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Meeting Minutes City Council

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

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

AGENDA FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 29, 2024 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 - President Craig Marks, presiding

INVOCATION - Rodney Geyen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Craig Marks

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 0

Also present were Mayor Nicholas E. Hunter, David L. Morgan, City Attorney, John Cardone, City Administrator and Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

Kimberly Dellafosse, the Assistant City Administrator, announced the winner of the City's Gator Tank Small Business Pitch Competition: Gabriel Fontenot. He is the founder of Hunt Tech, which has developed a unique scentless insect repellent designed specifically for hunters, available in both lotion and spray forms. The presentation also featured James Richard from Whitney Bank, the corporate sponsor of the event, who joined in to celebrate the achievement. Additionally, Julian Quebodeaux of Love Travel Productions showcased his winning video, "A Few of My Favorite Things," which earned him the LC Create award.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 611-24

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 3412 East Roosevelt Street, Melissa Frances Landry, Christina Marie Landry and Debra Powell Landry, owners.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. Christiana Landry Howell, 108 Petticoat Lane,, Lake Charles, LA, requested the house be demolished by the City. Mr. Geyen recommended time delays of 30/30 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 Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20102

2. 612-24

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2129 East Mill Street (residential house only), Ronald Anthony Honore and Jennie Ann Fontenette Honore, owners.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. There were no requests to speak on this item. Ms. August recommended time delays of 30/30 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 Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20103

3. 613-24

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 401 West Sallier Street, Michael Paul Guglielmo (Estate), owner.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. Angela Guglielmo, 5252 Floyhell Drive, Apt. A, Baton Rouge, LA, requested additional time to repair the property to use as her primary residence. David Morgan recommended deletion. Mr. leyoub made a motion to delete which was seconded by Mr. Eckard and, approved by the following vote.

A motion was made by leyoub, seconded by Eckard, that this item be Deleted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

4. 614-24

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2211 Belden Street, Joseph Scott Hebert, owner.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. Joseph S. Hebert, 1108 Shady Lane, Westlake, LA requests four to six months to demolish the structure. Ms. August recommended time delays of 90/90 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, leyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20104

5. 615-24

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 3520 Kirkman Street, Difang, LLC, owner.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. There were no requests to speak on this item, however, the owner, Raymond Davis had contacted the city attorney's office prior to the hearing and requested normal delays of 30/60.. Mr. Weatherford recommended time delays of 30/60 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, leyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20105

6. 616-24

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 538 Bank Street, Brenda Ann Carmen Andrepont, Judy Ann Carmen Horton, Jesse L. Carmen and Davelyn Marie Carmen Porche, owners.

The structure was demolished by the owner prior to the hearing.

7. 617-24

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 4030 East Walton Street, Raymond Charles Roberts, Sr., and Betty Lee Lazard Roberts, owners.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. There were no requests to speak on this item. Mr. Marks 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 - Eckard, leyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20106

8. 618-24

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1524 Gieffers Street, Quentin Wayne Miller, owner, subject to a tax sale to State of Louisiana.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. There were no requests to speak on this item. David Morgan recommended this item be deleted to notify the owners of both structures on the lot. A motion was made by Mr. Marks and seconded by Mr. Eckard to delete this item which was approved by the following vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Marks, seconded by Mr. Eckard, that this item be Deleted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 0

Absent: 0

9. 619-24

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2048 ½ Dewey Street, Rebecca Ann Orsot, owner.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. Rebecca Orsot-Irving, 25 Eucalyptus Street, Sulphur, LA stated that her attorney, Mesonie Haley was working with the insurance company to have photographs taken prior to the demolition but she was in agreement that the structure needed to be demolished. Mr. Harvey 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 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20107

10. 620-24

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2517 Griffin Street, Cleveland John Collins, Jr., owner.

The structure was demolished by the owner prior to the hearing.

11. 621-24

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2704 General Travis Street, Fronia Gilliam McGruder, owner.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. Rhonda McGruder, 5108 Weaver Road, Lake Charles, LA stated that the home was part of the watershed buyout initiative program and she was in the final phase. Mr. Geyen questioned how long the process would take but Ms. McGruder was unsure of how much longer. Mr. Geyen recommended time delays of 60/60 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, leyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20108

12. 622-24

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2809 General Doolittle Avenue, George Roy Lartigue, Barbara Lartigue, A B Lartigue, Sr., and Anna Lartigue, owners.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. There were no requests to speak on this item. Mr. Geyen recommended time delays of 30/60 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, leyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20109

13. 623-24

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2221 Poplar Street, Alfred Dwayne Grice, Jr., owner.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. Louanna Grice, sister of the owner, 2325 21st Street, Lake Charles, LA requested that the city demolish the property. Mr. Harvey 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 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20110

14. 624-24

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 2046 Dewey Street, Rita Property Management, LLC, owner.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. There were no requests to speak on this item. Mr. Harvey 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 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20111

15. 625-24

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of structure located at 1821 B Mill Street, Wilson Levings, owner.

Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and David Morgan, City Attorney, presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record. There were no requests to speak on this item. Ms. August 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 - Eckard, Ieyoub, Geyen, Marks, Weatherford, August, and Harvey Jr.

Against: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: 20112

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business the come before the Council, the special meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m. The agenda meeting followed. The next regular city council meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2024.

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 meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 29th day of October, 2024.

*WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 31st day of October, 2024.
s/Renee P. DeVillle, 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.

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 29th day of October, 2024.

*WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 31st day of October, 2024.
s/Renee' P. DeVillle, Clerk of the Council.*

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