

**For:** 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18885

**14. 134-21**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an A&E agreement with Manchac Consulting Group, Inc., for engineering services for George H. West Water Treatment Plant Back-Up Power Improvements.

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

**For:** 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18886

**15. 137-21**

An ordinance authorizing additional funds to the Port Wonder project and a transfer of such funds through a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Port Wonder, LLC and/or Provident Resources Group.

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

**For:** 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18887

**16. 138-21**

An ordinance enlarging the boundaries of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana by annexing property generally described as the West side of the 3800 block of Nelson Road through to the South side of the 1800 Block of Thorn Road (including 1921 Thorn Road) containing 5.74 acres more or less defining with certainty and precision the territory to be included in the corporate limits of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

*Doug Burguières stated this matter was heard at the May 10, 2021 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and the request was unanimously approved. An Annexation Report was prepared and signed by the Public Works Department. The report was made a part of record. Ms. Morris asked how this annexation would impact drainage. Mr. Burguières stated there is existing water and sewer on Nelson Rd. and they have no objection according to the report. Mr. Geyen recommended including drainage impact information in the Public Works report since we are having problems with drainage. Ms. August suggested, before we annex parish property into the City, we should determine from the Parish if there are any flooding problems and share any financial burdens with us. She stated we are annexing properties and we are not given any consideration to the problems that were there before hand.*

*Mr. Cardone stated we are only annexing this property now and there is currently no planned development. Ms. Morris stated she has been asking for information as to how a proposed annexation would impact the drainage, sewer and all of the systems that are in place but that information has not been provided. She stated she is not trying to stop growth but does not feel comfortable expanding the city until we understand the drainage plan.*

*Mr. Weatherford stated Billy Loftin, Jr., attorney representing the applicant, was here to answer questions from the Council. Gayle Sledge, 2345 See St., read a prepared statement in opposition to the ordinance, which was made a part of the record.*

*Mr. Paul Geary, 2205 Gerstner Memorial, spoke against the ordinance. Samuel Booker, 2709 E. General Wainwright spoke in favor of the ordinance.*

**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:** 1 - Morris

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Enactment No: 18888

**17. 139-21**

An ordinance assigning zoning classification of Business to 5.74 acres, more or less, generally described as the West side of the 3800 Block of Nelson Road through to the South side of the 1800 Block of Thorn Road (including 1921 Thorn Road), and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

*Gayle Sledge, 2345 See St., asked that her prepared statement in opposition to the ordinance be made a part of the record.*

**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:** 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18889

**18. 140-21**

An ordinance assigning Councilmanic District "D" to property generally described as the West side of the 3800 block of Nelson Road through to the South side of the 1800 Block of Thorn Road (including 1921 Thorn Road) containing 5.74 acres more or less defining with certainty and precision the territory to be included in the corporate limits of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

*Gayle Sledge, 2345 See St., asked that her prepared statement in opposition to the ordinance be made a part of the record.*

**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:** 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18890

**19. 141-21**

An ordinance enlarging the boundaries of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, by annexing property generally described as beginning at the end of existing city limits along Southpark Drive South to Gauthier Road containing 1,139.24 acres more or less defining with certainty and precision the territory to be included in the corporate limits of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

*Doug Burguières stated this matter was heard at the May 10, 2021 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and the request was unanimously approved. An Annexation Report was prepared and signed by the Public Works Department. The report was made a part of record. He stated this is all vacant property at this time.*

*Gayle Sledge asked if data analysis was available regarding the flow of the drainage captured from the Parish as to what this property was used for before and the drainage flow. Mr. Burguières indicated he was not aware of any data.*

*Joshua Lewis, 5674 W. Pinewood Dr. spoke regarding the ordinance.*

**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:** 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18891

**20. 142-21**

An ordinance assigning zoning classification of Mixed Use to 1,139.24 acres, more or less, generally described as beginning at end of existing city limits along Southpark Drive South to Gauthier Road, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

*Gayle Sledge, 2345 See St., asked that her prepared statement in opposition to the ordinance be made a part of the record.*

**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:** 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18892



**21. 143-21**

An ordinance assigning Councilmanic District "F" to property generally described as beginning at the end of existing city limits along Southpark Drive South to Gauthier Road containing 1,139.24 acres more or less defining with certainty and precision the territory to be included in the corporate limits of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

*Gayle Sledge, 2345 See St., asked that her prepared statement in opposition to the ordinance be made a part of the record.*

**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:** 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18893

**22. 162-21**

Introduction and final action of an ordinance to review and consider ratifying and extending the June 15, 2011 agreement with Meyer and Associates, Inc.

**Sponsors:** Stuart Weatherford

**This item was deleted at the request of Mr. Weatherford.**

**31. 163-21**

A resolution to request Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2 of Calcasieu Parish and the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) expedite the cleaning of laterals and bayous within the City of Lake Charles and Calcasieu Parish. And, further, requests that the National Resources Conservation Service (NCRS) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) expedite the funding to assist with the project.

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

*Mr. Geyen made comments regarding flooding and how laterals are not flowing properly and possibly installing bulkheads would help with the direction of the flow of water.*

*Ms. Morris requested that DOTD be added to receive the resolution. A motion was made by Ms. Morris, seconded by Mr. Eckard to also send the resolution to the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development.*

**A motion was made by Morris, seconded by Eckard, that this item be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 56-21

*Mr. Eckard asked if the Gravity Drainage District had been contacted to request their attendance at the Agenda meeting on June 8, 2021 to bring us up to date on their timeline for cleaning the laterals. Mr. Cardone indicated that he has been in touch with the Parish and the Gravity Drainage District and that they plan to attend. Ms. Morris requested DOTD attend as well. Mr. Cardone stated he would send them a request to attend as well.*

*Mayor Hunter informed the Council that he just received word that the May 17th flooding is now the 5th Federally declared disaster the City has been through in 14 months. He stated the City and its residents have been through a lot. He outlined drainage expenditures spent during the past three to four years and the amount of laterals and ditches that have been cleaned out during that time. He indicated he is working on plans to discuss at the June 8th agenda meeting regarding immediate steps that can be taken to speed up the funding process. He asked the Council to include in the resolution a request to National Resources Conservation Service (NCRS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to expedite the funding and cleaning of laterals.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Eckard, seconded by Mr. Ieyoub to also send the resolution to the National Resources Conservation Service (NCRS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to request they expedite the funding and cleaning of laterals.*

**This item was amended on the Consent Agenda.**

**For:** 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 56-21

*After discussion from the Council, a motion was made by Mr. Weatherford, seconded by Mr. Geyen to include dredging and widening of the laterals and bayous within the City and Parish.*

**This item was amended on the Consent Agenda.**

**For:** 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 56-21

**This item was adopted as amended on the Consent Agenda.**

**For:** 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 56-21

**25. 148-21**

A resolution setting date for public hearing and consideration of the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to approve a Major Conditional Use Permit in conjunction with a planned mixed use development in order to convert and construct a supervised emergency shelter with ancillary support services including storage and warehousing facilities managed by Catholic Charities of SWLA, within a Mixed Use Zoning District at 1017 6th Avenue.

*Mr. Geyen stated this item will be addressed at the June 16th City Council meeting. He stated we all agree that we need to help our brothers and sisters and providing a facility to help them is a good thing to do. Catholic Charities is a responsible group of people that have programs to help but those living in the neighborhood need to know how it will impact their environment. He stated we want to help the homeless and I am for helping them relocate in an appropriate place for us to address their special needs but at the same time we have to be concerned about the safety of the elderly, the children who catch busses early in the morning and the residents. I know we are trying to reach out and help but let us come together and include the residents' concerns to find the appropriate place to address their needs.*

*After comments from Ms. August the resolution passed by the following vote:*

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

**The Public Hearing date is June 16, 2021.**

**For:** 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 57-21

**23. 146-21**

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3236, Southwest Water Treatment Plant - Pressure Filter Rehabilitation, Phase II, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: 58-21

**24. 147-21**

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3339, Port Wonder Parking Garage, Phase I, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: 59-21

**26. 149-21**

A resolution setting date for public hearing and consideration of the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to deny a variance application in order to subdivide a .23 acre tract of land into two (2) single family residential tracts with a lot size variance (5,000 sq. ft. v. 6,000 sq. ft.) within a Residential Zoning District, located at 2704 Colfax Street.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: 60-21

**27. 150-21**

A resolution setting date for public hearing and consideration of the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to deny a variance request in order to construct single-family residential structures with a side yard setback of 3'4" v. 5' within a Residential Zoning District, located at 2704 Colfax Street.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: 61-21

**28. 151-21**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the upgrade of water-metering devices citywide. The Request for Proposals will also address systems for transferring flow measurement to the City billing system.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: 62-21

**29. 152-21**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) new three-quarter ton extended cab pickup truck, for use by the Public Works Department, Grounds Maintenance Division.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: 63-21

**30. 159-21**

A resolution giving notice of Appointment and setting date for selection of nominees by the City Council to be sent to the Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor, for appointment of a Board Member to the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District Board of Commissioners.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: 64-21

**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:** 7 - Iyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

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

**32. 153-21**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Mity Lite, Inc. to purchase two hundred and sixty (260) tables for use by the Lake Charles Civic Center.

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

**33. 154-21**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development for CCTV services for Ryan Street from Clarence Street to McNeese Street.

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

**34. 155-21**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Atakapa Services for CCTV services for Ryan Street from Pryce Street to McNeese Street.

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

**35. 156-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-55, Central School - Interior Repairs.

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

**36. 157-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project Nos. HL-02, HL-06, HL-135, HL-136 - Multiple Ball Park Repairs.

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

**37. 158-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of one (1) new three-quarter ton extended cab pickup truck, for use by the Public Works Department, Grounds Maintenance Division.

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

**38. 160-21**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Kincade Recreation for the removal of damaged playground equipment and the purchase and installation of a new playground equipment system at Lock Park.

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

**39. 161-21**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Kincade Recreation for the removal of damaged playground equipment and the purchase and installation of a new playground equipment system at Bellard (formerly Hillcrest) Park.

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

*Mr. Weatherford stated items 32-39 would be read into the record on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 11:00a.m. in the City Council Chambers by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.*

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Weatherford declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45p.m.

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 Minutes of a meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2021.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 10th day of June, 2021. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2021.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 10th day of June, 2021. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

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