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Meeting Minutes City Council

*Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, John Ieyoub, Mary Morris,
Johnnie Thibodeaux, Stuart Weatherford
Council President: Luvertha August*

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER - Luvertha August, President of the Council, presided

INVOCATION - Mark Eckard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Luvertha August

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - John Ieyoub, Johnnie Thibodeaux, Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, Mary Morris, and Stuart Weatherford

Absent: 0

Also present were Mayor Nic Hunter, Mr. David L. Morgan, City Attorney and Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

Ms. August deferred to David Morgan, City Attorney, who outlined the procedure for this special meeting. Mr. Morgan introduced into the record the Notice of the Special Meeting and stated that the city provided a number of ways for which the public could provide comments regarding the items on the Special Meeting agenda either by e-mail, telephone, fax or written letter. He did confirm for the record that public comment communications were received by the City Council Office and the Legal Department regarding No. 5 on the agenda and those comments were made a part of the record. He also stated that tonight's meeting is a dual meeting of the City Council as the City Council and the City Council as the board of the Lakefront Economic Development District, the Enterprise Boulevard Economic Development District and the I-10 Corridor Economic Development District for No. 5 on the agenda. He stated no other comments were received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 20, 2020

A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

1. 468-19

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3124, Central School Renovations.

Sponsors: Mary Morris

Appointed Ms. Morris as Chairperson

2. 164-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP9778, Rosa Hart Theatre Repairs.

Sponsors: Mary Morris **Appointed Ms. Morris as Chairperson**

PUBLIC HEARINGS**3. 59-2020**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1717 ½ Gieffers Street, Nell Fletcher, owner.

Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Mr. Morgan presented photographs and documents regarding the property which were made a part of the record. There were no requests to speak on this item. Ms. Morris 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 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18698

4. 41-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase sixty (60) emergency portable ballistic shields for use by the Lake Charles Police Department, Patrol Division.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Aardvark in the amount of \$27,952.20. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0 Enactment No: 18699

5. **88-2020** An ordinance authorizing the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Lake Charles, the Lakefront Economic Development District, the Enterprise Boulevard Economic Development District and the I-10 Corridor Economic Development District and providing for other matters related thereto.

Ms. Morris asked if the City provided the people who requested written copies of the EDD's and the maps so that they could understand what we are doing. Mr. Morgan stated Mr. Milton Bellard and Ms. Courtney Edwards requested an explanation of what the item was about. He stated Ms. Thibodeaux provided a response with the explanation to those inquiries by email and that we received no other comments about any other items on the agenda. Through a public records request, Ms. Edwards also asked for a copy of Mr. Ernie Broussard's Feasibility Assessment Report which he believes Mr. Rubin provided to her.

Ms. Morris suggested deferring this item until we can have a public hearing where many people can come to get information about the EDD's.

Ms. Morris stated she gave a statement to Ms. August which is an amendment to this ordinance to put the Enterprise Boulevard Extension and the CEA into all of the EDD's to make that a part of the development.

Ms. Morris made a motion to amend the ordinance and read the following statement "Amendment is to include the CEA and to include developing the Enterprise Boulevard Extension to the Martin Luther King Highway. I want it to be the number one priority on the list of projects executed under this ordinance, with 100% funding allocated and committed from the state 2.0% sales tax and other revenues, before executing on any other economic development within and subject to this ordinance. Additionally, I want us to partner with Representative Wilford Carter and the governing board established under District 34 to expedite this project and the other economic activities consistent with the Feasibility Assessment Report presented by Ernest Broussard in this Chamber earlier this year."

She asked that her statement and the Feasibility Assessment Report presented by Ernest Broussard be made a part of the record and the ordinance amended to include this information.

After comments from the Council regarding funding the Enterprise Boulevard project, Ms. August called on those who requested to speak.

Gayle Sledge, 2345 See St. spoke against the ordinance. Her comments were made a part of the record. Milton Bellard, 1857 Hwy 14, spoke regarding the ordinance.

After comments from Mayor Hunter, David Morgan and the Council members, Ms. August stated there was a motion on the floor by Ms. Morris to amend the ordinance. The motion did not receive a second, therefore, the motion failed. Ms. August called for a vote on the item.

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

For: 6 - Iyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18700

6. 89-2020

An ordinance authorizing the removal of Yield signs and the installation of Stop signs on Pear Street at its intersection with Medora Street in the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Sponsors: Mary Morris

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

For: 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18701

7. 123-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3336, Oak Park Lateral Drainage Improvements, and to amend the budget accordingly.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

Mr. Morgan called on Karen Harrell, Finance Director, who stated the budget needed to be amended to authorize the transfer of additional funds from the Miscellaneous Drainage Improvement Fund. The amendment wording to add is "and to amend the budget accordingly."

A motion was made by Mr. Geyen, seconded by Mr. Eckard, that this item be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18702

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

For: 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18702

8. 124-2020

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

Sponsors: Johnnie Thibodeaux

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Vulcan, Inc. for Category #1 in the amount of \$23,345.75, Category #2 in the amount of \$15,457.00, for Category #3 in the amount of \$23,055.00, for Category #4 in the amount of \$3,123.00 and for Category #5 in the amount of \$10,360.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18703

9. 163-2020

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with Coastal Environments, Inc.

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

For: 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18704

10. 165-2020

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with U. S. Forensic.

Mr. Eckard recommended amending the ordinance to read "25 miles per hour from W. Sale Road to a point of 300ft South of the intersection of Canal Place Drive."

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

For: 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18705

11. 175-2020

An ordinance amending Section 20-63 of the Code of Ordinances to lower the speed limit on Canal Street from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour from W. Sale Road to a point 300ft South of the intersection of Canal Place Drive.

Sponsors: Mark Eckard

Mr. Eckard recommended amending the ordinance to read "lower the speed limit on Canal Street from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour from West Sale Road to a point 300ft South of the intersection of Canal Place Drive."

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

For: 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18706

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

For: 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18706

12. 176-2020

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana to designate the Lake Charles American Press as the Official Journal of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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

For: 7 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18707

13. 143-2020

A resolution of the City Council requesting that the Calcasieu Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness in conjunction with other related organizations and the municipalities within Calcasieu Parish jointly plan and strategize a response in the event that Calcasieu Parish experiences severe weather conditions (i.e. flooding, tornado, hurricane, etc.) during the COVID-19 Pandemic requiring temporary emergency shelters and/or the evacuation of citizens as well as addressing possible hospital overcrowding to ensure their safety and welfare.

Sponsors: Luvertha August

Deferred to the June 17, 2020 City Council meeting.

19. 192-2020

A resolution appointing a member to the Chenault International Airport Authority Board, for a four-year term beginning June 30, 2020 and ending June 30, 2024.

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

For: 0

Against: 0

Enactment No: 73-2020

14. 177-2020

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3072, Riverside Park Boat Dock Rehabilitation, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 74-2020

15. 178-2020

A resolution setting date for public hearing and consideration on alteration of shoreline (Calcasieu River) through the construction of a bulkhead and dock structures for recreational use at the north side of the 600 block of River Road, (Hortman's Ferry Landing Subdivision) by The Par Group.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 75-2020

16. 179-2020

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1507 Moeling Street, Ruth Ann Thomas Paul, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 76-2020

17. 181-2020

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1815 North Junior Street, Ernest Willis, Jr. Estate, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 77-2020

18. 182-2020

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. CP3353, Center East & Chennault Water Treatment Plant Pressure Filter Rehabilitation.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 78-2020

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 - Iyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES ARE FOR INTRODUCTION BY CONSENT AND WERE READ INTO THE RECORD THE DAY FOLLOWING THIS MEETING AT 9:00A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**20. 107-2020**

An ordinance enlarging the boundaries of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, by annexing property generally described as the Southeast section of Heard Road at its intersection with West Prien Lake Road containing 3.3 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 Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

21. 108-2020

An ordinance assigning zoning classification of Business to 3.3 acres, more or less, generally described as the Southeast section of Heard Road at its intersection with West Prien Lake Road.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

22. 109-2020

An ordinance assigning Councilmanic District "D" to newly annexed property containing 3.3 acres more or less generally described as the Southeast section of Heard Road at its intersection with West Prien Lake Road.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

23. 145-2020

An ordinance amending Section 2-30(b) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles to add an exception to the Louisiana residency requirement for companies that perform maintenance or repairs with specialized equipment or knowledge.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

24. 183-2020

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Calcasieu Parish Public Safety Communications District ("District") and the City of Lake Charles ("City") wherein the District will provide Digital Aerial Photography of Calcasieu Parish for the planning of future growth, maintenance of property tax records, and for the planning and response to both small and large scale emergencies, which would benefit the safety and welfare of the citizens within the area of the City of Lake Charles in the form of standardized and customized map products as provided by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury GIS, and further, authorize the Mayor, or his designee, when appropriate, to execute all documents related thereto.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

25. 184-2020

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to submit an application to Louisiana State Parks FHWA Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana (FRTPL) and upon approval to enter into any and all agreements necessary to administer the grant for use to develop the Lake Charles 1st Avenue Multi-use Trail - North of Broad.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

26. 185-2020

An ordinance enlarging the boundaries of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, by annexing property generally described as the Northwest section W. Prien Lake Road at Country Club Drive (including Country Club Place and Country Club Lane) containing 45.7-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 Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

27. 186-2020

An ordinance assigning zoning classification of "Residential" to 45.7-acres, more or less, generally described as the Northwest section W. Prien Lake Road at Country Club Drive (including Country Club Place and Country Club Lane).

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

28. 187-2020

An ordinance assigning Councilmanic District "G" to 45.7-acres, more or less, generally described as the Northwest section W. Prien Lake Road at Country Club Drive (including Country Club Place and Country Club Lane).

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

29. 188-2020

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1507 Moeling Street, Ruth Ann Thomas Paul, owner.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

30. 190-2020

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1815 North Junior Street, Ernest Willis, Jr. Estate, owner.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

31. 191-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3353, Center East & Chennault Water Treatment Plant Pressure Filter Rehabilitation.

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

32. 193-2020

An ordinance authorizing the installation of stop signs on Greenway Street at its intersection with Crestwood Street creating an All-Way Stop.

Sponsors: Stuart Weatherford

Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

Ms. August stated items 20-32 would be read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council on Thursday, June 4, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to come before the Council, Ms. August declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35p.m. The next City Council meeting is June 17, 2020.

I, LYNN F. THIBODEAUX, 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 3rd day of June, 2020.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 10th day of June, 2020. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council

I, LYNN F. THIBODEAUX, 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 3rd day of June, 2020.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 10th day of June, 2020. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

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