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Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford, Matt Young
Council President: Craig Marks*

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 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 Marks, presiding

INVOCATION - Councilman Marks

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilman Vezinot

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Stuart Weatherford

Also present were Mayor Marshall J. Simien, Jr., Russell J. Stutes, Jr., City Attorney, John Cardone, City Administrator and Shelly Appleby, Paralegal in Legal Department filling in for the Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2026

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

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

Against: 0

Absent: 1 - Weatherford

APPOINTMENTS

1. 427-25

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase two (2) new Side-Loader Refuse Trucks, for use by the Public Works Department, Solid Waste Garbage Division.

Councilman Fondel was appointed chairman.

2. 433-25

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. LR002 - Sallier Street Reconstruction, contingent upon receipt of Facility Planning & Control Authorization to Advertise, and amend the budget as necessary.

This item was deferred until the February 4, 2026 regular council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS**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

3. 323-25

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 712 Williams Street, Freddie Mark Johnson (Estate), owner.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Russell J. Stutes, Jr., City Attorney, stated this was a rehearing from October 15, 2025 and presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. Terri Sapp, 4390 Fairway Drive., Lake Charles, LA stated that she and her family planned on demolishing the structure and requested additional time to do so. Mr. Harvey 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 - Weatherford, Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, Bilbo Jr., and Vezinot

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20447

45a.15-26

Introduction and final action of an ordinance to modify the Front End Documents for DR002 - Public Works New Facility Phase 2 to remove the subcontractor percentage limit.

A request was made by President Marks to waive the rules to add on this item for introduction and final action. The request was approved by the following vote:

A motion was made that this item be waive the rules. 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: 20448

This item was read into the record by Herman Stevens, III, City of Lake Charles Engineering Department. He further stated that the emergency nature was currently in the front end documents the City is limited to 49% of the work being performed by a subcontractor. He stated that for architectural and building contracts that doesn't work because typically a general contractor will sub out different disciplines such as electrical, plumbing, etc. and so it is very normal for a project to exceed 90% subcontractor work. He further stated that if kept at 49% the City is likely to get no bids and the City is up against a timeline where the project cannot be delayed.

A motion was made that this item be introduced and 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: 20448

53a.14-26

A resolution amending or otherwise supplement Resolution No. 313-23 to include additional funding from the Louisiana Office of Community Development to be used in support of construction of the City's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funded Indoor Recreation Center and to confirm and extend the authority granted to the Mayor to sign, execute and administer any and all relevant documents.

As a marginal note, although this item had been previously added to the agenda, they voted to add it to the agenda again by a vote of 7-0.

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: 13-26

4. 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.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Russell J. Stutes, Jr., City Attorney, stated this was a rehearing from November 19, 2025 and 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. Bilbo 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 - Weatherford, Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, Bilbo Jr., and Vezinot

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20449

5. 460-25

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 2205 Cline Street, Barry Mark Charles, owner, subject to a tax sale to the State of Louisiana.

This item was deferred at the beginning of the meeting to the February 18, 2026 regular council meeting.

6. 465-25

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 806 Azalea Drive (carport only), Tamika Francis, owner.

This item was deferred at the beginning of the meeting to the February 18, 2026 regular council meeting.

7. 466-25

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 518 Lebato Street (front house only), Jerome Murray, owner.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Russell J. Stutes, Jr., City Attorney, stated this was a rehearing from December 17, 2025 and 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 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 - Weatherford, Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, Bilbo Jr., and Vezinot

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20450

8. 467-25

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles

to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 210 North Booker Street, Dorothy Mae Collins and Harry Lee Simien (Estate), owners, 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 Russell J. Stutes, Jr., City Attorney, stated this was a rehearing from December 17, 2025 and 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 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 - Weatherford, Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, Bilbo Jr., and Vezinot

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20451

9. 469-25

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 2103 Opelousas Street, Sandra Pete Anderson (Estate), 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 Russell J. Stutes, Jr., City Attorney, stated this was a rehearing from December 17, 2025 and 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 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 - Weatherford, Young, Marks, Harvey Jr., Fondel, Bilbo Jr., and Vezinot

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20452

10. 470-25

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1613 Shaw Street, Severnus Gradnigo, Jr. and Mary Alice Gradnigo, owners.

This item was deferred at the beginning of the meeting to the February 18, 2026 regular council meeting.

11. 471-25

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1029

Alamo Street, Jana Marie Burdette and Terry Daniel Turner, owners.

This item was deferred at the beginning of the meeting to the February 18, 2026 regular council meeting.

12. 472-25

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 521 Kingsley Street, Laticia Michelle Fontenot, Boardwalk Investors with Union Bank as Secured Party, Kenneth Joseph Fontenot, Shelly Michelle Fontenot, Heritage Management Services with Union Bank as Secured Party, Malcolm J. Fontenot, April Nicole Fontenot Thomas, Kim Leatrice Fontenot Poullard, and Harold J. Thibodeaux, owners, subject to a tax sale to the State of Louisiana.

This item was deferred at the beginning of the meeting to the February 18, 2026 regular council meeting.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ACTION

13. 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.

Councilman Young made a motion to accept the recommended bid from PERC Development, LLC in the amount of \$669,294.50.

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20453

14. 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.

Councilman Bilbo made a motion to reject all bids and re-bid this item.

15. 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 and the Transit Division Building for a six (6) month period, and to amend the budget as necessary.

Councilman Bilbo agreed to a 6-month contract but stated there needs to be a path forward regarding the LCPD taking this role. Councilman Fondel stated there have been

situations occurring at Transit and the Administration nor LCPD were aware of what was happening. Councilmen Harvey and Marks voiced their support for the police department to step into this role of security instead of an outside company. Councilman Harvey abstained from the vote due to the relationship the company has with his personal employment. Miles Brown, 1020 5th Avenue, Lake Charles, LA questioned if the cost is money well spent. Councilman Weatherford stated that this 6-month agreement is a "stop gap" measure to give time to analyze ability to utilize the LCPD. After consideration, the Council voted as follows:

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

For: 5 - Weatherford, Young, Fodel, Bilbo Jr., and Vezinot

Against: 1 - Marks

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 - Harvey Jr.

Enactment No: 20454

16. 491-25

An ordinance amending the City of Lake Charles Ward 3 Marshal's Office budget for the addition of one (1) position allotment of Deputy Marshal and to amend the budget accordingly.

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

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20455

17. 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 made a motion to accept the recommended bid from Hackley Enterprises in the amount of \$605,902.57.

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20456

18. 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.

Councilman Harvey requested clarification of funds available in LC Rebound and funds available from JD Clifton. John Cardone, City Administrator, stated he will meet with Councilman Harvey to determine how much to leave at JD Clifton and how much and for what and for Goosport Park Improvements No. 2. After consideration, the Council voted as follows:

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: 20457

19. 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.

This item was deferred at the beginning of the meeting until the February 4, 2026 regular council meeting.

20. 524-25

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

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

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

21. 525-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

22. 526-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

23. 527-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

24. 528-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

25. 529-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

26. 530-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

27. 531-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

28. 532-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

29. 533-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

30. 534-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

31. 535-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

32. 536-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

33. 537-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

34. 538-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

35. 539-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

36. 540-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

37. 541-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

38. 542-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

39. 543-25

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fondel that Items 20-39 that this item be Deferred without objection. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

40. 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.

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: 20458

41. 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.

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: 20459

42. 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.

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: 20460

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.

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: 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.

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: 20462

45. 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.

Mayor Simien stated this was the LC Rebound Bond issue and will authorize issuance of all of the bonds without taking all of the bonds. The first draw will be approximately \$60,000,000. Bond consultants presented information about the process and took questions from the Council. Matt Kern, Jones Walker Law Firm, New Orleans, LA and representatives from Raymond James, Stifel and Government Consultants.

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: 20463

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENT

47. 4-26

A resolution authorizing that a Special Event Permit be issued to the Knights of St. Peter Claver #141 to allow for a parade route of 5.2 miles for the 2026 Knights of St. Peter Claver Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, February 7, 2026.

Councilman Harvey requested clarification in the process of permitting the parades. Katie Harrington stated that this is the way it should have been done with the parade organizer contacting the appropriate Council member to confirm their support of the parade to avoid any conflicts with their respective districts. After consideration the council voted as follows:

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: 14-26

48. 5-26

A resolution authorizing that a Special Event Permit be issued to Lake Charles Mardi Gras to allow 150 recreational vehicles and 50 horses in their 2026 Mardi Gras Parade, scheduled for Sunday, February 8, 2026.

Councilman Harvey also pulled this item with the same concerns as the previous item. After due consideration, the council voted as follows:

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 15-26

50. 6-26

A resolution declaring Lock Park and Nellie Lutcher Memorial Park as "Family Friendly Zones" during the 2026 Mardi Gras parade activities, and requesting the Lake Charles Police Department enforce the provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake Charles that prohibit the possession, consumption and/or sale of alcoholic beverages in parks within the City of Lake Charles and prohibit parking within the Lock Park and Nellie Lutcher Memorial Park grounds during the 2026 Mardi Gras parades.

Councilman Young pulled this item to bring awareness to the two "family friendly zones" along the parade route with no alcohol allowed and a play area for children.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 16-26

46. 1-26

A resolution authorizing a Special Event Permit be issued to the Southwest District Livestock Show & Rodeo to allow horses to be included in the 2026 Southwest District Livestock Show & Rodeo Parade to be held on January 29, 2026.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 17-26

49. 7-26

A resolution authorizing that a Special Event Permit be issued to Mardi Gras of

Southwest Louisiana, Inc. for a series of parades to be held Friday, February 13, 2026 through Tuesday, February 17, 2026, in celebration of Mardi Gras 2026.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 18-26

51. 2-26

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids to purchase fire truck equipment for use by the Lake Charles Fire Department.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 19-26

52. 3-26

A resolution approving the form of and authorizing the execution and delivery of an amendment to that certain Cooperative Endeavor Agreement dated as of July 1, 2021 by and between the Enterprise Boulevard Economic Development District, the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana and the State of Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

This item was deferred to February 4, 2026 as it is a companion resolution to Item #19.

53. 13-26

A resolution setting date for public hearing and consideration of the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to deny a request for a Variance in order to construct a new restaurant with a 10' landscape buffer along both street frontages vs. required 15', within a Business Zoning District, at the northwest corner of West Prien Lake Road at Contraband Parkway.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 20-26

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: 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 9:00A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

54. 8-26

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to purchase three (3) new thirty-five foot (35') Clean Diesel, Low Floor, ADA Certified Buses for the use by the City of Lake Charles Transit Division, utilizing the additional purchase option provided by Ordinance #19529, approved and adopted by the City Council on April 5, 2023.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Chelsea Gott, City Council Liaison.

55. 9-26

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsive and responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase fire truck equipment for use by the Lake Charles Fire Department.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Chelsea Gott, City Council Liaison.

56. 10-26

An ordinance enlarging the boundaries of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, by annexing property generally described as 1600 Siebarth Drive, containing 4.08 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 Chelsea Gott, City Council Liaison.

57. 11-26

An ordinance assigning Zoning Classification of Business to property generally described as 1600 Siebarth Drive, containing 4.08 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 Chelsea Gott, City Council Liaison.

58. 12-26

An ordinance assigning Councilmanic District "B" to 1600 Siebarth Drive, containing 4.08 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 Chelsea Gott, City Council Liaison.

ADJOURNMENT

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 21st day of January, 2026.

*WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 29th 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 21st day of January, 2026.

*WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 29th day of January, 2026.
s/Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.*

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