



# City of Lake Charles

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

*Luvertha August, Mark Eckard, Rodney Geyen  
Ronnie Harvey Jr, Craig Marks, Stuart Weatherford  
Council President: John Ieyoub*

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Wednesday, December 7, 2022

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

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**CALL TO ORDER - John Ieyoub, President of the Council, presided.**

**INVOCATION - Craig Marks**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Ronnie Harvey**

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Mark Eckard, President or Presiding Officer John Ieyoub, Rodney Geyen, Craig Marks, Stuart Weatherford, Luvertha August, and Ronnie Harvey Jr.

**Absent:** 0

*Also present were John Cardone, Mr. David L. Morgan, City Attorney and Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council.*

*Mr. Ieyoub stated items 3, 10 and 28 were being deferred and would not be discussed at this meeting.*

*Representatives from Eight Days of Hope were recognized for their volunteer work in helping families who have difficulties with not having insurance, they don't qualify for programs or someone stole their money and are in dire need of home repairs due to all of the natural disasters in 2020 and 2021. Volunteers come from all across the United States and over 20 different states are here. He stated sometime people come from other countries to help families that have the need. The City has been a vital partner in this long process and in this event itself for which they are grateful. Steve Tybor, the founder of Eight Days of Hope from Buffalo, New York spoke about their time in the City of Lake Charles and thanked all departments in the city who have been amazing. He stated they leave on Saturday, December 10 and there will be more work to do and said please do not forget these families. Mr. Ieyoub thanked him for their service.*

*Mr. Ieyoub, on behalf of the Mayor and other City Council members recognized Councilman Ronnie Harvey for being a national finalist for Principal of the Year.*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2022

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

**Against:** 0

**1. 551-22**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3324, City of Lake Charles Water Meter Lid and Box Recycling.

**Sponsors:** Rodney Geyen

**Appointed Rodney Geyen Chairman.**

**2. 552-22**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3324, City of Lake Charles Water Meter Recycling.

**Sponsors:** Rodney Geyen

**Appointed Rodney Geyen Chairman.**

**3. 591-22**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3355, Nellie Lutcher Memorial Pocket Park.

**Sponsors:** Luvertha August

**Deferred to the December 21, 2022 City Council meeting.**

**4. 592-22**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. HL-26.A, 28, 34, 36, 40, 111 - Water Treatment Plants and Wastewater Treatment Plants - Building Demolition.

**Sponsors:** Rodney Geyen

**Appointed Rodney Geyen Chairman.**

**5. 619-22**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for professional services for flood mitigation, public safety, and citywide resilience - BRIC 2021 on high priority ditches and culverts in the 2021 Critical Drainage Improvement Program.

**Sponsors:** Ronnie Harvey,

**Appointed Ronnie Harvey, Jr. Chairman.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**6. 497-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2212 Common Street, Ray M. Morgan Estate, owner.

**Without objection this item was deferred to the February 1, 2023 City Council meeting.**

**7. 586-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1623 Opelousas Street, Robert Clayton White Estate, 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. Harvey recommended time delays of 15/30 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 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19429

**8. 587-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 619 Clarence Street, Investone, LLC, 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. Harvey recommended time delays of 15/30 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 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19430

**9. 588-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2005 3rd Street, Carey Hudson, Jr., 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. Kenneth Hudson, 313 Glenn St., son of the deceased owner, stated he wants the house torn down. Ms. August recommended time delays of 15/30 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 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19431

**10. 589-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 3119 General Patton, Charles Earnest Wiley, subject to a tax sale to State of Louisiana, owner.

**Deferred to the January 18, 2023 City Council meeting.**

**11. 590-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1705 Sunset Drive, Paula Renee Langley Estate, owner.

*Robert Hester, building inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the burned 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. Marks recommended time delays of 15/30 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 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19432

**12. 549-22**

An ordinance amending Sec. 12-15 of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles to add Short Term Rental Property.

*Mr. Eckard spoke regarding the ordinance stating he worked with the Realtors Association and got good feedback from the organization. Eric Stevens, 105 Grove St., spoke regarding the ordinance stating that some short term rentals can be problematic in a neighborhood and suggested posting a notice in the yard indicating the location was operating as a short term rental to inform the neighbors.*

*Tim Castle, 1902 Linden Lane, President of the Realtors Association spoke regarding the ordinance.*

*After comments from the Council, Mr. Morgan recommended numerous amendments which were read into the record. The amendments were approved by the following vote:*

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

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

**Against:** 0

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

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

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19433

**13. 553-22**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for the purchase of annual contract for hauling and disposal of wastewater solids, for use by the Public Works Department, Wastewater Division, for a twelve (12) month period, with an option to renew on same terms for an additional twelve (12) months.

**Sponsors:** Stuart Weatherford

**A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from BFI Waste Services, LLC in the amount of \$590.00 per load. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19434

**14. 609-22**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. LR0002, Nelson Road Extension and Bridge Utility Improvements.

**Sponsors:** John Ieyoub

**A motion was made that this item be adopted and accept the recommended bid from MPB Construction, LLC in the amount of \$749,398.00. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19435

**15. 664-22**

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 19347, adopted on September 7, 2022 annexing 48.62 acres, more or less, generally described as the West side of the 4800-4900 blocks of Corbina Road into the corporate limits of the City of Lake Charles to amend the acreage to 61.3 acres more or less.

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19436

**16. 665-22**

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 19348, adopted on September 7, 2022, assigning zoning classification of Residential to 48.62 acres, more or less, generally described as the West side of the 4800-4900 blocks of Corbina Road, to amend the acreage to 61.3 acres more or less.

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19437

**17. 666-22**

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 19349 assigning Councilmanic District "F" to 48.62 acres, more or less, generally described as the West side of the 4800-4900 blocks of Corbina Road to amend the acreage to 61.3 acres more or less.

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19438

**18. 668-22**

An ordinance amending Sec. 20-78 of Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake Charles to prohibit parking from the intersections of Benoit Road, Lafanette Road and S. Prien Lake Road north 150' along the west side of S. Prien Lake Road.

**Sponsors:** Mark Eckard

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

**For:** 7 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

**Against:** 0

Enactment No: 19439

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENT**

**19. 673-22**

A resolution setting date for appointment of a member to the Calcasieu Parish Library Board of Control to fill the expiring term of Laura P. Richardson, said term to expire in January, 2023.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The appointment will be made at the January 4, 2023 City Council meeting.**

Enactment No: 289-22

**20. 674-22**

A resolution accepting Project Nos. HL-56, 57, 58, 62, 119, 121 & 122 - Various Fire Station Interior and Exterior Repairs, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

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

Enactment No: 290-22

**21. 675-22**

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3092, 5th Avenue at E. McNeese Intersection Improvements, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

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

Enactment No: 291-22

**22. 676-22**

A resolution accepting Project No. CP3284, 4th Avenue Drainage Improvements - 6th Street to High School Park Lateral, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

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

Enactment No: 292-22

**23. 677-22**

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 2010 Gerstner Memorial, Gregory D. Brooks, owner.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The Public Hearing Date is January 18, 2023**

Enactment No: 293-22

**24. 678-22**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids to purchase five (5) new thirty-five foot (35') clean diesel, low floor, ADA certified buses for use by the Public Works Department, Transit Division.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Ms. August was designated chairperson.**

Enactment No: 294-22



**25. 680-22**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. CP3262, Southeast Water Treatment Plant.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Weatherford was designated Chairman.**

Enactment No: 295-22

**26. 681-22**

A resolution authorizing the City of Lake Charles to advertise to receive sealed bids for Project No. CP3308, Downtown Streetscape Phase II.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Harvey was designated Chairman.**

Enactment No: 296-22

**27. 682-22**

A resolution setting date for public hearing and consideration of the Lake Charles Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to approve, as amended, a request for a Variance in order to construct a new business on an existing site eliminating the side and rear bufferyard requirement of 5' and reducing the front buffer requirement, within a Mixed Use Zoning District. Amendments being: 1) eliminate front buffer requirement request; 2) require fence along West property line from transformer location of retirement center property to Southwest corner of Lake Area Adventures property; and 3) require trees be planted within grassy area of property in addition to shown landscaping, at 1337 Country Club Road.

**This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda. The hearing date is December 21, 2022.**

Enactment No: 297-22

**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 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey,

**Against:** 0

**28. 693-22**

A resolution to Commissioner of Insurance James J. "Jim" Donelon, the Southwest Louisiana Legislative Delegation and Governor John Bel Edwards requesting administrative and/or legislative action to address the failed insurance companies who dropped customers who have paid premiums for years and for not being able to pay their claims for hurricane damages.

**Sponsors:** Rodney Geyen

Deferred to the December 21, 2022 City Council meeting.

**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**

**29. 670-22**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Council on Aging for the construction of Whispering Hope II located on Medora Street.

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

**30. 671-22**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with HRI for the construction of the Woodring development.

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

**31. 683-22**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to purchase property located at 4909 Common Street from the record owners.

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

**32. 684-22**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Bully Industrial, LLC.

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

**33. 685-22**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to temporarily suspend the provisions of Sec. 3-8 and Sec. 3-8.5 of the Code of Ordinances to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages by retail permit holders between the hours of 10:00 a.m. Sunday through 12:01 a.m. Monday and allowing bars/cocktail lounges to operate between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Christmas Day (12/25/2022) and New Year's Day (01/01/2023) only.

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

**34. 686-22**

An ordinance amending Appendix A - Zoning of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana by adding Sec. 5-203(19) Portable Buildings Prohibited.

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

**35. 687-22**

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to purchase property located at 1017 6th Avenue from the record owners.

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

**36. 688-22**

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2010 Gerstner Memorial, Gregory D. Brooks, owner.

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

**37. 689-22**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement to purchase five (5) new thirty-five foot (35') clean diesel, low floor, ADA certified buses for use by the Public Works Department, Transit Division.

**Sponsors:** Luvertha August

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

**38. 690-22**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. DR008, Lake Charles Civic Center Rosa Hart & Center Section Interior Repairs.

**Sponsors:** Ronnie Harvey,

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

**39. 691-22**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3262, Southeast Water Treatment Plant.

**Sponsors:** Stuart Weatherford

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

**40. 692-22**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3308, Downtown Streetscape Phase II.

**Sponsors:** Ronnie Harvey,

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

**41. 694-22**

An ordinance approving the City of Lake Charles' Home Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME - ARP) Allocation Plan.

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

*Mr. Ieyoub stated items 29-41 would be read into the record by Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council at 9:00a.m. in the City Council Chambers on Thursday, December 8, 2022. He designated Mr. Harvey as chairman for number 38 LC Civic Center Rosa Hart & Center Section Interior Repair project.*

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Ieyoub declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10p.m. The next meeting of the City Council is December 21, 2022.

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 December, 2022.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 15th day of December, 2022. 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 December, 2022.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 15th day of December, 2022. S/Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council

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