



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*

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

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

INVOCATION - Rodney Geyen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Chief Shawn Caldwell

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 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

Absent: 0

15a. 46-21

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake Charles to the Diocese of Lake Charles, the Most Reverend Bishop Glen John Provost, the Board of Directors of Lake Charles Catholic High Schools, Inc., the Rector of St. Louis Catholic High School and other decision makers, respectfully requesting that they consider maintaining the current location of St. Louis Catholic High School (1620 Bank Street) in the central and downtown Lake Charles area.

Sponsors: John Ieyoub and Luvertha August

Mr. Weatherford stated Item number 15a. which was a resolution regarding St. Louis Catholic High School has been deleted as it is moot at this point. The Board of Pastor's

has made their decision in what they feel is in the best interest of their students to pursue moving the school to another location so this item is deleted.

Ms. Morris stated she would like to amend the agenda by deferring agenda items 8, 12, 13 and 14.

8. 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.

Ms. Morris stated item number 8 is regarding surplus property which is in her district and she requested additional time to review the information presented. She received the information late and according to the Council Rules a city council member is the only person who can put an item on the agenda and she did not put it on the agenda. She also requested additional information on the Lake Charles Redevelopment Agency.

David Morgan stated it was placed on the agenda and read into the record last week.

After further discussion from Mr. Morgan and the Council members, the item was deferred by the following vote:

A motion was made by Ms. Morris, seconded by Mr. Geyen, that this item be deferred to the March 17, 2021 City Council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Ms. Morris asked that items 12, 13 and 14 be deferred.

Ms. Morris requested to make a statement. She stated items 12, 13 and 14 relate to the golf course and affect her because they are all about the citizens. It's about the people and their tax dollars and maybe there is a possibility there is no more city golf course. That is something we need to discuss.

Mayor Hunter stated he is always available to meet with any Council member about any item on the agenda or anything related to the City. He stated the City owns the golf course.

Mr. Morgan stated there is a motion on the floor made by Ms. Morris to defer items 12, 13 and 14. Mr. Weatherford called for a second. The motion failed as it did not receive a second motion.

1. 338-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City

of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase annual supply of public safety uniforms for use by the Lake Charles Fire and Police Departments for a twelve (12) month period with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods.

Sponsors: Mary Morris

Appointed Mary Morris Chairperson

2. 347-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3177, West Prien Lake Road Widening, Cove Lane to Ihles Road

Sponsors: Mark Eckard

This item was deferred to the March 17th City Council meeting.

3. 348-2020

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) equipment for use by the Lake Charles Fire Department.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

Appointed Rodney Geyen Chairman

4. 21-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase annual supply of janitorial supplies for use by various City of Lake Charles Divisions and Departments for a twelve (12) month period with the option to renew for one (1) additional twelve (12) month period.

Sponsors: John leyoub

Appointed John leyoub Chairman

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. 7-21

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2507 Creole Street, Don Joseph Daigle, 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. Mr. leyoub 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: 18833

- 6. 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.

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. Mr. Ieyoub recommended time delay of 24 hours which was 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: 18834

- 7. 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.

Mr. Morgan presented a survey of the location which was made a part of the record. There were no requests to speak on this item.

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: 18835

- 9. 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.

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: 18836

10. 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

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: 18837

11. 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.

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: 18838

12. 39-21

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

Ms. Morris asked for the cost of the management agreement with Sterling Golf. Mr. Morgan stated the cost was \$8,000.00 per month. Ms. Morris asked about the current golf course employees. Mr. Cardone stated no employees will lose their jobs. He

outlined the details of the three year agreement and stated that it can be cancelled at any time.

Ms. Morris asked the Council members to read the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement regarding the golf course between the City and all of the entities involved.

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: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18839

13. 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.

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: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18840

14. 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.

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: 18841

15. 43-21

A resolution for the City of Lake Charles verifying the review of the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) documents for Plant A (NPDES Permit No. LA0036340, AI 4838), Plant B/C (NPDES Permit No. LA0036366, AI 4839) and Plant D (LA0118770, AI 117690). The City of Lake Charles, Wastewater Division is required to submit an annual MWPP document to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) showing the

institution or continued programs directed towards pollution prevention.

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: 15-21

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

16. 44-21

An ordinance amending Appendix A - Zoning, Section 5-203 (14) to clarify the requirements regarding exterior facades.

Sponsors: John Ieyoub

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

17. 45-21

An ordinance authorizing the City to move \$500,000.00 from unallocated City drainage funds into a specific drainage allocation for Kayouche Coulee/Terrace Neighborhood Area for drainage improvements, and further directing the City of Lake Charles to pursue all additional funding resources and agencies to support this effort.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

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

Mr. Geyen commented on this item to say this is a very important ordinance that will be considered very soon and he hopes that he will have the whole Council's support. Flooding needs to be addressed in Greinwich Village and Terrace area. A meeting for the residents is being scheduled to discuss this issue.

Mr. Weatherford stated items 16 and 17 would be read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council, at 9:00a.m. on Thursday, March 4th in the City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Weatherford declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be March 17, 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 meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 3rd day of March, 2021

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 10th day of March 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 meeting of the City Council of said city held on the 3rd day of March, 2021.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 10th day of March, 2021. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

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