



# City of Lake Charles

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

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

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Wednesday, April 16, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

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### AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2025 TO BE TAKEN UP IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 150-97, RULES FOR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

**CALL TO ORDER - President Craig Marks, presiding**

**INVOCATION - Craig Marks**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - John Ieyoub**

### ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** 0

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

*President Marks stated that Item 4 was being deferred until the June 18, 2025 meeting and Item 7 was being deferred until the May 21, 2025 council meeting. He further stated that Item 11 was deleted.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

**Against:** 0

**Absent:** 0

*As a point of personal privilege, Mayor Hunter introduced Mitchell Greg Pete, the new Director of the Lake Charles Housing Authority. Mr. Pete spoke briefly and stated his initial priorities.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****1. 149-25**

Public hearing and consideration on alteration of shoreline of Calcasieu River to install and backfill a bulkhead at 591 River Road.

*President Marks stated that he had received cards in support from Stanley Calderara and Tyson Grenzebach who did not wish to speak.*

**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: 80-25

**2. 150-25**

Public hearing and consideration of the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to deny a request for Variances in order to 1) establish a massage therapy business within 300 ft. of a Residential Zoning District; and 2) allow reduction of front and side landscape bufferyard areas in order to provide required parking, within a Mixed Use Zoning District, at 4021 Nelson Road.

*Doug Burguières stated that this request was considered by the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission to locate a massage parlor within 300 feet of a residential zoned property which was directly to the rear of this property. The property fronts Nelson Road. The Commission considered the application and the testimony of the applicant and denied the request by a vote of 4 -1. Li Yu, 3528 Center Street, Lake Charles, LA, the owner, stated that it is not a massage parlor but a house plan. She stated she only wanted to expand her business and allow more parking. The motion failed by the following vote:*

**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

**3. 24-24**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 520 McNabb Street, Mount Moriah Baptist Church of Lake Charles, Louisiana, owner.

*Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. Rev. Carl White, 520 McNabb Street, Lake Charles, LA stated that they are still waiting on FEMA but the funds have been frozen by the present administration. Mr. Morgan stated that he had been in contact with Mr. Eddie Williams, with FEMA but had not heard back from him prior to tonight's hearing. Ms. August recommended time delays of 90/120 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: 20276

**4. 667-24**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1726 8th Street, Corey Hale, owner.

**This item was deferred at the beginning of the meeting until the June 18, 2025 regular council meeting.**

**5. 764-24**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1517 Fournet Street (including all three structures), Serenity Oaks Property LLC, owner.

*Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. There were no requests to speak on this item. Joshua Moreaux Sr., 1813 Broadmoor Drive, Lake Charles, LA stated that his wife had been speaking to the City Attorney and was part of the Louisiana Housing Rental Corporation Program. Mr. Harvey recommended deferral until the May 21, 2025 regular council meeting, which was approved by the following vote.*

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

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

**Against:** 0

Absent: 0

**6. 768-24**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1517 Martha Street, Don Erik Muhammad, owner.

*Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. Mr. Morgan stated that the permit was extended for 60 days from April 16, 2025. Don Muhammad, 1517 Martha Street, Lake Charles, LA requested additional time. Mr. Harvey recommended deferral until the June 18, 2025 regular council meeting, which was approved by the following vote:*

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

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

**Against:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**7. 800-24**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 3026 General Marshall Street, Dream Investments, LLC, Cecilia Jefferson, Barbara Combs, Catherine Gaskin, Michael Joseph Deville, Brenda Joyce Jones a/k/a Brenda Joyce Guillory, Dexter Jerome Goodman, Arimis King, Larry James King, Donald Raymond King, Sheila Ann Simon King, and William Samuel King, Jr., owners.

**This item was deferred at the beginning of the meeting to the May 21, 2025 regular council meeting.**

**8. 809-24**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1717 Common Street, Mark Atlas Fruge and Dianne Gillert Fruge, owners.

*Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. There were no requests to speak on this item. Mr. Morgan stated they submitted pictures to the Legal Department showing they had painted the wood white and stated they would be installing a door within the next week which would make the building secure. Mr. Ieyoub recommended time delays of 30/60 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: 20277

**9. 928-24**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 523 Armstrong Street, Billy Joe Brown, Jr., owner, subject to a tax sale to the State of Louisiana.

*Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing 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 30/60 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: 20278

**10. 929-24**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1502 Mill Street, Lillie Mae Washington Liddell-James and Mechell Denay Washington, owners.

*Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. Lilly M. Liddell Washington-James, 1016 31st Street, Kenner, LA . stated the house belonged to her sister, and she has completed a succession and evicted the person residing in the structure. She also stated she had an appointment with the contractor to see if the property would be deemed repairable. Ms. August recommended time delays of 30/60 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: 20279

**11. 71-25**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 404 South Shattuck Street (shed only), Sheba Ruth Day and Libbey Nicole Day, owners.

This item was deleted at the beginning of the meeting.

**ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ACTION****12. 754-24**

An ordinance accepting the most responsive and responsible proposal and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase on-site and off-site gasoline and diesel fuel for use by the City of Lake Charles Fleet.

**Mr. Eckard made a motion to accept the recommended bid from Lard Oil Company in the amount of \$1,358,689.50. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Against:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: 20280

**13. 41-25**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3426 - Wastewater Treatment Plant A Operational Reliability Improvements - Collection System Hardening, and to amend the budget as

**Ms. August made a motion to accept the recommended bid from Insituform Technologies, LLC with a base bid of \$2,295,435.50, alternate 1 in the amount of \$597,931.50 and alternate 2 in the amount of \$488,410.00 with a total amount of \$3,381,777.00. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Against:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: 20281

**14. 66-25**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsive and responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase Roadbase Limestone Aggregate per specifications, for use by the Public Works Department.

**Mr. Weatherford made a motion to accept the recommended bid from Apeck Aggregate Supply in the amount of \$4,756.00 delivered and \$54,500.00 picked up. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Against:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: 20282

**15. 67-25**

An ordinance accepting the most responsive and responsible proposal and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to furnish and deliver bulk lubricants, for use by the Public Works Department, Vehicle Maintenance Division.

**Mr. Geyen made a motion to accept the recommended bid from Lard Oil Company in the amount of \$68,595.49. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Enactment No: 20283

**16. 68-25**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsive and responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase 4000 PSI ready mix material, for use by the Public Works Department, Streets Division.

**Mr. Eckard made a motion to accept the recommended bid from Rock Solid Materials in the amount of \$406,847.50. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Against:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: 20284

**17. 113-25**

An ordinance amending Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana by adding Sec. 5-204.1 Cargo Containers and Portable Storage Containers.

**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: 20285

**18. 137-25**

An ordinance declaring the intent of the City of Lake Charles to acquire a full ownership interest in Ten (10) Parcels of Adjudicated Property pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2236, and providing further thereto.

**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: 20286

**19. 138-25**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to accept Snowy Egret Drive in Audubon Place, Phase 2B, including public right-of-ways, drainage, water and sewer lines, sewer, and traffic control devices, for ownership and maintenance by the City of Lake Charles. The City of Lake Charles will not take ownership of the detention ponds or any rear yard drains for this subdivision.

**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: 20287

**20. 139-25**

An ordinance amending Sec. 20-78 and Sec. 20-132(b) of Chapter 20 of the City of Lake Charles Code of Ordinances prohibiting parking on both sides of Harding Street from East Prien Lake Road to the I-210 Right of Way and designating this area as a tow-away zone.

**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: 20288

## **21. 145-25**

An ordinance amending Sec. 20-85.7 of Chapter 20 of the City of Lake Charles Code of Ordinances to prohibit parking on both sides of Eileen Street from West McNeese Street to a point 400 feet north of West McNeese Street between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. while school is in session.

**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: 20289

## **THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENT**

## **23. 148-25**

A resolution appointing a member to the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board to fill the unexpired term of Shonda Manual.

*Ms. August questioned whether there was a requirement to have minority representation on the Board. It was confirmed that there was no minority appointment requirement for the Visit Lake Charles Board but the City had appointed a minority with the last appointment of Derrick Morris. Ms. August stated that Sandy Treme went to Mayor Roach to have a minority appointment and it was her understanding that there would always be some type of minority appointment on the Board. She requested that there would be a requirement to appoint a minority to this Board. Mr. Morgan stated that this motion could not be made at the meeting but could be added to the agenda at a later date. Mr. Morgan stated that the only Boards that he recalls with minority requirements are the Chennault Board and the Ward 3 Board, but he would take a look into it. The three names submitted were Jana Crain, Alyson Vamvoras and Jennifer Spees. Jana Crain was appointed.*

**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: 81-25

**22. 147-25**

A resolution setting date for appointment of a member to the Chennault International Airport Authority Board of Commissioners for a four-year term ending June 30, 2029.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The appointment will be made at the May 7, 2025 regular council meeting.**

Enactment No: 82-25

**24. 151-25**

A resolution setting date for public hearing on alteration of shoreline of Calcasieu River to install a bulkhead and boathouse, and remove existing rip rap to place hauled-in fill material behind the bulkhead at 900 River Road.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date is set for May 7, 2025.**

Enactment No: 83-25

**25. 152-25**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for the purchase of Water Infrastructure Maintenance and Repair Parts for use by the Public Works Department, Water Division.

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

Enactment No: 84-25

**26. 157-25**

A resolution accepting Ryan Street Sewer Repair as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

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

Enactment No: 85-25

**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 FOR INTRODUCTION BY CONSENT AND READ INTO THE RECORD THE DAY FOLLOWING THIS MEETING AT 1:00P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

**27. 153-25**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to purchase property bearing Calcasieu Parish Assessor's Parcel Number 00425702H from the record owner.

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

**28. 154-25**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to purchase property bearing Calcasieu Parish Assessor's Parcel Number 00425702B from the record owner.

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

**29. 156-25**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsive and responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of Water Infrastructure Maintenance and Repair Parts for use by the Public Works Department, Water Division.

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

**30. 158-25**

An ordinance accepting the best proposal received for renewal coverage and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Property and Casualty Insurance for the City of Lake Charles, effective May 22, 2025 through May 22, 2026.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on May 7, 2025.**

*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 Minutes of a meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 16th day of April, 2025.*

*WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 21st day of April, 2025.  
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 16th day of April, 2025.*

*WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 21st day of April, 2025.  
s/Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.*

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