



# City of Lake Charles

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

*Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Donald W. Fondel, Ronnie Harvey, Jr.,  
Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford, Matt Young*  
**Council President: Craig Marks**

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Wednesday, November 19, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

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### **AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 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 Marks, presiding**

**INVOCATION - Matt Young**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Craig Marks**

*As a point of personal privilege, Mayor Marshall J. Simien, Jr., presented a proclamation to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in honor of their 70th Anniversary. Mrs. Zelda Fry, current President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority accepted the proclamation.*

*Mr. Marks stated that Item 1 was being deferred to December 3, 2025 and Item 8 was being deferred to January 21, 2026.*

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 - Stuart Weatherford, Matt Young, President or Presiding Officer Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey Jr., Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo Jr., and Matthew Vezinot

**Absent:** 0

*Also present were Mayor Marshall J. Simien, Jr., Corey Rubin., Assistant City Attorney, John Cardone, City Administrator and Renee' P. DeVillie, Clerk of the Council.*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2025**

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

**For:** 7 - Weatherford, Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, Bilbo Jr., and Vezinot

**Against:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**485-25**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. CP3427 - Wastewater Treatment Plant B/C Sludge Processing Improvements.

*Mr. Marks requested to waive the rules to add two items to the agenda and read in the title of a resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. CP3427 - Wastewater Treatment Plant B/C Sludge Processing Improvements and the companion ordinance. He stated these two items would need unanimous consent to add them to the agenda. The council voted as follows to waive the rules and add both items to the agenda.*

**A motion was made by Mr. Marks to waive the rules to add this item on the Consent Agenda.**

**For:** 7 - Weatherford, Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, Bilbo Jr., and Vezinot

**Against:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: 232-25

**486-25**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3427 - Wastewater Treatment Plant B/C Sludge Processing Improvements.

**A motion was made by Mr. Marks to waive the rules to add this item to the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 7 - Weatherford, Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, Bilbo Jr., and Vezinot

**Against:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**APPOINTMENTS****1. 405-25**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3414 - Southwest WTP Back Up Power Improvements.

**This item was deferred at the beginning of the meeting until the December 3, 2025 regular council meeting.**

**2. 428-25**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase one (1) new Rear-Loader Refuse Truck, for use by the Public Works Department, Solid Waste Trash Division.

**Mr. Harvey was appointed chairman.**

**3. 429-25**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase one (1) new Three-Wheel Sweeper, for use by the Public Works Department, Streets Division.

**Mr. Bilbo, Jr. was appointed chairman.**

**4. 430-25**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase one (1) new 6-Yard Dump Truck, for use by the Public Works Department, Grounds Maintenance Division.

**Mr. Young was appointed chairman.**

**5. 431-25**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase one (1) new Four-Wheel Sweeper, for use by the Public Works Department, Grounds Maintenance Division.

**Mr. Vezinot was appointed chairman.**

**6. 432-25**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase 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, Communications and Traffic Division.

**Mr. Marks was appointed chairman.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**7. 479-25**

Public hearing and consideration on alteration of shoreline of Calcasieu River to install timber deck and covered boat slips, and remove and replace existing damaged bulkhead by installing riprap and fill for bankline stabilization at 20 River Road.

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

**For:** 7 - Weatherford, Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, Bilbo Jr., and Vezinot

**Against:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: 230-25

**8. 334-25**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 3023 General Twining, Gertrude Ann Savoy and George Watkin Savoy (Estate), owners.

**This item was deferred at the beginning of the meeting until the January 21, 2026 regular council meeting.**

**ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ACTION****9. 458-25**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of seventy (70) APX N70XE mobile radios for use by the Lake Charles Fire Department, utilizing Ascension Parish Contract No. 51022.

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

**For:** 7 - Weatherford, Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, Bilbo Jr., and Vezinot

**Against:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: 20422

**10. 459-25**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a professional services agreement with Allied Universal to provide comprehensive security detail coverages for City Hall, the Transit Division Building, the Downtown/Lakefront and other buildings as needed.

**A motion was made by President Marks, seconded by Ronnie Harvey Jr., that this item be Deferred to the December 3, 2025 regular council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 7 - Weatherford, Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, Bilbo Jr., and Vezinot

**Against:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**11. 482-25**

Introduction and final action of an ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Treasury relative to a line-item appropriation contained in Act 461 of 2025 RLS for the Prien Lake Road Pedestrian Bridge over Contraband Bayou.

*Corey Rubin, Assistant City Attorney, requested that City Engineer, Herman Stevens, III read the item into the record, and stated that the emergency nature of the request was to prevent the loss of funding. Mr. Weatherford stated that he wanted to acknowledge and thank State Senator Jeremy Stine for his efforts in securing funding for the project and highlighted the project's necessity. Mayor Marshall J. Simien, Jr. also voiced his concerns for pedestrians walking to and from their jobs with most casino workers being required to wear black attire and not being very visible at night.*

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

**For:** 7 - Weatherford, Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, Bilbo Jr., and Vezinot

**Against:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: 20423

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS MAY BE ADOPTED BY CONSENT****12. 480-25**

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3376 - Chennault AFB 12" Water Loop as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

Enactment No: 231-25

**12a. 485-25**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. CP3427 - Wastewater Treatment Plant B/C Sludge Processing Improvements.

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

Enactment No: 232-25

**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 - Weatherford, Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, Bilbo Jr., and Vezinot

**Against:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE FOR INTRODUCTION BY CONSENT AND READ INTO THE RECORD THE DAY FOLLOWING THIS MEETING AT 2:00P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

**13. 369-25**

An ordinance amending Section 24-5-307.1(5)(A)(1)(i) of the Lake Charles Zoning Ordinance relative to Nellie Lutchter District Overlay Standards.

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

**14. 481-25**

An ordinance authorizing the settlement of a claim against the City of Lake Charles in the suit styled "Asa Meche v. Union Carbide Corporation, et al.", Docket No. 2024-4641, Division G, on the docket of the 14th Judicial District Court, Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana.

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

**15. 483-25**

An ordinance amending Section 12-15.3 of the City of Lake Charles Code of Ordinances relative to Permitted Uses.

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

**15a. 486-25**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3427 - Wastewater Treatment Plant B/C Sludge Processing Improvements.

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 5:50 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on December 3, 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 19th day of November, 2025.*

*WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 26th day of November, 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 19th day of November, 2025.*

*WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 26th day of November, 2025.*  
*s/Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.*

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