



# City of Lake Charles

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

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

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Wednesday, October 7, 2020

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

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**CALL TO ORDER - Stuart Weatherford, President of the Council, presided**

**INVOCATION - Rodney Geyen**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Deputy Chief Nicosia**

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - John Ieyoub, Johnnie Thibodeaux, Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, and Stuart Weatherford

**Absent:** 1 - Mary Morris

*Also present were Kimberly Dellafosse, Assistant City Administrator, Corey Rubin, Assistant City Attorney and Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2020

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

**For:** 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

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

**For:** 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

**1. 219-2020**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to enter into an agreement for the purchase of an annual supply of Asphaltic Mixtures for Cold Application under a Twelve (12) month Contract with the option to renew for an additional Twelve (12) months for use by the Public Works Department.

**Sponsors:** Johnnie Thibodeaux

**Deferred to the October 21, 2020 Council meeting due to the bid opening date change.**

**2. 262-2020**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3363 - Hodges Street, 1st Street, 4th Street, 8th Street, and Liles Lane Pipe Bursting.

**Sponsors:** Rodney Geyen

**Appointed Rodney Geyen Chairman**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****3. 290-2020**

Public hearing and consideration of the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to approve, as amended, a Variance in order to construct two (2) duplex dwelling units with a bufferyard reduction along the west property line abutting a single-family residential use, within a Mixed Use Zoning District. Said amendments being: 1) maintain 10 ft. bufferyard along West property line; and 2) 20 ft. spacing of required bufferyard trees along West property line at the Southwest corner of Big Lake Road and A Miller Road.

*Chandra Guillory, 2382B S. Weaver Park Loop, and Herbert Piert, III, 2312 Moeling St., applicants, submitted a summary of the project, a timeline of events, drawings and other documents outlining the project and spoke in favor of the variance. The documents were made a part of the record. Suzanne McCoy with Century 21 Bessette Realty, spoke in favor of the project.*

*Darren Cruz, 3627 A. Miller Road, appealed the decision made by the Planning Commission and spoke against the project.*

*After discussion from the Council, Mr. Eckard recommended if this item is approved, that it include the following stipulations: an 8 ft. fence be required; a 10 ft buffer yard and trees every 20 ft. as opposed to the landscaping requirement of 40 ft.*

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

**For:** 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

Against: 0

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

**For:** 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 112-2020

## **ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ACTION**

### **4. 254-2020**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Fremin Properties, LLC, for economic incentives to encourage and support the rehabilitation of property located at 721 Enterprise Boulevard in the Enterprise Boulevard Economic Development District for the future location of an Acadian Ambulance regional hub and training facility.

*Mr. Weatherford stated we will recuse himself as he has represented one of the parties of Fremin Properties, LLC.*

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

**For:** 5 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, and Geyen

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 1 - Weatherford

Enactment No: 18771

### **5. 255-2020**

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

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

**For:** 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18772

**6. 260-2020**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to accept ownership and maintenance of the water and sewer systems only in the Cottages at Lake Charles Subdivision - Phase I.

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

**For:** 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18773

**7. 272-2020**

An ordinance accepting Rosehill Drive, Millbrook Lane and Bellview Drive in The Cove at MorganField Phase II, street right-of ways, drainage, water and sewer lines and traffic control devices for ownership and maintenance by the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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

**For:** 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18774

**8. 293-2020**

Introduction and final action of an ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with United Systems to upgrade the current handheld meter reading system.

*Mr. Rubin stated the emergency nature for introduction and final action is that the handheld meter readers were damaged and need to be replaced as soon as possible.*

**A motion was made that this item be adopted and introduced as read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18775

**9. 294-2020**

Introduction and final action of an ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to suspend Article I. Water and Article II. Sewerage of Chapter 21 Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles to allow for a temporary reduction of minimum water and sewer rates.

*Mr. Rubin stated the emergency nature for introduction and final action was that the contract expired at the end of September, 2020.*

**A motion was made that this item be adopted and introduced as read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18776

**10. 295-2020**

Introduction and final action of an ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to suspend the demolition fees as contained in Sec. 6-36(c)(2) Demolition fee, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles through December 31, 2020.

*Mr. Eckard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyen to make the ordinance retroactive back to September 1, 2020. Mr. Thibodeaux stated those who may have paid the fees should receive a refund.*

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

**For:** 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18777

**A motion was made that this item be adopted and introduced as read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18777

**11. 296-2020**

Introduction and final action of an ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to suspend the plan-checking fees as contained in Sec. 6-36(c)(4) Plan-checking fee, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles through December 31, 2020.

*Mr. Rubin stated the emergency nature for introduction and final action was to expedite development and repairs.*

*Mr. Weatherford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux to make the ordinance retroactive back to September 1, 2020.*

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

**For:** 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18778

**A motion was made that this item be adopted and introduced as read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18778

**11a. 299-2020**

Introduction and final action of an ordinance amending Section 5 of Ordinance No. 18767 passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana on September 23, 2020 to extend the emergency ordinance for an additional 30 days.

*Mr. Rubin stated the emergency nature for introduction and final action was in response to Hurricane Laura.*

**A motion was made that this item be adopted and introduced as read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18779

**11b. 300-2020**

Introduction and final action of an ordinance suspending Section 2-29(a) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana through November 4, 2020.

*Mr. Rubin stated the emergency nature for introduction and final action was in response to Hurricane Laura.*

**A motion was made that this item be adopted and introduced as read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 6 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, Geyen, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 18780

*Mr. Geyen left the meeting.*

**ROLL**

**Present:** 5 - John Ieyoub, Johnnie Thibodeaux, Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, and President or Presiding Officer Stuart Weatherford

**Absent:** 1 - Mary Morris

**Excused:** 1 - Rodney Geyen

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENT****17. 292-2020**

A resolution authorizing a Special Event Permit be issued to the Southwest District Livestock Show & Rodeo to allow horses to be included in the 2021 Southwest District Livestock Show & Rodeo Parade

*Ms. August stated due to the pandemic, will refunds be made if an event is cancelled? Katie Harrington, Public Information Officer, stated there is a provision for a refund for permit fees contingent on Covid-19 provisions.*

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

**For:** 5 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Geyen

Enactment No: 113-2020

**12. 269-2020**

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3313 Shattuck Street Bridge Rehabilitation as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

Enactment No: 114-2020

**13. 270-2020**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids to purchase forty (40) sets of structural firefighting bunker gear for use by the Lake Charles Fire Department.

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

Enactment No: 115-2020

**14. 271-2020**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to issue a request for proposals to purchase and install video surveillance systems for the Public Works Department, Water and Waste Water Divisions.

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

Enactment No: 116-2020

**15. 279-2020**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. CP3340, 2019 Supplemental Infrastructure - Sale Road at Ryan Street Improvement.

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

Enactment No: 117-2020

**16. 291-2020**

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3271 - Country Club Water Looping - Weaver Road to Jensen Lane as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

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

Enactment No: 118-2020



**18. 298-2020**

A resolution of the City Council to the Administration of the City of Lake Charles requesting City Administration begin the process of exploring other alternatives to provide the City of Lake Charles with cable, telephone and internet service.

**Sponsors:** Mary Morris

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

Enactment No: 119-2020

**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:** 5 - Ieyoub, Thibodeaux, August, Eckard, and Weatherford

**Against:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Geyen

**THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES ARE FOR INTRODUCTION BY CONSENT AND WERE READ INTO THE RECORD ON OCTOBER 16, 2020 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL****19. 262-2020**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3363 - Hodges Street, 1st Street, 4th Street, 8th Street, and Liles Lane Pipe Bursting.

**Sponsors:** Rodney Geyen

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

**20. 274-2020**

An ordinance amending the Operating and Capital Budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

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

**21. 275-2020**

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

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

**22. 278-2020**

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana to create Chapter 23 - Property Standards

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

**23. 280-2020**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3340, 2019 Supplemental Infrastructure - Sale Road at Ryan Street Improvement.

**Sponsors:** Johnnie Thibodeaux

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

**24. 281-2020**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to accept the most qualified proposal received and enter into an agreement to purchase and install video surveillance systems for the Public Works Department, Water and Waste Water Divisions.

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

**25. 297-2020**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase forty (40) sets of structural firefighting bunker gear for use by the Lake Charles Fire Department.

**Sponsors:** John leyoub

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

*Mr. Weatherford stated items 19 through 25 would be read into the record when city hall services resume following Hurricane Delta.*

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Weatherford declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35p.m.

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 19th day of October, 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 7th day of October, 2020.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 19th day of October, 2020. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

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