

# **City of Lake Charles**

# Meeting Minutes City Council

Wednesday, July 7, 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 - Craig Marks

# **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 - Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, President or Presiding Officer Rodney Geyen, John leyoub, Craig Marks, 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.

Mr. Weatherford stated items 37, 38, 39 and 47 were being deleted from the agenda.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING**

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

For: 6 - August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Abstain: 1 - Marks

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2021 MEETING**

*Ms.* Morris stated there were things she spoke of that were not included in the minutes and she did not verify the information so will abstain from voting.

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

For: 5 - August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Abstain: 2 - Marks, and Morris

# **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

*Mr.* Weatherford called for nominations for President. *Mr.* Ieyoub nominated *Mr.* Geyen, seconded by *Ms.* August.

*Mr.* Marks asked *Mr.* Morgan to explain the protocol on how officers are elected. He asked if there was a law or an understood rule the City Council has been following.

*Mr.* Morgan stated the Council Rule states the President and Vice President of the City Council shall be elected by the members of the City Council to serve for a one year term. *Mr.* Geyen stated the Vice President usually becomes the President. There is no rule of rotation. Whoever gets the majority vote is elected. He also stated that communication is very important in the process.

*Ms.* Morris stated she has not served as an officer and the process should be equal for everyone to have an opportunity and she was displeased with the way things have gone.

After discussion from the Council Members, Mr. Weatherford asked if there were any other nominations for President. With no other nominations, he asked for a Motion to close nominations. On a motion made by Mr. Marks, seconded by Mr. Eckard, the nominations were closed. Mr. Geyen was declared President by the following vote:

For: Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, Stuart Weatherford, John leyoub, Craig Marks and Mary Morris.

Mr. Geyen then presided over the meeting.

*Mr.* Geyen called for nominations for Vice-President. *Mr.* Eckard nominated John leyoub, seconded by Stuart Weatherford. *Mr.* Geyen asked for any other nominations. *Mr.* Marks nominated Ms. Morris for Vice President, seconded by Ms. Morris. *Mr.* Geyen called for a vote for *Mr.* leyoub. *Mr.* leyoub was declared Vice President by the following vote:

For: Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, Stuart Weatherford and John leyoub. Mr. Marks and Ms. Morris did not vote.

# 1. 136-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3316, Mallard Golf Club-Lake Charles clubhouse.

Sponsors: John leyoub

#### Appointed John leyoub Chairman

# 2. 158-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of one (1) new three-quarter ton extended cab pickup truck, for use by the Public Works Department, Grounds Maintenance Division.

Sponsors: John leyoub

#### Appointed John leyoub Chairman

3. 233-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-95/96/98/99/101-108/110/112-114 - Water Treatment Plants - Chemical Feed System Repairs.

#### Sponsors: Mark Eckard

#### Appointed Mark Eckard Chairman

15. 192-21

A resolution selecting nominees by the City Council of the City of Lake Charles to be sent to the Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor, for appointment to the Board of Commissioners of Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District.

Without objection, this item was considered next on the agenda. Mr. Geyen stated three nominees are to be sent to the Honorable Jon Bel Edwards, Governor, State of Louisiana, for an appointment to the Board of Commissioners of the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District. He stated persons submitting resumes are as follows and are in the order they were received: Michael G. Eason, Kevin D. Guidry, Ronald F. Ware, Jonald J. Walker, III and Bill Shearman.

*Mr.* Morgan stated Ronald F. Ware withdrew his resume as he lives outside the territorial district of the Port of Lake Charles.

*Mr.* Eason was present at the meeting, introduced himself to the Council as being the current board member representing the City of Lake Charles. He gave an overview of his financial background and of upcoming projects the Port is planning. Mr. Eason answered questions from Ms. Morris regarding golf carts crossing the railroad tracks on Port property. Ms. August reported complaints she has received regarding downed trees and tall grass near the railroad tracks and about parking on the railroad right of way. Mr. Eason said Council members can contact him with any concerns and he will look into them for the City.

*Mr.* Guidry was present at the meeting and introduced himself to the Council. He has served as an elected official and has always had a desire to serve our community and wishes to continue to do so.

*Mr.* Shearman was present at the meeting and introduced himself to the Council. He is a native of Lake Charles and gave an overview of his background stating he wishes to serve on the board.

*Mr.* Geyen called for votes for *Mr.* Eason. Those voting for *Mr.* Eason were: Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, Stuart Weatherford, John leyoub, and Craig Marks

*Mr.* Geyen called for votes for *Mr.* Guidry: Those voting for *Mr.* Guidry were: Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, Stuart Weatherford, John leyoub, Craig Marks and *Ms.* Morris

Mr. Geyen called for votes for Mr. Walker: Those voting for Mr. Walker were: Mr. Marks

#### and Ms. Morris

*Mr.* Geyen called for votes for *Mr.* Shearman: Those voting for *Mr.* Shearman were: Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, Stuart Weatherford, John leyoub and Ms. Morris

*Mr.* Eckard made a motion, seconded by *Mr.* leyoub, to provide the following nominees to the Governor as he will make the appointment to the board: Michael G. Eason, Kevin D. Guidry and Bill Shearman. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

For: 7 - August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 81-21

#### 16. 246-21

A resolution appointing a member to the Chennault International Airport Authority Board to fill the expired term of Rico Guillory, for a four-year term ending June 30, 2021.

Without objection, this item was considered next on the agenda. Mr. Geyen stated two resumes were received for this one board position namely Ernest Broussard, Jr. received June 21, 2021 and Rico Guillory, received June 25, 2021. Mr. Geyen called for a vote for Mr. Broussard: Those voting for Mr. Broussard were: Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, Stuart Weatherford, John leyoub, Craig Marks and Mary Morris.

*Mr.* Geyen called for a vote naming Ernest Broussard, *Jr.* as the board appointment. *Mr.* Broussard was selected and confirmed by the following vote

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

For: 7 - August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 82-21

# 10. 197-21

A resolution approving the appointment of John Cardone, Jr., as City Administrator.

Without objection, this item was considered next on the agenda. Gayle Sledge, 2345 See St., commented on the City Administrator position, serving under the direction of the Mayor and outlined his duties and responsibilities. Ms. Sledge asked the City Council what is the term of employment for the City Administrator and how many years has he served. Mr. Morgan stated the term of the contract is for four years and Mr. Cardone indicated he has served close to twenty years.

Ms. Sledge questioned Mr. Cardone's performance in a variety of his duties and functions of his position and stated the Mayor can request that the Council approve his appointment, then asked if there was anything in the contract stating his employment can be rescinded because of his performance in the next four years. Mr. Geyen stated if there was any negative performance reported on the part of Mr. Cardone, the Mayor would make a recommendation to the Council.

Mayor Hunter stated for the record that he does recommend John Cardone, Jr. for City Administrator and that everyone is entitled to their opinion and respects everyone's opinion. He stated Mr. Cardone has been a pivotal asset to the City and he has been one of the greatest benefits this City has had in recent history.

Ms. Morris stated as we talk about performance, she does respect Mr. Cardone as a human being. Her concern is the equity and opportunity for all of the community. She does not see that in her community. She indicated it continues to flood in Mr. Geyen's area and in Greinwich Terrace with no plan to make sure they were taken care of. The budget indicates funds were given for drainage and CDBG funds in past years, however, they still flood as she floods. She indicated other areas in her district have not been addressed. She stated there is no equity in the distribution of funds and there is no equity in how the community is taken care of.

She spoke of other issues wherein she felt the disrespect she gets from people in charge and the disrespect she gets from the whole system.

*Mr.* Geyen spoke of flooding in his district stating he has no control over the amount of rain that falls. If the water goes into the catch basins the drainage is working. When the water gets to the laterals it backs up because they are full and that has been the problem which is under the control of the Gravity Drainage Board. He stated Karen Harrell can provide a list of funds that have been spent in each district and District A is going to be the district where the most money is spent. Mr. Geyen stated Mayor Hunter asked Mr. Geyen and Ms. August to give some of their funds to cover street overlays in District A and they agreed to do so to help jumpstart progress in the northern part of Lake Charles.

Ms. Morris spoke of the number of open ditches in her district. She stated she did not need to be given money as the money was in the budget. She stated she voted for projects in other districts, however, the streets and sidewalks in her district are very narrow. She addressed the possibility of economic development on Enterprise Boulevard according to an assessment by HGA. She stated there is no equity in the distribution of funds.

*Mr.* Geyen called on *Mr.* Cardone who stated he appreciated the comments but respects to disagree on some of the items mentioned. He stated over the last four years more funds have been allocated for drainage improvements which was a big initiative of the Mayor and myself. Also, last month the Council approved a budget amendment to add additional funds to expedite drainage improvements. He stated Council approval allowed the city to borrow funds from \$80,000,000 to \$100,000,000 dollars for projects. He indicated he asked all of the Council members for the needs in their districts. He confirmed he approached council members and told them of the needs in District A, street overlays on one side of the interstate and asked for their support and they agreed. He stated he would provide a list to the Council members tomorrow that shows what was spent in each Council district.

*Mr.* Geyen indicated he has been on the Council for twenty-four years and has found *Mr.* Cardone's performance has been par excellence. No one has all of the answers regarding problems such as the extensive flooding but he has the highest respect for him and his performance as City Administrator and it comes with high commendation.

After discussion from the Council, Ms. August called for the question which received a second by Mr. Eckard. The motion passed by the following vote: For: Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen, Stuart Weatherford, John Ieyoub, Craig Marks and Mary Morris.

*Mr.* Geyen called for a vote on the resolution. *Ms.* Morris stated she does not like to vote against people. She has made everything known about the disparity and will not vote against but was acknowledging that she was not pleased with the way the money is being disbursed.

The resolution passed by the following vote:

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

- For: 6 August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, and Weatherford
- Against: 0
- Abstain: 1 Morris

Enactment No: 83-21

#### 11. 198-21

A resolution approving the appointment of David L. Morgan as City Attorney for the City of Lake Charles.

Without objection this item was considered next on the agenda.

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

For: 6 - August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Abstain: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 84-21

# 4. 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.

Sponsors: Rodney Geyen

Alecia Comeaux, Purchasing Director, answered questions from the Council. Mr. Marks asked about the Request for Proposal process.

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from LA Radio Communications in the amount of \$179,098.29. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18914

5. 123-21

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 quarter (3/4) ton service body truck with air compressor, for use by the Public Works Department, Water Division.

Sponsors: Luvertha August

A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from Mike Willis Ford in the amount of \$41,980.00. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18915

#### 6. 177-21

An ordinance amending Sec. 23-2, Definitions of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles to include "neutral grounds" in lot definitions.

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

For: 7 - August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18916

#### 7. 178-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an A&E agreement with D. W. Jessen & Associates, LLC for engineering services for Louisiana Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation.

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

#### following vote:

For: 7 - August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 18917

#### 8. 194-21

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an employment contract on behalf of the City with John Cardone, Jr. as City Administrator as approved by Resolution adopted on July 7, 2021.

*Ms.* Morris stated she has not seen the contract. *Mr.* Morgan stated it was going to be the same contract as 2017. Lydia Larson, 1716 Wendell St., spoke regarding the ordinance.

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

- For: 6 August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, and Weatherford
- Against: 0
- Abstain: 1 Morris

Enactment No: 18918

#### 9. 195-21

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City of Lake Charles with David L. Morgan to provide legal services for the City of Lake Charles pursuant to the approval of his appointment as City Attorney by the City Council by Resolution adopted on July 7, 2021.

Ms. Morris stated she did not see the contract.

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

For: 6 - August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Abstain: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 18919

# THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENT

18. 203-21

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3294, Southwest Water Treatment

Chlorine Containment, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

*Mr. Morgan recommended amending the resolution title to correct the Project No. which should be CP3294.* 

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

For: 7 - August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 85-21

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

For: 7 - August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 85-21

#### 12. 199-21

A resolution approving the appointment of Wendy Goodwin as Director of Human Resources/Personnel of the City of Lake Charles.

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

- For: 6 August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, and Weatherford
- Against: 0

Abstain: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 86-21

#### 13. 200-21

A resolution approving the appointment of Karen Domingue Harrell as Director of Finance for the City of Lake Charles.

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

For: 6 - August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, and Weatherford

Against: 0

#### Abstain: 1 - Morris

Enactment No: 87-21

#### 14. 201-21

A resolution approving the appointment of Lynn F. Thibodeaux as Clerk of the Council for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Ms. Morris stated she would like to see more in depth information to memorialize Council meeting minutes. She stated the minutes of the Port of Lake Charles include detailed information so you are able to understand what actually happened at the meeting. Mr. Morgan stated the way the Council minutes are prepared today is in accordance with Roberts Rules. He stated if the Council wants there to be more detail, it is at the discretion of the Council.

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

For: 7 - August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 88-21

#### 17. 202-21

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3346, Civic Center Boardwalk Phase I, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

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

- For: 7 August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, Morris, and Weatherford
- Against: 0

Enactment No: 89-21

#### 19. 204-21

A resolution accepting Project No. HL-59, Hurricane Laura Rapid Re-Roof at LCFD Station No. 6, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

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

For: 7 - August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, Morris, and Weatherford

Against: 0

Enactment No: 90-21

#### 20. 205-21

A resolution accepting City Hall Canopy Damage Repair project, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

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

Enactment No: 91-21

#### 21. 206-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2400 Barbe Street, Sheri Lee Stoeckl, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date was set for August 18, 2021.

Enactment No: 92-21

#### 22. 207-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 523 South Martin Luther King Highway, Carlene Louise Mazilly McGarity, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date was set for August 18, 2021.

Enactment No: 93-21

#### 23. 208-21

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1310 Belden Street, Anthony Joseph Johnson, owner.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date was set for August 18, 2021.

Enactment No: 94-21

#### 24. 209-21

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. HL-67 and HL-68 - Communications Tower - 706 Enterprise Boulevard.

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

Enactment No: 95-21

#### 25. 210-21

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. CP3288, Holly Hill Sewer Line Rehabilitation, Phase III.

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

Enactment No: 96-21

#### 26. 211-21

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. HL-14, Civic Center Emergency Generator Replacement.

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

Enactment No: 97-21

#### 27. 212-21

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. HL-66, LCPD Central Station Renovations.

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

Enactment No: 98-21

#### 28. 213-21

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. HL-15, Bord Du Lac Drive - Marina Repairs.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 99-21

#### 29. 214-21

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. HL-93, George H. West Water Treatment Plant G8 and G9 Starter Replacements.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 100-21

# 30. 245-21

A resolution setting date for appointment of a member to the Lake Charles Municipal Fire & Police Civil Service Board for a three (3) year term expiring July 26, 2024.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The date for appointment was set for August 4, 2021.

Enactment No: 101-21

# 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 - August, Eckard, Geyen, leyoub, Marks, 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 1:00PM IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

#### 31. 215-21

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 18906 passed and adopted on June 16, 2021 to classify vinyl and stucco as "Traditional Building Materials".

#### Sponsors: Mary Morris

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

#### 32. 216-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to participate in the Calcasieu Parish Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (update 2020) and adopting said plan as the City of Lake Charles' Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

#### 33. 217-21

An ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map from Residential-X to Mixed Use in order to construct a 153-unit apartment complex (including clubhouse, administration office, and pool) at the South side of the 1100 Block of East McNeese Street.

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

#### 34. 218-21

An ordinance enlarging the boundaries of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, by annexing property generally described as 2800 and 2805 West Prien Lake Road containing 0.89 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.

#### 35. 219-21

An ordinance assigning zoning classification of Neighborhood to 0.89 acres, more or less, described as 2800 and 2805 West Prien Lake Road.

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

# **36. 220-21** An ordinance assigning Councilmanic District "G", to newly annexed property generally described as 2800 and 2805 West Prien Lake Road containing 0.89 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.

# 37. 221-21

An ordinance enlarging the boundaries of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, by annexing property generally described as the East side of the 5700-5900 Blocks of Nelson Road, containing 9.17 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.

Deleted at the request of the Planning and Zoning Department.

# 38. 222-21

An ordinance assigning zoning classification of Business to 9.17 acres, more or less, generally described as the East side of the 5700-5900 blocks of Nelson Road.

# Deleted at the request of the Planning and Zoning Department.

# 39. 223-21

An ordinance assigning Councilmanic District "G" to property generally described as the East side of the 5700-5900 Blocks of Nelson Road, containing 9.17 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.

#### Deleted at the request of the Planning and Zoning Department.

40. 224-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an engineering agreement with Manchac Consulting Group, Inc. for engineering services for Contraband Sewer Lift Station - Permanent Standby Generator.

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

# 41. 225-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Atakapa Services, LLC to conduct drainage cleaning, CCTV inspection, GIS mapping and rehabilitation recommendations for

North Booker Street area from North Cherry Street and Opelousas Street area Drainage CCTV.

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

# **42. 226-21** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a professional service agreement with Cope Associates, LLC.

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

# 43. 227-21

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a professional service agreement with Angelle & Donahue Oil & Gas Properties, Inc.

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

#### 44. 231-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3288, Holly Hill Sewer Line Rehabilitation, Phase III.

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

#### 45. 232-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible quote and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3318, River Road Erosion Repair.

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

#### 46. 233-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-95/96/98/99/101-108/110/112-114 - Water Treatment Plants - Chemical Feed System Repairs.

#### Sponsors: Mark Eckard

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

#### 47. 234-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible quote and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-108, Center East Water Treatment Plant Automatic Transfer Switch.

#### Deleted

- 48. 235-21 An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-100, HL-109 and HL-115, Water Treatment Plants - Storage Tank Repairs. Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council. 49. 236-21 An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2400 Barbe Street, Sheri Lee Stoeckl, owner. Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council. 50. 237-21 An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 523 South Martin Luther King Highway, Carlene Louise Mazilly McGarity, owner. Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council. 51. 238-21 An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1310 Belden Street, Anthony Joseph Johnson, owner. Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council. 52. 239-21 An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-67 and HL-68 - Communications Tower - 706 Enterprise Boulevard. Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council. 53. 240-21 An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3288, Holly Hill Sewer Line Rehabilitation, Phase III. Introduced as read into the record on the consent agenda by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.
- 54. 241-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-14, Civic Center Emergency Generator Replacement.

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

# 55. 242-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-66, LCPD Central Station Renovations.

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

#### 56. 243-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-15, Bord Du Lac Drive - Marina Repairs.

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

#### 57. 244-21

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-93, George H. West Water Treatment Plant G8 and G9 Starter Replacements.

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

*Mr.* Geyen stated items 31-36, 40-46 and 48-57 would be read into the record on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 1:00p.m. in the City Council Chambers by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

Mayor Hunter asked to speak to reaffirm that his office will be open to anyone on this Council or in the Community. There have been questions raised about financial distribution and we will distribute that information again to the council members. If there is any misunderstanding about those distributions we welcome meetings with anyone on this council, with me and any one you would like to include in the room. In this day and age there is always going to be someone who is disappointed with elected officials and that is to be expected. We have a referendum every four years and we just had one and we were all elected and I plan to be here for the next four years and I will do my best.

*Mr.* Marks stated he is new to the council but has been following the council for a long time. He stated we all have a right to voice our opinions about how we think things should go and he will be one of those people who will get mad when people criticize him but we have to restrain ourselves and we have to conduct ourselves in the manner where people can trust us. I urge everyone that we do our best, be respectful, mindful and conduct our business to the best of our abilities. *Mr.* Geyen and *Mr.* leyoub presented *Mr.* Weatherford with a plaque for his service as president of the Council 2020-21. *Mr.* leyoub presented *Ms.* August with a plaque for her service as President of the Council in 2019 - 2020. A plaque was not available last year due to Covid.

# ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Weatherford declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m. The next regular City Council meeting will be April 21, 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 7th day of July, 2021.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 16th day of July, 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 7th day of July, 2021.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 16th day of July, 2021. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.

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