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Meeting Minutes City Council

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

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 26, 2023 TO BE TAKEN UP IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 150-97, RULES FOR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

CALL TO ORDER - Mark Eckard, President of the Council
INVOCATION- Craig Marks
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Ronnie Harvey, Jr.
ROLL CALL

Also present were Kimberly Dellafosse, Assistant City Administrator, David L. Morgan, City Attorney, and Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - President or Presiding Officer Mark Eckard, John Ieyoub, Rodney Geyen, Craig Marks, Stuart Weatherford, and Ronnie Harvey Jr.
Absent: 1 - Luvertha August

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENT

1. 638-23

A resolution approving the submittal of a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) Proposal and Application for funding through the Louisiana Recovery Programs and authorizing the Mayor to sign, execute and administer any and all relevant documents.

Mr. Weatherford proposed moving Item 8 to Item 2 and moving Item 14 to Item 3 on the order of priority for the Project List because they are all related to wastewater improvements behind Item 1. Mr. Harvey proposed moving Item 8 to Item 1 and leaving Item 2 as is, and also move Item 6 to Item 3. He stated his justification is that this is the oldest plant in the city and requires the most funding. He further stated that his justification for requesting this is also due to the partnership the city has with the other entity on a prior project. After further discussion, Mr. Marks proposed 1. Wastewater Plant A; 2. Choice Neighborhood Initiative; 3. Indoor Sports Facility; 4. Second Harvest;; 5. Maritime Training Center; 6. Wastewater Collection System Rehab; 7. ABC School; 8. Railroad Avenue Revitalization; 9. Stork’s Nest; and 10. Accelerated Teen Center. The other items would remain the same as originally submitted. Mr. leyoub seconded Mr. Marks priority list. Mr. Morgan read the items in order to clarify. Mr. Weatherford requested that Item 6 be moved to Item 3 and the others remain the same. Mr. leyoub seconded that amendment to the list of priorities.

This item was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: 313-23

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, Mr. Eckard moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

I, RENEE’ P. DEVILLE, 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 26th day of December, 2024.

*WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 28th day of December, 2023.
s/Renee P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.*

I, RENEE’ P. DEVILLE, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Council of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

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