



City of Lake Charles

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Meeting Minutes City Council

*Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen
Ronnie Harvey Jr, Craig Marks, Stuart Weatherford
Council President: John Ieyoub*

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER - John Ieyoub, President of the Council, presided

INVOCATION - Rev. Alfred Williams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilman Mark Eckard

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mark Eckard, John Ieyoub, Rodney Geyen, Stuart Weatherford, Luvertha August, and Ronnie Harvey Jr.

Absent: 1 - Craig Marks

Also present were Mayor Nic Hunter, Mr. Corey Rubin, Assistant City Attorney and Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

The monthly financial reports for November, 2022 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.

Mr. Ieyoub stated items 8 and 13 were being deferred to January 4, 2023 and would not be discussed at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2022

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

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

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Marks

1. 365-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Water Treatment Plants - Various Building Repairs.

Sponsors: John Ieyoub

Appointed John Ieyoub Chairman.

2. 366-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Wastewater Treatment Plants - Various Building Repairs.

Sponsors: John Ieyoub

Appointed John Ieyoub Chairman.

3. 591-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3355, Nellie Lutcher Memorial Pocket Park.

Sponsors: Luvertha August

Appointed Luvertha August Chairman.

4. 690-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. DR008, Lake Charles Civic Center Rosa Hart & Center Section Interior Repairs.

Sponsors: Ronnie Harvey,

Appointed Ronnie Harvey, Jr. Chairman.

PUBLIC HEARINGS**5. 495-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2812 1st Avenue, Legal Properties, LLC, owner.

Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Mr. Rubin 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: 6 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19440

6. 550-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 420 Albert Street, Eric Jacobs, owner.

Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Mr. Rubin 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. Harvey 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: 6 - Eckard, leyoub, Geyen, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19441

7. 618-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2802 11th Street, Leroy Julian, Sr. and Delores Isadore Julian, owners.

Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Mr. Rubin 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. Geyen 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: 6 - Eckard, leyoub, Geyen, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19442

8. 626-22

Public hearing and consideration of the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to deny a request for a Variance in order to establish a pool hall with an alcohol license within 300' of a Residential Zoning District, within a Business Zoning District, located at 1200 N. Martin Luther King Highway, Suite 400.

Deferred to the January 4, 2023 City Council Meeting.

9. 695-22

Public hearing and consideration of the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to approve, as amended, a request for a Variance in order to construct a new business on an existing site eliminating the side and rear bufferyard requirement of 5' and reducing the front buffer requirement, within a Mixed Use Zoning District. Amendments being: 1) eliminate front buffer requirement request; 2) require fence along West property line from transformer location of retirement center property to Southwest corner of Lake Area Adventures property; and 3) require trees be planted within grassy area of property in addition to shown landscaping, at 1337 Country Club Road.

Doug Burguières indicated the Planning and Zoning Commission approved this request by a vote of 4-0 with the listed amendments. The matter was appealed by the developer, David Minton.

David Minton, 4310 Ryan St., spoke regarding the variance requesting it be approved and eliminating the amendments required by the Planning and Zoning Commission. He indicated this was a redevelopment of an existing commercial facility which had adequate drainage and the paving is already in place and it would not be practical to create a grass buffer. He stated cypress trees would be planted along the southwest property line. Tim Robles, 309 Dolby, spoke in favor of the variance and stated they were planning on expanding. Mr. Harvey was pleased for the expansion and asked him to consider doing so near his Council district.

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

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 298-22

10. 551-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3324, City of Lake Charles Water Meter Lid and Box Recycling.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

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

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

Against: 0

11. 552-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3324, City of Lake Charles Water Meter Recycling.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Amerimex Recycling at 67%. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19443

12. 592-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-26.A, 28, 34, 36, 40, 111 - Water Treatment Plants and Wastewater Treatment Plants - Building Demolition.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Alfred Palma, LLC with a base bid in the amount of \$91,042.00, Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$27,528.00 and Alternate No. 2 in the amount of \$11,123.00 for a total amount of \$129,693.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19444

13. 619-22

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for professional services for flood mitigation, public safety, and citywide resilience - BRIC 2021 on high priority ditches and culverts in the 2021 Critical Drainage Improvement Program.

Sponsors: Ronnie Harvey,

Deferred to the January 4, 2023 City Council meeting.

14. 670-22

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Council on Aging for the construction of Whispering Hope II located on Medora Street.

Jacqueline Green , 3608 Pete Seay Rd., Sulphur, LA with the Calcasieu Council on Aging was in attendance at the meeting to answer questions from the Council. Milton Bellard, 1897 Hwy 14, did not wish to speak, however, he is in favor of the ordinance. The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

For: 6 - Eckard, leyoub, Geyen, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 0

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Enactment No: 19445

15. 671-22

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with HRI for the construction of the Woodring development.

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

For: 6 - Eckard, leyoub, Geyen, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19446

16. 683-22

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to purchase property located at 4909 Common Street from the record owners.

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

For: 6 - Eckard, leyoub, Geyen, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19447

17. 684-22

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Bully Industrial, LLC.

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

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19448

18. 685-22

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to temporarily suspend the provisions of Sec. 3-8 and Sec. 3-8.5 of the Code of Ordinances to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages by retail permit holders between the hours of 10:00 a.m. Sunday through 12:01 a.m. Monday and allowing bars/cocktail lounges to operate between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Christmas Day (12/25/2022) and New Year's Day (01/01/2023) only.

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

For: 5 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 0

Abstain: 1 - Geyen

Enactment No: 19449

19. 686-22

An ordinance amending Appendix A - Zoning of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana by adding Sec. 5-203(19) Portable Buildings Prohibited.

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

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19450

20. 687-22

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to purchase property located at 1017 6th Avenue from the record owners.

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

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

Against: 0

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Enactment No: 19451

21. 694-22

An ordinance approving the City of Lake Charles' Home Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME - ARP) Allocation Plan.

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

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19452

21a. 719-22

Introduction and final action of an ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to implement a pay matrix for the Lake Charles Fire Department, which replaces the Civil Service Pay Plan 4.1 and to amend Civil Service Pay Plan 4.2.

Mr. Rubin stated the emergency nature for introduction and final action was for public health, safety and welfare of the citizens. There were no requests to speak on this item. After comments from the Council, the ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

A motion was made that this item be adopted and introduced as read into the record by Corey Rubin, Assistant City Attorney. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19453

21b.720-22

Introduction and final action of an ordinance authorizing adjustments to compensation for employees of the City of Lake Charles who are not scheduled to work on December 24, 2022 through December 25, 2022 but are called in to assist with temporary tasks.

Mr. Rubin stated the emergency nature for introduction and final action was for public health, safety and welfare of the citizens. There were no requests to speak on this item. After comments from Mayor Hunter about the great employee participation, the ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

A motion was made that this item be adopted and introduced as read into the record by Corey Rubin, Assistant City Attorney. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 19454

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENT**34. 717-22**

A resolution appointing a member to the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board to fill the expiring term of Jim Boyer.

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

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 299-22

23. 696-22

A resolution authorizing that a Special Event Permit be issued to Lake Charles Mardi Gras to allow a 4.0-mile parade route, 150 recreational vehicles and 50 horses in their 2023 Mardi Gras Parade scheduled for Sunday, February 12, 2023.

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

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 300-22

22. 693-22

A resolution to Commissioner of Insurance James J. "Jim" Donelon, the Southwest Louisiana Legislative Delegation and Governor John Bel Edwards requesting administrative and/or legislative action to address the failed insurance companies who dropped customers who have paid premiums for years and for not being able to pay their claims for hurricane damages.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

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

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 301-22

24. 697-22

A resolution authorizing that a Special Event Permit be issued to the Knights of St. Peter Claver #141 to allow for 120 recreational vehicles and parade route of 5.2 miles for the 2023 Knights of St. Pete Claver Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, February 11, 2023.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 302-22

25. 699-22

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 3000 Broad Street, Southern Amusement Company, Inc., owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The public hearing date will be February 1, 2023.

Enactment No: 303-22

26. 700-22

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1926 11th Street, Equicredit Corporation of America, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The public hearing date will be February 1, 2023.

Enactment No: 304-22

27. 701-22

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 619 Enterprise Boulevard, Treyvon M. Gumms, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The public hearing date will be February 1, 2023.

Enactment No: 305-22

28. 702-22

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 407 South 1st Avenue, Joann Nixon Gatlin and Harold Jacob Nixon, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The public hearing date will be February 1, 2023.

Enactment No: 306-22

29. 703-22

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 3537 Greinwich Boulevard, KAJA Holdings 2, LLC, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The public hearing date will be February 1, 2023.

Enactment No: 307-22

30. 704-22

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2444 6th Street, Aubrey Cecil Cooley, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The public hearing date will be February 1, 2023.

Enactment No: 308-22

31. 705-22

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 740 18th Street, Crystal Lynn Trahan, Megan Renee' Trahan and Mattheau Gunner Trahan, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The public hearing date will be February 1, 2023.

Enactment No: 309-22

32. 706-22

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2150 Willowick Street, Dorie Ruth Clements Newport, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The public hearing date will be February 1, 2023.

Enactment No: 310-22

33. 716-22

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to issue a Request for Proposals to hire a Program Manager to manage the City's Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDGB-DR) direct allocation from the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development (OCD).

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

Enactment No: 311-22

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 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

Against: 0

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

35. 707-22

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 19321 to allow an additional fifteen (15%) percent increase in change orders 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. 708-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 3000 Broad Street, Southern Amusement Company, Inc., owner.

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

37. 709-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1926 11th Street, Equicredit Corporation of America, owner.

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

38. 710-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 619 Enterprise Boulevard, Treyvon M. Gumms, owner.

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

39. 711-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 407 South 1st Avenue, Joann Nixon Gatlin and Harold Jacob Nixon, owners.

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

40. 712-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 3537 Greinwich Boulevard, KAJA Holdings 2, LLC, owner.

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

41. 713-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2444 6th Street, Aubrey Cecil Cooley, owner.

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

42. 714-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 740 18th Street, Crystal Lynn Trahan, Megan Renee' Trahan and Mattheau Gunner Trahan, owners.

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

43. 715-22

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2150 Willowick Street, Dorie Ruth Clements Newport, owner.

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

44. 718-22

An ordinance accepting the most qualified proposal received on the Request for Proposals to hire a Program Manager to manage the City's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG DR) direct allocation from the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development (OCD).

Sponsors: Luvertha August

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

Mr. Ieyoub stated items 35-44 would be read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council at 9:00a.m. in the City Council Chambers on Thursday, December 22, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Ieyoub declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05p.m. The next meeting of the City Council is January 4, 2023.

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 21 day of December, 2022.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 28th day of December, 2022. 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 21st day of December, 2022.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 28th day of December, 2022. 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.