



City of Lake Charles

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Meeting Minutes City Council

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

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER - Mark Eckard, President of the Council, presided

INVOCATION - Rodney Geyen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - John Ieyoub

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - President or Presiding Officer Mark Eckard, John Ieyoub, Rodney Geyen, Craig Marks, Luvertha August, and Ronnie Harvey Jr.

Absent: 1 - Stuart Weatherford

Also present were Mayor Nicholas E. Hunter, Mr. John Cardone, City Administrator, Mr. David L. Morgan, City Attorney and Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made that minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Weatherford

Mr. Eckard stated Items 10, 11 and 12 were deferred until October 4, 2023 and Items 9, 13 and 27 were deferred until October 18, 2023. He also stated Item 14 was deferred without date and Item 5 was deleted.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Weatherford has joined the meeting.

Present: 7 - President or Presiding Officer Mark Eckard, John Ieyoub, Rodney Geyen, Craig Marks, Stuart Weatherford, Luvertha August, and Ronnie Harvey Jr.

Absent: 0

APPOINTMENTS

1. **207-23** An ordinance accepting the best proposal received from the Request for Proposals issued and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase and installation of GPS/Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) Telematics/Fleet Management System for the City of Lake Charles.

Mr. Marks was appointed chairman.

2. **395-23** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to accept the best proposal received and enter into an agreement for additional interstate maintenance activities.

Mr. Ieyoub was appointed chairman.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. **27-23** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 3828 Ernest Street, The Congregation of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish Roman Catholic Church, owner.

This item was deferred until the October 18, 2023 meeting.

4. **353-23** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2521 Hazel Street, John Frederick Delaunay, owner.

This item was deferred until the October 18, 2023 meeting.

5. **354-23** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2217 Barbe Street, David T. Gaar, Jr. and Laura Lindsay Gaar, owners.

This item was deleted as the demolition process was complete..

- 6. 388-23** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2126 Griffin Street, Yolanda Bernard Tezeno, Sean Allen Keith Tezeno, Seanan Lee Tezeno, Shanece Marcus Tezeno, and Marcus Keith Tezeno, owners.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Mr. Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation of proof of service which were made part of the record. There were no requests to speak on this item. Mr. Harvey recommended time delays of 15/15 due to the fact that property is part of PPDR program, 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, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19678

- 7. 391-23** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 3416 West Roosevelt Street, Mervin B. Danclar Estate, owner.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Mr. Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation of proof of service which were made 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: 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19679

8. **414-23** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2004 2nd Street, Richard Clifton Butler, Jr., owner.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Mr. Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation of proof of service which were made 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: 7 - Eckard, leyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19680

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ACTION

9. **54-23** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into agreements with the most qualified firms responding to a Request for Proposals for appraisal services for its HOME and CDBG housing programs.

This item was deferred until November 15, 2023.

10. **247-23** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with the proposer submitting the most qualified proposal received from the Request for Proposals for Pre-Disaster Contracts to supply materials and equipment needed for disaster mitigation.

This item was deferred until October 4, 2023.

11. **248-23** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with the proposer submitting the most qualified proposal received from the Request for Proposals for Disaster Debris Management Services.

This item was deferred until October 4, 2023.

- 12. 249-23** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with the proposer submitting the most qualified proposal received from the Request for Proposals for Disaster Debris Monitoring/Management Services.

This item was deferred until October 4, 2023.

- 13. 288-23** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to accept the most qualified firm responding to the Request for Qualifications issued for licensed lead-based paint testing services for its CDBG and HOME housing rehabilitation program.

This item was deferred until November 15, 2023.

- 14. 416-23** 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 parking garage management.

This item was deferred without date.

- 15. 372-23** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with a firm to provide network services for the Water Division and Waste Water Division.

Mike Vanchiere spoke regarding the details of what services will be provided.

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

For: 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19681

- 16. 429-23** An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase Three (3) New Three-Quarter Ton Crew Cab Pickup Trucks for use by the Public Works Department, Grounds Maintenance Division (1), Streets Division (1), and the Recreation and Parks Department (1).

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Mike Willis Ford in the amount of \$153,660.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19682

- 17. 430-23** An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3385 - 2020 CDBG Asphalt Overlay.

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from R. E. Heidt Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$363,790.51. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19683

- 18. 455-23** 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, 2024, 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, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19684

- 19. 456-23** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Purchasing Agreement with Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office, utilizing Contract #51022 for the purchase of 700/800 MHZ Radio and Communication Equipment from Motorola, Inc., for all City of Lake Charles Departments and Divisions.

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

For: 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19685

- 20. 457-23** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Joint Services Agreement and Act of Donation with the Combined Anti-Drug Team (CAT) multi-agency task force to accept the ownership to two (2) vehicles for use for CAT-related law enforcement purposes.

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

For: 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19686

- 21. 458-23** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with Mt. Calvary Baptist Church for the transfer of ownership of an adjoining former adjudicated property lot (Parcel Number 00610674) for use in the Church's operations.

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

For: 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19687

- 22. 459-23** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to accept ownership and maintenance of The Village at Morganfield Phase II, public right-of-ways, drainage, water and sewer lines and traffic control devices for ownership and maintenance by the City of Lake Charles. The City will not take ownership of the detention pond(s).

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

For: 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19688

- 23. 460-23** An ordinance amending the official zoning map from a Mixed Use Zoning District to a Business Zoning District, located at 1101 W. Prien Lake Road.

Doug Burguières, Director of Planning and Development, stated this matter was considered by the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission on August 14, 2023 and the request was approved by a vote of 4-0. There was no opposition.

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

For: 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19689

- 24. 461-23** An ordinance amending the official zoning map from a Residential Zoning District to a Mixed Use Zoning District, located at 1648 Mignonette Lane.

Doug Burguières, Director of Planning and Development, stated this matter was heard by the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission on August 14, 2023, where the request failed by a vote of (0-4). Tan Norwood, 1842 North Perkins Ferry Road, Lake Charles, owner of TKN Properties was present to answer any questions. Lisa Duhon, 1648 Mignonette Drive, Lake Charles, currently owns the property that TKN Properties was proposing to purchase for the project spoke in favor of the development. Mr. Eckard read in comments in favor of the development from Kathy Davis, 1842 North Perkins Ferry Road, Lake Charles, that were made part of the record. Louis A. Tommasi, 1406 Covey Lane, Lake Charles spoke against the project. Rafe David, 4135 Alma Lane, Lake Charles, spoke against the project as well. Mr. Eckard spoke about his concerns regarding the project and recommended denial.

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

For: 0

Against: 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Absent: 0

- 25. 462-23** An ordinance amending the official zoning map from a Residential Zoning District to a Business Zoning District, located at 3237 Louisiana Avenue.

Doug Burguières, Director of Planning and Development, stated this matter was considered by the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission on August 14, 2023 and the request was approved by a vote of 4-0. Dr. Jay Chang, 3216 Enterprise Boulevard, Lake Charles, spoke in favor of his request and his plans to enlarge their parking area for Prien Lake Animal Hospital. There was no opposition.

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

For: 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19690

- 26. 463-23** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Arts and Humanities Council of Southwest Louisiana ("Arts Council") to provide management services (including management of the auditorium/theater) at Central School Arts and Humanities Center.

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

For: 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19691

- 27. 464-23** An ordinance authorizing the City Council of the City of Lake Charles to declare the parcel of land located at 2111 Country Club Road as surplus property and further authorizing the Mayor of the City of Lake Charles to sell the subject property at fair market value.

This item was deferred until the October 18, 2023 city council meeting.

- 28. 465-23** An ordinance authorizing the City Council of the City of Lake Charles to declare the city owned residentially zoned immovable property located on Fernwood Drive (Parcel # 01201190) as surplus property and further authorizing the City to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the adjoining property owners to lease this parcel for them to maintain and use.

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

For: 7 - Eckard, leyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19693

- 29. 473-23** An ordinance authorizing the suspension of Section 12-30 pursuant to Subsection B (1-4) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake Charles, to allow collection of donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association Boot Drive by the Lake Charles Fire Department.

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

For: 7 - Eckard, leyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19694

- 30. 474-23** 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, 2023 through October 1, 2024.

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

For: 7 - Eckard, leyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19695

- 31. 475-23** An ordinance accepting the best proposal for Third Party Administration Services for Workers' Compensation Claims Administration and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Third Party Administration Services, effective October 1, 2023 through October 1, 2028.

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

For: 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 19696

Mr. Weatherford requested a point of personal privilege to recognize Kevin Guidry, the City of Lake Charles' representative on the Port of Lake Charles Board and also a candidate for State Representative. Mr. Guidry did not speak.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENT

- 34. 479-23** A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to issue a Request for Proposals for Payroll, Human Resources, and Timekeeping services.

Mr. Morgan requested an amendment to the title to remove "most qualified vendor". A motion was made that this item be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 226-23

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

For: 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 226-23

- 32. 477-23** A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2233 Phillip Court, Taneshia Lynette Hall, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 227-23

- 33. 478-23** A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. DR001 - LCPD Investigations.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 228-23

- 35. 483-23** A resolution amending Resolution No. 211-23 passed and adopted on September 6, 2023 to amend the title of the project.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 229-23

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, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE INTRODUCED BY CONSENT AND READ INTO THE RECORD THE DAY FOLLOWING THIS MEETING AT 1:00P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

- 36. 480-23** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2233 Phillip Court, Taneshia Lynette Hall, owner.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

- 37. 481-23** An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. DR001 - LCPD Investigations.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

- 38. 482-23** An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3384 Power Centre Parkway Sidewalk.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

- 39. 484-23** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to accept the best proposal received from the Request for Proposals to hire a Program Manager to manage the Choice Neighborhood Initiative Implementation Grant to revitalize and transform the targeted public housing community called Lloyd Oaks/Dixy Drive Apartments as part of the Mid-City Transformation Plan.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

- 40. 485-23** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with the proposer submitting the most qualified proposal received from the Request for Proposals to provide Payroll, Human Resources, and Timekeeping services.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

- 41. 486-23** An ordinance declaring the intent of the City of Lake Charles to acquire a full ownership interest of Two (2) Parcels of Adjudicated Property pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2236, and providing further thereto.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Eckard stated that items 36-41 would be read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council. on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 1:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council is October 4, 2023.

I, RENEE' P. DEVILLE, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Council of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

I further certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct draft of the Minutes of a meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 20th day of September, 2023.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 28th day of September, 2023.
s/Renee P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

I, RENEE' P. DEVILLE, 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 20th day of September, 2023.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 28th day of September, 2023.
s/Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

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