

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2020 HELD AT 705 W. UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LAFAYETTE, LA.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**COUNCIL:** Kevin Naquin (Chair, District 2), Bryan Tabor (District 1), Josh Carlson (District 3) and John J. Guilbeau (Vice-Chair, District 4)

**ABSENT:** Abraham “AB” Rubin (District 5)

**COUNCIL STAFF:** Veronica L. Williams (Clerk of the Council), Joseph Gordon-Wiltz (Assistant Clerk of the Council) and Jeremy J. Swiney (Senior Administrative Assistant)

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:** Joshua Guillory (Lafayette Mayor-President), Cydra Wingerter (Chief Administrative Officer), Lorrie Toups (Chief Financial Officer), Robert Benoit (Fire Chief), Gregory Logan (City-Parish Attorney), Mary Sliman (Development and Planning Director) and Paul Escott (Assistant City-Parish Attorney)

(4:30:00) **COMMENCEMENT**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1:** Call to order

Chair Naquin called the Regular Parish Council Meeting of December 16, 2020 to order.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2:** Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair called upon Councilmember Carlson to cite the invocation and called upon Councilmember Guilbeau to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WELCOME AND CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Naquin made the following announcements:

- Councilmember Rubin is unable to attend;
- Item #9, PO-077-2020, relative to outstanding invoices for the Adult Correctional Center, has a proposed amendment, by Finance, to replace the FY 19/20 budget revision with an amended budget revision which reduces the amount needed for contractual services by \$7,500;
- Item #13, PO-081-2020, relative to refunding bonds, has a proposed amendment, by Legal, to insert the \$20,185,000 bond amount, to clarify language in Section 3, to remove Section 4, and to add Exhibit A, the Bond Purchase Agreement;
- Items #14, #15, and #16, JO-106-2020, JO-107-2020, and JO-108-2020, relative to local disaster and/or emergency declarations, have proposed amendments, by Legal, to remove the public bid law exemptions in Section 3 of each ordinance;
- Item #19, JO-111-2020, relative to Chapter 89 code changes, has a proposed amendment, by Development and Planning, to correct typos in Articles 2 and 3;

- Due to election day requirements, the Council Meetings for November and December have been on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, instead of the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Meetings will return to the typical 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in January;
- Wished everyone a happy holidays and a happy new year.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Carlson shared his appreciation to the administration and the Public Works Department for the reconstruction efforts of Savoy Road.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: EXECUTIVE/MAYOR-PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Recognition of Broussard Fire Chief Bryan Champagne’s induction into the Louisiana Fire Chief’s Hall of Fame

Guillory recognized Chief Bryan Champagne for his service and congratulated him on his Hall of Fame induction.

**RESOLUTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: PR-021-2020** A resolution of the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities for a grant for the Lafayette Public Library, motion to adopt by Guilbeau, seconded by Tabor, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to adopt was approved.*

**JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: JR-043-2020** A joint resolution of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council adopting a Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as a required part of Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government’s Annual Financial and Compliance Audit, motion to adopt by Carlson, seconded by Tabor, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to adopt was approved.*

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: JR-044-2020** A joint resolution of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the filing of applications for the FEMA FY20 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) competitive grants from the State of Louisiana, Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, motion to adopt by Guilbeau, seconded by Carlson, and the vote was as

follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to adopt was approved.*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: JR-045-2020 A joint resolution of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the filing of a grant application with the National League of Cities for a Leadership in Community Resilience Grant, motion to adopt by Tabor, seconded by Carlson, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to adopt was approved.*

Stephanie Skinner Touchet inquired as to if the National League of Cities is run by the Federal Government. She doesn't think LCG should take money from the Federal Government and prefers to keep funds on the local level.

#### **ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: PO-077-2020 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 19/20 capital and operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring funding between various accounts within the Adult Correctional Center Fund for outstanding mandated invoices and amending the FY 20/21 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by reallocating a capital project not carried forward, motion to adopt by Guilbeau, seconded by Tabor.

A motion to amend, to replace the FY 19/20 budget revision with an amended budget revision which reduces the amount needed for contractual services by \$7,500, was offered by Guilbeau, seconded by Tabor, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to amend was approved.*

The chair then called for a vote to adopt, as amended, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to adopt, as amended, was approved.*

Guilbeau asked Williams to inquire with the warden on outstanding capital projects.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: PO-078-2020 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to adjust Court Reporters' salaries for Lafayette Parish's share in accordance with LA R.S. 13:961, motion to adopt by Tabor, seconded by Carlson, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to adopt was approved.*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: PO-079-2020 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the filing of an application with the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development for the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and/or Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) for the Lafayette Parish Waterworks District South, motion to adopt by Tabor, seconded by Guilbeau, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to adopt was approved.*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: PO-080-2020 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the filing of an application with the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development for the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and/or Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) for the Milton Water System, motion to adopt by Carlson, seconded by Guilbeau, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to adopt was approved.*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: PO-081-2020 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council confirming the final form and execution of the Bond Purchase Agreement in connection with the issuance and sale of \$20,185,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020, of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith, motion to adopt by Guilbeau, seconded by Tabor.

A motion to amend, to insert the \$20,185,000 bond amount, to clarify language in Section 3, to remove Section 4, and to add Exhibit A, the Bond Purchase Agreement, was offered by Guilbeau, seconded by Tabor, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to amend was approved.*

The chair then called for a vote to adopt, as amended, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to adopt, as amended, was approved.*

Toups stated that the Parish will see a savings of \$6,000,000 over the next 15 years due to this bond refinancing.

### **JOINT ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: JO-106-2020** A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council recognizing and ratifying the declaration and certification of a public emergency as stated in Emergency Ordinance No. JO-053-2020 and in Ordinance No. JO-054-2020; for Lafayette Parish regarding COVID-19; recognizing and ratifying the powers granted to the Lafayette Mayor-President to execute any and all contracts necessary, incidental, convenient, or desirable to address this public emergency, and recognizing and ratifying any emergency appropriations for this purpose, motion to adopt by Guilbeau, seconded by Carlson.

A motion to amend, to remove the public bid law exemption in Section 3, was offered by Guilbeau, seconded by Tabor, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to amend was approved.*

The chair then called for a vote to adopt, as amended, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to adopt, as amended, was approved.*

Stephanie Skinner Touchet inquired as to the kind of power that this ordinance gives the Mayor-President. She stated that the Governor is doing many things that are unconstitutional and asked if the Council's lawyers were familiar with constitutional law.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: JO-107-2020** A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council ratifying the declaration of state of local disaster and/or emergency for Lafayette Parish regarding Hurricane Marco and Hurricane Laura issued by Joshua S. Guillory, Lafayette Mayor-President, on August 23, 2020; recognizing and ratifying the powers granted to the Lafayette Mayor-President to execute any and all contracts necessary, incidental, convenient, or desirable to address this public emergency, and recognizing and ratifying any emergency appropriations for this purpose, motion to adopt by Carlson, seconded by Tabor.

A motion to amend, to remove the public bid law exemption in Section 3, was offered by Tabor, seconded by Carlson, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to amend was approved.*

The chair then called for a vote to adopt, as amended, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to adopt, as amended, was approved.*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: JO-108-2020 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council ratifying the declaration of state of local disaster and/or emergency for Lafayette Parish regarding Hurricane Delta issued by Joshua S. Guillory, Lafayette Mayor-President, on October 7, 2020; recognizing and ratifying the powers granted to the Lafayette Mayor-President to execute any and all contracts necessary, incidental, convenient, or desirable to address this public emergency, and recognizing and ratifying any emergency appropriations for this purpose, motion to adopt by Carlson, seconded by Tabor.

A motion to amend, to remove the public bid law exemption in Section 3, was offered by Tabor, seconded by Carlson, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to amend was approved.*

The chair then called for a vote to adopt, as amended, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to adopt, as amended, was approved.*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: JO-109-2020 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending Chapter 98 of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Code of Ordinances relative to the rules and regulations applicable to the age and license requirements for users of motorized bicycles and electric-assisted bicycles, motion to adopt by Tabor, seconded by Guilbeau, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None  
*Motion to adopt was approved.*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: JO-110-2020 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$11,667.28 in HOME Investment Partnerships funds received from the payoff of deferred payment loans in the Housing Rehabilitation Program and appropriating funds within the Community Development Department, motion to adopt by Carlson, seconded by Guilbeau, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to adopt was approved.*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19: JO-111-2020 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council modifying Chapter 89 of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Code of Ordinances by providing for the new Lafayette Development Code, motion to adopt by Tabor, seconded by Carlson.

A motion to amend, to correct typos in Articles 2 and 3, was offered by Carlson, seconded by Guilbeau, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to amend was approved.*

The chair then called for a vote to adopt, as amended, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to adopt, as amended, was approved.*

Burley Pellerin stated that both the City Planning Commission and the Parish Planning Commission unanimously approved the LDC and urged the Council to adopt the ordinance.

**INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20: PO-082-2020 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government and the City of Scott concerning the surface improvements to Ulinor Street and amending the FY 20/21 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing Reimbursement Revenues from the City of Scott in the amount of \$95,000 and appropriating within the Public Works Department for said project, motion to introduce by Guilbeau, seconded by Tabor, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to introduce was approved.*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21: Comments from the public concerning the above introductory ordinance.  
*No one signed in to speak to these introductory ordinances.*

### **JOINT INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

A motion to introduce agenda items 22-23, in globo, was offered by Tabor, seconded by Carlson.

22. JO-112-2020 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to enter into a FY 20/21 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Lafayette, the Parish of Lafayette, and the Interim Marshal for the City Court of Lafayette.

23. JO-113-2020 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$2,645,011 from the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, FMA-PJ-06-LA-2018-033 grant funds received from the State of Louisiana, Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for the acquisition or elevation of severe repetitive loss properties, and appropriating within the Development & Planning Department.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 24: Comments from the public concerning the above introductory ordinances.

*No one signed in to speak to these introductory ordinances.*

The Chair then called for a vote to introduce the ordinances (items 22-23), in globo, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rubin

ABSTAIN: None

*Motion to introduce, in globo, was approved.*

(5:24:00) **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chair Naquin declared the Regular Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Veronica L. Williams  
VERONICA L. WILLIAMS,  
LAFAYETTE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL