



# City of Lake Charles

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

*Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, John Ieyoub, Craig Marks,  
Marshall Simien, Jr., Stuart Weatherford  
Council President: Rodney Geyen*

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Wednesday, September 1, 2021

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

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

**INVOCATION - Mark Eckard**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Marshall Simien, Jr.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, John Ieyoub, Craig Marks, Marshall Simien Jr., Stuart Weatherford and Luvertha August

**Absent:** 0

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

*Marshall Simien, Jr. was sworn in as interim City Councilman for District A by Corey Rubin, Assistant City Attorney. Mr. Simien is temporarily representing the district following the death of Mary Morris on August 8, 2021. A Special Election will be held in March, 2022 to fill the vacancy.*

*The monthly financial reports for June and July, 2021 were provided to the City Council members by the Department of Finance. The reports include the Budget to Actual Revenues and the Budget to Actual Expenditures.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2021

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

*Councilman Geyen called on Ben Taylor with the Lake Charles Housing Authority to address the Council with regards to the public housing needs in Lake Charles. Mr. Taylor indicated there was a need for additional funding from HUD and provided the Council members with information from his meeting with HUD representatives, then gave an update on current housing availability. The documentation provided was made a part of the record.*

*Mr. Geyen stated items 12 and 25 were being deferred to the September 15, 2021 City Council meeting. He also indicated items 29 and 36 were being deleted.*

**24. 337-21**

An ordinance amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 18906 passed and adopted on June 16, 2021.

**Sponsors:** Mark Eckard

*Without objection, this item was considered first on the agenda.*

*Mr. Weatherford recommended amending the ordinance to read:*

*"Sec. 5-203(14)(b)*

*(b) Any façade(s) of a principal building in a Residential and/or a Neighborhood District may be constructed with metal building materials if all of the following conditions are met: (i) there is at least a 12 inch eave on all sides; (ii) there is the presence of elements that contribute to the residential or neighborhood character of the District; and (iii) the metal is similar in character to traditional residential horizontal lap style siding and/or horizontal simulated wood lap style siding."*

*Ron Richard, 7717 Prien Bluff, representing the Home Builders Association, spoke in favor of Mr. Weatherford's amendment and stated that it totally addresses their concerns.*

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

**For:** 5 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Marks, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 2 - Geyen and Simien

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18948

**1. 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.

**Sponsors:** John Ieyoub

**Appointed John Ieyoub Chairman**

**2. 261-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for purchase of annual supply of garbage containers and parts for a one (1) year period, with the option to renew for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods, for use by the Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division.

**Sponsors:** Mark Eckard

**Appointed Mark Eckard Chairman**

**3. 262-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of 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:** Stuart Weatherford

**Appointed Stuart Weatherford Chairman**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****4. 236-21**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2400 Barbe Street, Sheri Lee Stoeckl, owner.

*Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure's damage pre-Hurricane Laura 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 15/30 which were approved by the following vote:*

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18949

**5. 238-21**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1310 Belden Street, Anthony Joseph Johnson, owner.

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

*made a part of the record. Mr. Morgan stated the demolition process was in progress prior to Hurricane Laura. There were no requests to speak on this item. Mr. Simien 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:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18950

## **ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ACTION**

### **6. 185-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of emergency vehicle equipment for use by the Lake Charles Police Department, Patrol Division.

**Sponsors:** Mark Eckard

**A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from LA Radio Communications in the amount of \$93,752.74. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18951

### **7. 233-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-95/96/98/99/101-108/110/112-114 - Water Treatment Plants - Chemical Feed System Repairs.

**Sponsors:** Craig Marks

**A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Tullier Services, LLC in the amount of \$725,700.00. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18952

**8. 239-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-67 and HL-68 - Communications Tower - 706 Enterprise Boulevard.

**Sponsors:** Luvertha August

**A motion was made to reject all bids and rebid the project. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

**9. 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:** John Ieyoub

**A motion was made to reject all bids and rebid the project. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

**10. 259-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3279, 6th Avenue Reconstruction, 3rd Street to 6th Street.

**Sponsors:** Luvertha August

**A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from McManus Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,452,929.00. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18953

**11. 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.

**Sponsors:** Mark Eckard

*Mike Huber, Director of Planning, stated CSRS was the most qualified proposer for Program Management of the Critical Drainage Improvement Program and recommended selecting them as Program Manager. The recommendation was approved by the following vote:*

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18954

**12. 285-21**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to accept 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.

**Deferred to the September 15, 2021 City Council Meeting.**

**13. 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.

**A motion was made to reject all quotes and re-solicit the project. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

**14. 317-21**

An ordinance amending Sec. 13-26.4 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles relative to the reduction of the penalties for the possession of 14 grams or less of marijuana pursuant to Act 247 of the Louisiana Legislature's 2021 Regular Session.

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18955

**15. 318-21**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development for lighting maintenance on the Nelson Road Extension and Bridge.

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18956

**16. 319-21**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a professional service agreement with Peridian Engineering Services.

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18957

**17. 320-21**

An ordinance adopting the Operating and Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022.

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18958

**18. 321-21**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to approve requests from public

procurement units within the State of Louisiana, as defined in La. R. S. 39:1701. to purchase materials and supplies under publically procured contracts approved by the City Council of the City of Lake Charles during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and to authorize the City to enter into Cooperative Purchasing Agreements with said public procurement units.

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18959

- 19. 322-21** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into any right-of-way agreements for the approved FY 2021-2022 Capital Improvement Projects and/or for right-of-ways and to acquire land and/or compliance with the sight triangle ordinance for FY 2021-2022.

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18960

- 20. 323-21** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into Architectural and Engineering (A&E) agreements on all projects outlined in the approved Capital Improvement Program (CIP), funded in the FY 2021-2022 Capital Budget.

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18961

- 21. 324-21** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement(s) for programs related to special arts and cultural events/exhibits, as authorized in the Operating and Capital Budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.



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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18962

**22. 325-21**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of Lake Charles to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement that grants economic incentives to Mama Reta's Kitchen, LLC d/b/a Mama Reta's Kitchen, for the construction of a restaurant within the I-10 Corridor Economic Development District.

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18963

**23. 326-21**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to accept and develop a spending plan for funds awarded through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18964

**25. 349-21**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the existing Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Chennault International Airport Authority to transfer insurance proceeds received by the City to Chennault for damages to Mallard Cove Golf Course caused by Hurricane Laura, to complete the transfer of Mallard Cove Golf Course to Chennault, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Deferred to the September 15, 2021 City Council Meeting**

**31. 351-21**

A resolution renaming the Riverside Complex at Riverside Park as Mary Morris Activity Center.

**Sponsors:** Craig Marks

*Ms. August stated she was in favor of renaming the Riverside Complex at Riverside Park as the Mary Morris Activity Center. However, she suggested at some point the park be renamed the Marshall Simien Riverside Park. She stated for the record Mr. Simien brought this park to fruition and should be recognized for his work in getting the project secured. She also stated she did not want the city to get involved in renaming state roads.*

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 147-21

**30. 350-21**

A resolution and proclamation calling a Special Election to fill the vacancy in the office of City Council, District A.

**Sponsors:** Rodney Geyen

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 148-21

**26. 340-21**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise and to receive sealed bids on certain projects outlined in the approved Capital Improvement Program (CIP), funded in the FY 2021-2022 Capital Budget.

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

Enactment No: 149-21

**27. 341-21**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. CP3391, West Oak Lane Drainage Improvements.

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

Enactment No: 150-21

**28. 342-21**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. HL-15, Bord Du Lac Drive - Marina Repairs.

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

Enactment No: 151-21

## **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 - Eckard, Geyen, Ieyoub, Marks, Simien, Weatherford, and August

**Against:** 0

**29. 343-21**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. CP3311, Louisiana Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation.

**Deleted**

## **THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES ARE FOR INTRODUCTION BY CONSENT AND WERE READ INTO THE RECORD THE DAY FOLLOWING THIS MEETING AT 11:00A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

**32. 344-21**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to negotiate Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance by accepting the lowest responsible bid for the period beginning October 1, 2021 through October 1, 2022.

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

**33. 345-21**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Thornton, Musso & Bellemin, Inc. to purchase full service corrosion control chemicals for use by the Public Works Department, Water Division, utilizing State of Louisiana Contract #4400020410.

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

**34. 346-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3391, West Oak Lane Drainage Improvements.

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

**35. 347-21**

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.

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

**36. 348-21**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3311, Louisiana Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation.

**Deleted**

*Mr. Geyen stated items 32 through 35 would be read into the record on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 11:00a.m. 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 7:00p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be September 15, 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 1st day of September, 2021.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 9th day of September, 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 1st day of September, 2021.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 9th day of September, 2021. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

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