



City of Lake Charles

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Special Meeting Minutes City Council

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

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

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

INVOCATION - Mark Eckard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Deputy Chief Nicosia

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 0

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

The monthly financial reports for January, 2021 were provided to the City Council members by the Department of Finance. The reports include the Budget to Actual Revenues and the Budget to Actual Expenditures.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2021

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 24-21

Public hearing and consideration of the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to approve a Major Conditional Use Permit in order to construct four (4) additional single-family detached dwelling units (total of five), within a Neighborhood Zoning District at 737 Clarence Street.

Doug Burguieres stated this application was considered by Planning and Zoning Commission to add four additional single family units to this property for a total of five and the commission voted to approve the request by a vote of 3-1. This item was appealed, therefore, this request comes to the City Council as presented.

Ms. Robin Basone, 1010 Lakeland Dr., representing the applicant, Burt Parham, spoke in favor of the request. She indicated the aerial view of the GIS map shows several other multi-family tenant properties in this block which are of much greater density than their current proposal. She provided the following addresses of other the multi-family properties in the block for the record. They are 721 through 727 Clarence Street (apartments), 713 through 719 Clarence Street (apartments), 638 Iris St., 710 Iris St., 619 Clarence Street and 1202 Kirkman St. (commercial use).

Dolores Cornett, 1114 Kirkman St. spoke against the application with concerns of privacy and drainage. Ms. Cornett was given an additional minute to speak by the following vote: For: Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, Stuart Weatherford, John Ieyoub, Mary Morris and Johnnie Thibodaux

Theresa Anderson, 1112 Kirkman St. spoke on her behalf and for her neighbors against the application with concerns such as no room for emergency vehicles, rainwater drainage, privacy and depreciation of the value of their homes. Greg Percle, 728 Iris St., spoke against the application and agreed with the previous opponents comments. Ms. Anderson was given an additional minute to speak by the following vote: For: Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, Stuart Weatherford, John Ieyoub, Mary Morris and Johnnie Thibodaux

Ms. Morris stated this was in her district and as of right you can add two structures and maintain the one that is there and asked the Council to support the law as is.

After questions and comments from the Council members the application was denied by the following vote:

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

For: 0

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

Enactment No: 10-21

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

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Westview Productions, LLC in the amount \$487,740.000. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18827

3. 263-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3333 WWTP A - Basin A-07 Sewer Rehabilitation.

Sponsors: Mary Morris

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from PM Construction and Rehab, LLC in the total amount of \$1,557,555.55. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18828

4. 266-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3251 University Area Large Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation.

Sponsors: Mark Eckard

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Horseshoe Construction, Inc. in the total amount of \$1,562,015.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18829

5. 13-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to purchase forty-three (43) new Taser X26p Tasers with spare batteries and holsters, for use by the Lake Charles Police Department.

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: 18830

6. 18-21

An ordinance amending the Operating and Capital Budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year relative to additional expenditures and revenue as a result of Hurricane Laura.

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: 18831

7. 20-21

An ordinance amending the Operating and Capital Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year relative to revenues and expenditures anticipated for Hurricanes Laura and Delta recovery.

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: 18832

8. 25-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 511 First Avenue, Don Erik Muhammed, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 11-21

9. 26-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1900 7th Street, Ella Soileau Rougeau, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 12-21

10. 27-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2609 Common Street (Carport Only), Zelli, LLC, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 13-21

11. 28-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2402 Barbe Court, Tesson Joseph, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 14-21

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 - Ieyoub, 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

12. 29-21

An ordinance abandoning the 20ft. alley located off the north side of Wilson Avenue at its intersection with Grove Street, in the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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

13. 30-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to cease using the parcel at the corner of Ryan and Pine Streets, to declare the property as surplus, and to sell all of its interest in the property for its appraised value, and further authorizing the Lake Charles Redevelopment Agency to consent to the transfer.

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

14. 31-21

An ordinance declaring the intent of the City of Lake Charles to acquire a full ownership interest of Calcasieu Parish Parcel 00562793 to be used as a sewer and water servitude, owned by August Stevens and in which Arrow Financial Services, LLC, Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and the Parish of Calcasieu have interests, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2236, and providing further thereto.

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

15. 32-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3360, Foster Street and Riverside Drive Drainage Rehabilitation.

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

16. 33-21

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 511 First Avenue, Don Erik Muhammad, owner.

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

17. 34-21

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1900 7th Street, Ella Soileau Rougeau, owner.

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

18. 35-21

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2609 Common Street (Carport Only), Zelli, LLC, owner.

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

19. 36-21

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2402 Barbe Court, Tesson Joseph, owner.

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

20. 37-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to create an all-way stop condition on Monticello St. and Waterwood Dr. at its intersection with Aqua Dr.

Sponsors: Stuart Weatherford

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

21. 38-21

An ordinance approving the City of Lake Charles' 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020-2021 Action Plan. This ordinance will authorize the City of Lake Charles to make application to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for its 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funding allocation.

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

22. 39-21

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

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

23. 40-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a lease agreement with Beard Equipment Company for the lease of fourteen (14) pieces of lawn and tractor equipment for Mallard Golf Club.

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

24. 41-21

An ordinance authorizing the City to enter into a lease agreement with Club Car for the lease of golf carts for use at Mallard Golf Club.

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

Mr. Weatherford stated items 12 - 24 would be read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council, at 9:00a.m. on Wednesday, February 24th in the City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Weatherford declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be March 3, 2021.

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 special meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 23rd day of February, 2021

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 25th day of February 2021. 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 special meeting of the City Council of said city held on the 23rd day of February, 2021.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 25th day of February, 2021. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, 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.