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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*

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2026 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 - Ronnie Harvey, Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Craig Marks

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Matt Young, President or Presiding Officer Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey Jr., Donald W. Fondel, and Tommy M. Bilbo Jr.

Absent: 2 - Stuart Weatherford, and Matthew Vezinot

Also present were Mayor Marshall J. Simien, Jr., Russell J. Stutes, Jr., City Attorney, John Cardone, City Administrator and Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

Mayor Simien, Jr., and Councilman Matt Young presented a proclamation naming January 7, 2026 as Donna and Rick Richard Day for their historic and philanthropic contributions to the City of Lake Charles. Brian Davis, Executive Director of the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation presented the Winnie Byrd Preservationist Extraordinaire Award to Donna and Rick Richard in recognition of their impactful work to preserve historic places in the City of Lake Charles.

Mr. Marks stated Item 7 was being deferred until the January 21, 2026 regular council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

For: 5 - Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, and Bilbo Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 2 - Weatherford, and Vezinot

APPOINTMENTS

1. 424-25 An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to accept the lowest responsible bid and to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3019 - Sale Road Bridge Repairs.

Mr. Young was appointed chairman.

Enactment No: 20453

2. 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 was appointed chairman.

3. 494-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to accept the lowest responsible bid and to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3224 - Muirfield Drive Drainage Phase II, and amend the budget as

Mr. Weatherford was appointed chairman.

Enactment No: 20456

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Stuart Weatherford, Matt Young, President or Presiding Officer Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey Jr., Donald W. Fondel, and Tommy M. Bilbo Jr.

Absent: 1 - Matthew Vezinot

4. 239-25

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1610 Graham Street, Allen J. Mitchell, owner.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Russell J. Stutes, Jr., 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. Harvey stated he had been in contact with the owner and the owner requested an additional 30 days to try and sell the property. He recommended deferral until the February 4, 2026 regular meeting, which was approved by the following vote.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ACTION

5. 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

Mr. Marks made a motion to accept the recommended bid from Tullier Services, LLC in the base amount of \$11,988,000, with Alternate 1 in the amount of \$551,000, for a total amount of \$12,539,000, and to reject Alternates 2 and 3.

For: 6 - Weatherford, Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, and Bilbo Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Vezinot

Enactment No: 20443

6. 503-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a professional services agreement with Nice System, Inc. to provide a cloud-based digital evidence storage management system.

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

For: 6 - Weatherford, Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, and Bilbo Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Vezinot

Enactment No: 20444

7. 504-25

An ordinance approving an amendment to the City of Lake Charles 2019 Action Plan to reprogram unspent Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (“CDBG-CV”) funds to the Goosport Park Improvement No. 2 project.

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

Enactment No: 20457

8. 507-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Utiliserve for fire hydrant flow testing and inspection/maintenance, pressure testing and flushing, GIS mapping and hydrant mapping.

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

For: 6 - Weatherford, Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, and Bilbo Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Vezinot

Enactment No: 20445

9. 511-25

An ordinance amending Section 20-78 of Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles to place no parking signs on both sides of West Jevon Lane, from East Jevon Lane west to a point 100 feet north of the sharp turn.

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

For: 6 - Weatherford, Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, and Bilbo Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Vezinot

Enactment No: 20446

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS MAY BE ADOPTED BY CONSENT**10. 500-25**

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3512 - Goosport Park New Pool and Improvements as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 1-26

11. 513-25

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 711 Fall Street, Rose Young Fontenot and Frank Fontenot, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date was set for February 18, 2026.

Enactment No: 2-26

12. 514-25

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1105 North Wendell Street (accessory structure only), Connie Griffin, David Griffin and Gerald Griffin, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date was set for February 18, 2026.

Enactment No: 3-26

13. 515-25

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1902 North Prater Street, Patrick Omar Mouton, Tenisha Nacole Mouton Rasul and Michael Blayne Mouton, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date was set for February 18, 2026.

Enactment No: 4-26

14. 516-25

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2432 12th Street, Larry Lee Mitchell and Theresa Ann Pitre Mitchell, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date was set for February 18, 2026.

Enactment No: 5-26

15. 517-25

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2201 Highway 171, Jasim Family Property, LLC, Elaine Marie Landry Coldiron (Estate), Robert Earl Landry, Belin Landry, Jr., and Sonia Lisa Landry Page, owners, subject to a tax sale to the State of Louisiana.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date was set for February 18, 2026.

Enactment No: 6-26

16. 518-25

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1400 North Shattuck Street, Cleven Nash and Elvira Nash, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date was set for February 18, 2026.

Enactment No: 7-26

17. 519-25

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2116 18th Street, Randle Booth Whittaker and Cheryl Patricia Whittaker, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date was set for February 18, 2026.

Enactment No: 8-26

18. 520-25

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1505 McNabb Street, Tyron Gerard Nickerson, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date was set for February 18, 2026.

Enactment No: 9-26

19. 521-25

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 411 Gelpi Drive, Gerald (NMI) Armelin, Sr., owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date was set for February 18, 2026.

Enactment No: 10-26

20. 522-25

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 317 South Louisiana Avenue (front house only), Grace Smith, Ulric Y. Pryce, Charles Y. Pryce, Monica Manker-Russell, Marcia Manker and Gregory Manker, owners.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date was set for February 18, 2026.

Enactment No: 11-26

21. 523-25

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. DR002 - Public Works New Facility Phase 2, and to amend the budget as necessary.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Marks was appointed chairman.

Enactment No: 12-26

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

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Vezinot

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES ARE FOR INTRODUCTION BY CONSENT AND WILL BE READ INTO THE RECORD THE DAY FOLLOWING THIS MEETING AT 9:00A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**22. 508-25**

An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 18189 creating Enterprise Boulevard Economic Development District of the City of Lake Charles, State of Louisiana; amending the boundaries thereof from which the incremental increase in existing sales taxes of the City will be used to finance economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised

Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

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

23. 524-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with ADG Engineering.

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

24. 525-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Alliance Transportation Group, Inc.

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

25. 526-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Angelle & Donahue Oil & Gas Properties, Inc.

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

26. 527-25

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

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

27. 528-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Brossett Architect.

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

28. 529-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with CARBO Landscape Architecture.

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

29. 530-25

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

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

30. 531-25

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

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

31. 532-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with CSRS, Inc.

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

32. 533-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with D.W. Jessen & Associates, LLC.

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

33. 534-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Fugro Consultants, Inc.

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

34. 535-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC.

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

35. 536-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Randy M. Goodloe Architect.

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

36. 537-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Grace Hebert Curtis Architects.

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

37. 538-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Hunt, Guillot & Associates.

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

38. 539-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Kudla Architecture.

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

39. 540-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Meyer & Associates, Inc.

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

40. 541-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Moss Reed Architects, LLC.

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

41. 542-25

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

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

42. 543-25

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

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

43. 547-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Louisiana Emergency Equipment, LLC d/b/a Delta Fire & Safety for the purchase of four (4) sets of Amkus Rescue System Tools.

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

Enactment No: 20461

44. 548-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with D & W Drilling for inspection, cleaning, and repairs of Water Wells G-8, G-9 and G-13 at GH West Water Plant 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.

Enactment No: 20462

45. 544-25

An ordinance enlarging the boundaries of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, by annexing property generally described as the Eastside of the 1200 Blk. of Hwy. 397 (vacant lot South of 1295 Hwy. 397), containing 2.21 acres, more or less, defining with certainty and precision the territory to be included in the corporate limits of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

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

Enactment No: 20458

46. 545-25

An ordinance assigning Zoning Classification of Industrial to property generally described as the Eastside of the 1200 Blk. of Hwy. 397 (vacant lot South of 1295 Hwy. 397), containing 2.21 acres, more or less, defining with certainty and precision the territory to be included in the corporate limits of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

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Enactment No: 20459

47. 546-25

An ordinance assigning Councilmanic District "B" to the Eastside of the 1200 Blk. of Hwy. 397 (vacant lot South of 1295 Hwy. 397), containing 2.21 acres, more or less, defining with certainty and precision the territory to be included in the corporate limits of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

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Enactment No: 20460

48. 549-25

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

59. 560-25

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, to incur debt and to borrow from the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority an amount not to exceed One Hundred Forty-Five Million Dollars (\$145,000,000), for a term not exceeding Thirty years, at a rate not to exceed Six percent per annum, for the purpose of financing public improvements within the City of Lake Charles; approving the form and authorizing the execution of one or more loan agreements and other certificates, documents and instruments; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

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

Enactment No: 20463

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the City Council, President Marks adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Lake Charles City Council will be held on January 21, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

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 7th day of January, 2026.

*WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 27th day of January, 2026.
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 7th day of January, 2026.

*WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 27th day of January, 2025.
s/Renee' P. DeVille, 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.