



City of Lake Charles

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Meeting Minutes City Council

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

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER - Rodney Geyen, President of the Council, presided

INVOCATION - Craig Marks

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Luvertha August

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Luvertha August, President or Presiding Officer Rodney Geyen, John Ieyoub, Craig Marks, and Stuart Weatherford

Absent: 2 - Mark Eckard, and Mary Morris

Also present were John Cardone, Mr. David L. Morgan, City Attorney and Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Geyen introduced Dr. Cathy Denison-Robert, Executive Director and Founder of Business & Workforce Recovery Solutions. She addressed the Council by outlining the new Comprehensive Business Disaster Recovery program whose mission is to provide comprehensive, collaborative support for business and workforce disaster recovery in Southwest Louisiana. She announced the project that will begin on August 11, 2021 and provided the Council members with an informational flyer.

Mr. Geyen indicated item 6 was being deferred to the August 18, 2021 City Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2021

Mr. Marks indicated the minutes showed the Mayor as voting on items 6, 7 and 8 which was in error. The minutes will be corrected and the correction published as required.

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

For: 5 - August, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

1. 231-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3288, Holly Hill Sewer Line Rehabilitation, Phase III.

Sponsors: Mark Eckard

Appointed Stuart Weatherford as Chairman.

2. 241-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-14, Civic Center Emergency Generator Replacement.

Sponsors: Craig Marks

Appointed Craig Marks as Chairman.

3. 242-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-66, LCPD Central Station Renovations.

Sponsors: Mary Morris

Appointed Mary Morris as Chairperson.

4. 243-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-15, Bord Du Lac Drive - Marina Repairs.

Sponsors: John Ieyoub

Appointed John Ieyoub as Chairman.

5. 244-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-93, George H. West Water Treatment Plant G8 and G9 Starter Replacements.

Sponsors: Mary Morris

Appointed Mary Morris as Chairperson.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. 180-21

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 612 Beam Street, Leroy (NMI) Jasmine and Etta Marie Alfred Jasmine, owners.

This item was deferred to the August 18 2021 City Council meeting.

7. 181-21

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 320

Louisiana Avenue, Effrin Clay Willis and Mattie Helen Bass, owner.

Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the burned structure and Mr. Morgan presented photographs and documents regarding the property which were made a part of the record.

Mattie Bass, 719 Pear St., owner of the property, stated she planned on repairing the structure. Time delays of 60/90 were approved by the following vote:

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

For: 5 - August, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18929

8. 182-21

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 700 Boston Street, Scott Lawson Spaulding, owner.

Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the burned structure and Mr. Morgan presented photographs and documents regarding the property which were made a part of the record.

There were no requests to speak on this item. Ms. August recommended time delays of 15/15 which were approved by the following vote:

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

For: 5 - August, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18930

9. 183-21

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 806 West 18th Street, Eduardo Magana Arellano and Yesenia Galvin Arellano, owners.

Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the dangerous structure and Mr. Morgan presented photographs and documents regarding the property which were made a part of the record.

There were no requests to speak on this item. Mr. Ieyoub recommended time delays of 15/15 which were approved by the following vote:

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

following vote:

For: 5 - August, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18931

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ACTION**10. 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.

Sponsors: Mary Morris

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Ratcliff Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$2,563,000.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - August, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18932

11. 187-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase annual supply of office supplies for use by various City of Lake Charles Divisions and Departments for a twelve (12) month period with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods.

Sponsors: John Ieyoub

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

For: 5 - August, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18933

12. 188-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3231, 2nd Street Rehabilitation - 6th Avenue to 8th Avenue.

Sponsors: Luvertha August

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Williams Equipment Services, LLC in the amount of \$783,058.07. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - August, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18934

13. 232-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible quote and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3318, River Road Erosion Repair.

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from McManus Construction, LLC in the amount of \$146,333.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - August, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18935

14. 254-21

An ordinance adopting and levying the annual property tax millages for the City of Lake Charles for the tax year 2021.

Karen Harrell, Director of Finance, stated this was a public hearing regarding the annual adoption and levying of the property taxes millage for the City of Lake Charles. She stated the millage rate was being increased to 15.12 mills. She stated the prior year total was 15.05 mills. This year we could assess 15.12 which is considered an adjusted max that can be levied without rolling forward and we chose to increase the rate. There were no requests to speak on the item. After questions from the Council were answered, the item passed by the following vote:

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

For: 5 - August, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18936

15. 256-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an

agreement with Navigation Electronics, Inc. for the purchase of one (1) Total Station package for use by the Lake Charles Police Department, Traffic Division, utilizing State of Louisiana Contract #44000118610.

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

For: 5 - August, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18937

16. 257-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to declare the Lake Charles Police Department's Watchguard equipment inventory as surplus property and further authorizing the City to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement(s) with other law enforcement agencies for the transfer of ownership of this surplus equipment for public safety uses.

Ms. August asked for a description of the Watchguard equipment. Police Chief Shawn Caldwell explained Watchguard is an in car camera and body camera system that the City no longer uses and should be considered surplus. Mr. Marks suggested offering the equipment to the City Marshal's Office for their use. Mr. Morgan stated it first needs to be considered surplus property and the law allows the City to enter into a CEA with another entity for the transfer of ownership. Mr. Cardone stated the equipment is a lot more than they can use but could be transferred to the City Marshals Office.

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

For: 5 - August, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18938

37. 282-21

Introduction and final action of an ordinance approving the City of Lake Charles' 2021-2022 Action Plan and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to make application to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for its 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funding allocation.

Mr. Morgan stated this item should be for introduction and final action due to the pending deadline and the necessity for CDBG funding. He asked that the item be added as introduction and final action. The council voted in favor to add the item. Mr. Morgan read the ordinance.

A motion was made to waive the rules and add the item to be considered for

introduction and final action. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - August, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18939

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

For: 5 - August, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18939

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS MAY BE ADOPTED BY CONSENT

34. 299-21

A resolution appointing a member to the Lake Charles Municipal Fire & Police Civil Service Board for a three (3) year term expiring July 26, 2024.

Mr. Geyen stated the Governing Authority appointment needs to be made to the Lake Charles Municipal Fire & Police Civil Service Board. After advertisement, one resume was received from Matthew M. Mize who is currently the Governing Authority appointment and wishes to be reappointed. Mr. Mize was appointed by the following vote:

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

For: 5 - August, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 112-21

18. 267-21

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3331, Hillcrest Park, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

Mr. Geyen stated the work is not complete at Hillcrest Park and recommended deferring this item to the August 18, 2021.

17. 266-21

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3345, 2019 Supplemental Infrastructure - Overlay Package No. 2 as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 113-21

19. 268-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2722 Mary Street, Laurel Crown Group, LLC, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing – September 15, 2021

Enactment No: 114-21

20. 269-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1011 South Division Street, Katherine Thompson Tousant, Tanya Loreen Tousant and Michael Jerome Tousant, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing – September 15, 2021

Enactment No: 115-21

21. 270-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1111 North Railroad Avenue, Dolores Bobbie Dorsey, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing – September 15, 2021

Enactment No: 116-21

22. 271-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2710 Poe Street, Rodney Wayne Ange and Raymond Jay Ange, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing – September 15, 2021

Enactment No: 117-21

23. 272-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 20 River Road, Charles J. Dubois, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing – September 15, 2021

Enactment No: 118-21

24. 273-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 316 Louisiana Avenue, Mattie Helen Bass and Effrin Clay Willis, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing – September 15, 2021

Enactment No: 119-21

25. 274-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2718 Cessford Street, Joseph Wayne Powell and Judy G. Deshotel Powell, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing – September 15, 2021

Enactment No: 120-21

26. 275-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 403 South Franklin Street, Ashlei Michelle Hodge and Annie Mae Hodge, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing – September 15, 2021

Enactment No: 121-21

27. 276-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 712 V E Washington Avenue, Samuel (nmn) Freeman and Lou Ella Williams Freeman, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing – September 15, 2021

Enactment No: 122-21

28. 277-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2236 1/2 Fruge Street, Vincent Pierre Auguste, Mary Ann Pierre Auguste Moore, Earl Pierre Auguste and Daniel Pierre Auguste, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing – September 15, 2021

Enactment No: 123-21

29. 278-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 3624 Dover Street, Drew James Mitten, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing – September 15, 2021

Enactment No: 124-21

30. 279-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing and consideration on the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to deny a Variance in order to maintain a newly constructed metal façade siding, within a Business Zoning District, at 2122 Broad Street.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing – August 18, 2021

Enactment No: 125-21

31. 280-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing and consideration of the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to approve, as amended, a Variance in order to construct an accessory garage over 40% of principal structure, within a Residential Zoning District (amendment being: structure not to be used for business purposes), at 910 Contraband Lane.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing – August 18, 2021

Enactment No: 126-21

32. 281-21

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids to purchase replacement curtains for the Rosa Hart Theatre.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Appointed Craig Marks Chairman

Enactment No: 127-21

33. 298-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing and consideration of the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to deny a Major Conditional Use Permit in conjunction with a planned residential development in order to construct a seven (7) residential duplex dwelling unit (14 units total) with bufferyard reduction along the side property lines, within a Residential Zoning District, at the north side of the 1600 Block of Mignonette Lane through 1605 Melvin Lane.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing – August 18, 2021

Enactment No: 128-21

35. 302-21

A resolution supporting the Safety Council of Southwest Louisiana's application for a (\$5M) five million dollar grant through the 2021 National CARES Act, to build a multiplex facility.

Sponsors: John Ieyoub

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 129-21

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: 5 - August, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES ARE FOR INTRODUCTION BY CONSENT AND WERE READ INTO THE RECORD THE DAY FOLLOWING THIS MEETING AT 10:30A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

36. 255-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a professional services agreement with Cade Cole, to assist with the City's redistricting plan.

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

38. 283-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles and Calcasieu Parish School Board to enter into a Hold Harmless Agreement to allow the Calcasieu Parish School Board (College Oaks Elementary) to repair/reconstruct and maintain a bus canopy within the Ernest street right-of-way.

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

39. 284-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to accept the most qualified proposal and enter into an agreement with the most qualified proposer for Program Management of the Critical Drainage Improvement Program.

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

40. 285-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles accepting Park Place Drive and Broadwalk Drive, public right-of-ways, drainage, water and sewer lines and traffic control devices in Park Place Subdivision for ownership and maintenance by the City of Lake Charles. The City of Lake Charles will not take ownership of the detention ponds for this subdivision.

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

41. 286-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible quote and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-148 - Center Street Water Facility Interior Renovations.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F.

Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

42. 287-21

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

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53. 296-21

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

54. 297-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana to

contribute towards the Mentor U Program.

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

Mr. Geyen stated items 36, 38 through 54 would be read into the record on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 10:30a.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. Geyen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be August 18, 2021.

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 4th day of August, 2021.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 10th day of August, 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 4th day of August, 2021.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 10th day of August, 2021. 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.