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CITY ORDINANCE NO. CO-035-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL DECLARING THE JOHNSTON ST./LA. AVE. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, SEGMENT III (RAILROAD TO LEWIS STREET) PROJECT A PUBLIC NECESSITY AND AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF THE NECESSARY RIGHTS-OF-WAY, IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AND OTHER PROPERTY RIGHTS REQUISITE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID PROJECT, EITHER ON AN AMICABLE BASIS OR THROUGH THE PROPER USE OF THE EXPROPRIATION PROCESS IF NECESSARY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Lafayette City Council, that:

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City Council has declared the Johnston St./LA. Ave. Infrastructure Improvements, Segment III (Railroad to Lewis Street) Project (hereinafter referred to as "Project") a public necessity; and

WHEREAS, the public purpose to be served by the construction of said Project is to provide infrastructure improvements including, but not limited to roadway, drainage, utility, and sidewalk improvements within the Project limits for public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Project limits of the Project are shown on the attached Exhibit "A" between the points "A-B" and include the roadway, drainage, utility, and sidewalk improvements within said area as well as the neighboring areas or associated areas necessary to tie into the subsurface drainage systems and utility systems; and

WHEREAS, engineering work has progressed to a point wherein it is determined that certain tracts of land or portions thereof will be required for construction of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Lafayette City Council, that:

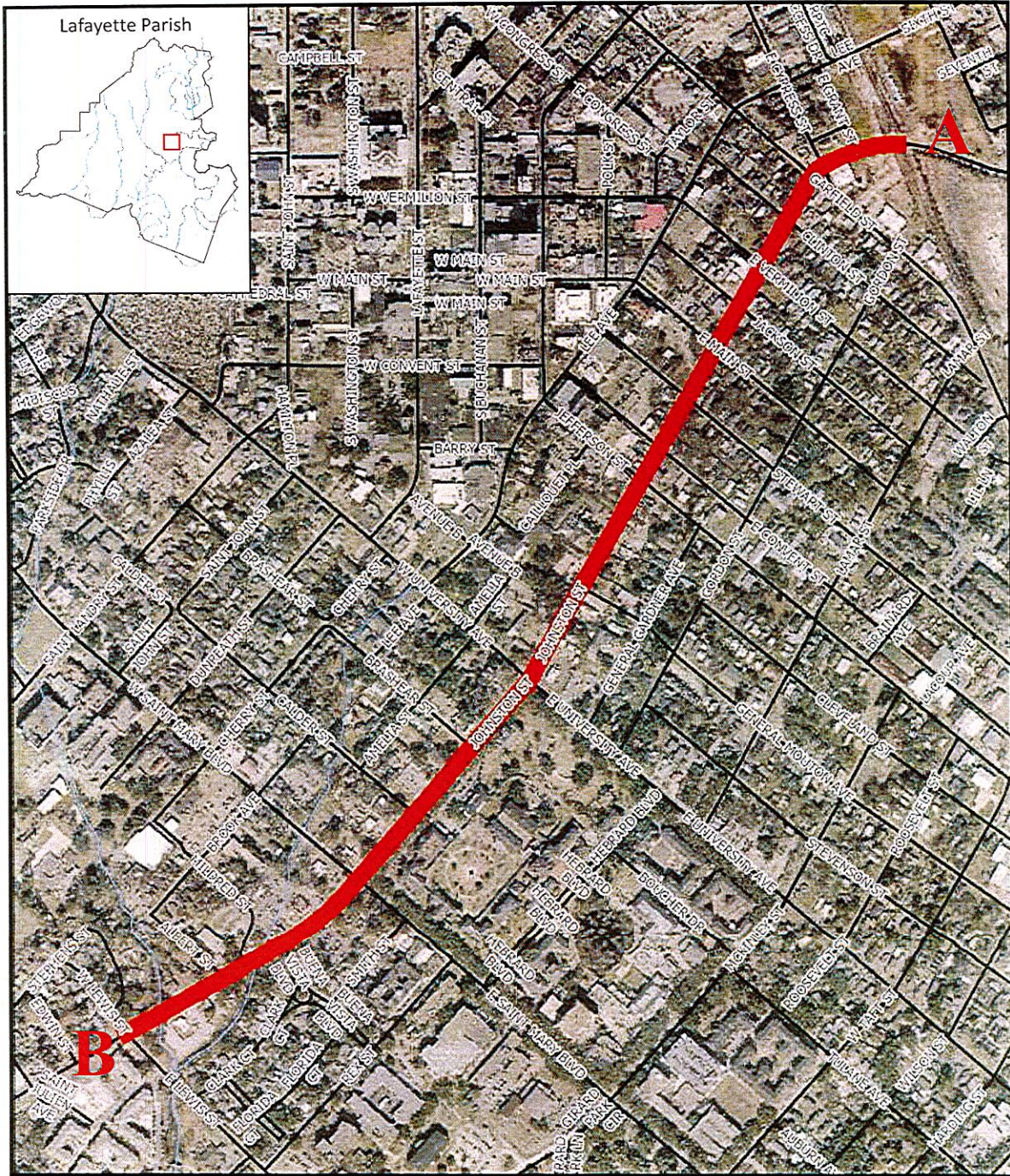
SECTION 1: All of the aforescribed "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: The Lafayette Mayor-President is hereby authorized to acquire such land, immovable property, rights-of-way, servitudes, or other property rights as are determined to be necessary under good engineering standards to provide for the construction of said Project; and she is authorized to do so on an amicable basis or by the proper use of the power of expropriation granted to municipalities under applicable State law. In acquiring said land, immovable property, rights-of-way, servitudes, or other property rights, she is authorized to acquire said land, immovable property, rights-of-way, servitudes, or other property rights and to settle the matters thus presented on such terms and conditions as she shall deem proper and in the best interest of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall become effective upon signature of the Lafayette Mayor-President, the elapse of ten (10) days after receipt by the Lafayette Mayor-President without signature or veto, or upon an override of a veto, whichever occurs first.

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**Johnston St/La. Ave. Infrastructure
Improvements, Segment III (Railroad to Lewis)**



Exhibit A
Lafayette
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS



Internal Memorandum

Capital Improvements Department
Office of the Director (5200)

TO: Rachel Godeaux

DATE: April 20, 2026

FROM: Martin Poirrier

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item
Johnston Street/LA Ave Infrastructure Improvements, Segment III (Railroad to
Lewis Street) Public Necessity

Enclosed please find: (i) the Agenda Item Submittal Form; and (ii) An Ordinance of the Lafayette City Council Declaring the Johnston St./LA. Ave. Infrastructure Improvements, Segment III (Railroad to Lewis Street) Project a Public Necessity and Authorizing the Acquisition of the Necessary Rights-of-Way, Immovable Property and other Property Rights Requisite to the Construction of said Project, either on an Amicable Basis or through the Proper Use of the Expropriation Process if Necessary with exhibit.

This is a City Ordinance as it pertains to a city project.

If all is in order, kindly sign and present to the Council Office in order that it be put on the City Council agenda to be introduced at the City Council meeting on May 5, 2026, with final adoption on May 19, 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Martin Poirrier", written over a horizontal line.

Martin Poirrier, PE, LSI
Director of Capital Improvements

MP:vlr

Attachment

LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

1) **JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:** An Ordinance of the Lafayette City Council Declaring the Johnston St./LA. Ave. Infrastructure Improvements, Segment III (Railroad to Lewis Street) Project a Public Necessity and Authorizing the Acquisition of the Necessary Rights-of-Way, Immovable Property and other Property Rights Requisite to the Construction of said Project, either on an Amicable Basis or through the Proper Use of the Expropriation Process if Necessary

2) **ACTION REQUESTED:** Adoption of ordinance

3) **COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) (CIP PROGRAM/PROJECTS ONLY):** N/A

4) **REQUESTED ACTION OF COUNCIL:**

A) INTRODUCTION: May 5, 2026

B) FINAL ADOPTION: May 19, 2026

5) **DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:**

A) Cover Memo (1 page)

B) Submittal Form (1 page)

C) Ordinance w/ Exhibit (3 pages)

6) **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Fiscal Impact (Explain)

No Fiscal Impact

RECOMMENDED BY:



MARTIN T. POIRRIER
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS DIRECTOR

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:



RACHEL GODEAUX
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER