

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 3, 2021 HELD AT 705 W. UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LAFAYETTE, LA.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Liz Hebert (Chair, District 3), Nanette Cook (Vice-Chair, District 4), Patrick "Pat" Lewis (District 1), Andy Naquin (District 2) and Glenn Lazard (District 5)

ABSENT: None

COUNCIL STAFF: Joseph Gordon-Wiltz (Assistant Clerk of the Council) and Cindy M. Hebert (Administrative Assistant)

ABSENT: Veronica L. Williams (Clerk of the Council)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Joshua Guillory (Lafayette Mayor-President), Cydra Wingerter (Chief Administrative Officer), Lorrie Toups (Chief Financial Officer), Paul Escott (Assistant City-Parish Attorney), Hollis Conway (Director of Community Development and Parks and Recreation) and Mary Sliman (Director of Development and Planning)

(6:30:44) COMMENCEMENT

(6:30:44) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order

Chair Hebert called the Regular City Council Meeting of August 3, 2021 to order.

(6:33:18) AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Hebert called upon Cook to cite the invocation and Naquin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

(6:31:39) WELCOME AND CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hebert made the following announcements:

- In light of the governor's indoor mask mandate, which takes effect on tomorrow, citizens physically attending today's meetings are strongly encouraged to wear masks that cover the nose and mouth while inside the Council auditorium.
- There will be a Public Hearing for Citizen Input on the Budget at a Special Joint Council Meeting at 5:15pm on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 in the Council Auditorium at 705 W. University Avenue, Lafayette, LA 70506.
- Item #9, JO-044-2021 (Final Adoption) - Lafayette Airport Commission Reorganization – Legal has proposed an amendment with the recommended clarification in Section 5(A).
- Intro Item #18, CO-104-2021 – (1514 Louisiana Avenue Rezoning) – Councilman Lazard requested that this item be pulled from the in-globe list for separate discussion and vote.
- Wished a happy birthday to Ronald Clark, LPD Council Meeting Security, which he will celebrate on August 11th.

(6:34:28) AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lazard asked Hebert to re-read the language in the Chair Announcements regarding the mask mandate. He explained that a mandate means that the action is required as opposed to requested. Lazard stressed that the future language regarding the mask mandate should note that it will be required to wear a face mask.

Lazard questioned Guillory if he intends to enforce the Governor's mask mandate.

Guillory stated that the best that can be done is to work together and find ways to get the appropriate medical information so citizens can make the proper decisions for themselves. He noted that the virus is very dangerous and citizens do not need him or anyone to tell them that. Guillory recommended everyone to listen to healthcare providers.

Lazard responded that his question was not meant to be political it was strictly health and safety. He noted that masks should be required to be worn in public buildings and public meetings.

(6:42:52) AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: EXECUTIVE/MAYOR-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Budget-to-Actual Comparison of Major City Funds -- June 2021 Preliminary

-Guillory noted that the monthly Budget to Actual Comparisons are to comply with statewide auditing procedures.

b. Presentation-LUS Director Search

Gary Carlson of Preng & Associates gave a presentation and briefed the Council regarding the LUS Director search. He noted that the search firm was selected by Burns & McDonnell as the preferred firm to handle the LUS Director search. Carlson explained the step by step process that will take place to conduct the search.

Wingerter stated that the stakeholder interviews are separate from the interview committee. She noted that they are open to people who would like to be interviewed.

Hebert questioned Carlson if there is a particular number of people serving on the interview committee.

Carlson answered no but three (3) to five (5) is ideal.

(7:03:07) **ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION**

(7:03:14) **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: CO-096-2021** An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 20/21 operating and capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to recognize revenue from the sale of 279 Glock 22 GEN4 handguns with magazines, 31 Glock 35 GEN4 handguns with magazines, 13 Ithaca Model #27 shotguns, 9 Glock 22C handguns with magazines, 7 New England Arms SBI 410 shotguns, 3 SIG SAUER P320 w/RDS handguns with magazines, 5 Glock 17 handguns with magazines, 1 Glock 23 handgun with magazine, 1 S&W MOD# 459 handgun with magazine, 1 S&W MOD #915 handgun with magazine, 1 H&K USP 9MM handgun with magazine which are no longer needed for public purposes to Practical Tactical Clothing and Gear Co., LLC for a total bid price of \$102,375.00 as per the attached list (Guns), motion to adopt by Cook, seconded by Lewis.

A motion to delay the vote for five (5) minutes from the Council so that Chief Glover could obtain the correct model number of the incorrect shotguns noted in the title by Naquin, seconded by Cook.

Escort explained to Hebert that as Chair, she has authority to delay a vote without anyone having to make a motion to do so.

A motion to amend to change the model of the shotguns from 13 Ithaca Model #27 shotguns to 13 Ithaca Model #37 shotguns was made by Naquin, seconded by Cook, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt, as amended, was approved.

Naquin asked if these are confiscated guns.

Glover answered that the guns are duty weapons. He explained that the 40 caliber guns are being traded in for 9MM handguns. Glover noted that the ammo for the calibers are much higher in cost than a 9MM for what they are doing in today's police work.

(7:08:25) **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: CO-100-2021** An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 20/21 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by reappropriating the amount of \$304,367 from Bridge Repairs-City into Vehicle Detection Equipment, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Lazard, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

Naquin asked if this is for when a traffic signal identifies an emergency vehicle, it will change accordingly.

Guillory clarified that it does sense vehicles and helps to engineer traffic more.

(7:09:42) AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: CO-101-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 20/21 operating budget and capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring \$58,000.00 from unexpended/unencumbered salaries in Division 5134 and \$188,171.01 in excess funds from the Polly Lane Extension Project and appropriating within the Public Works Department, Capital Improvements Division for the Ambassador Caffery Soundwall Project, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Cook, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

Lazard noted that the price keeps going up.

Guillory responded that when the funds were appropriated, it was an estimated price.

Cook asked for the total price for the soundwall.

Guillory answered around \$1 million. He clarified that this is the most cost-effective route because the poles will be preserved so that just the panels will be changed.

Hebert asked the Council to support the resolution. She announced that the project will start in October or November.

(7:16:25) AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: CO-103-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council providing for the abandonment of a ten (10') foot utility easement on Lot 8-A, located at 1344 West Congress Street, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Lazard, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

(7:16:57) **JOINT ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION**

(7:17:07) AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: JO-044-2021 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending Joint Ordinance No. JO-049-2020 reorganizing the Lafayette Airport Commission by adjusting an appointment to the board, motion to adopt by Lazard, seconded by Cook.

An amendment to make the recommended clarification in Section 5(A) was offered by Naquin, seconded by Lazard, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt, as amended, was approved.

(7:19:00) AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: JO-046-2021 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by reappropriating the amount of \$28,000 from Bridge Repairs-Parish into Gas Utility Vehicles New-2, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Cook, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

(7:19:57) AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: JO-047-2021 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to enter into a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement between the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government and the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for traffic signal maintenance by increasing revenue from the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in the amount of \$259,904, motion to adopt by Cook, seconded by Naquin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

(7:21:01) AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: JO-048-2021 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 the use of prior year fund balance in Fund 550 in the amount of \$125,000 and appropriating within the Public Works Department, Environmental Quality, Code Enforcement Division for additional funding needed for contractual services used for grass cutting and debris removal, motion to adopt by Cook, seconded by Lewis, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

(7:21:35) ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCIES ON BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

(7:21:39) AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: A vacancy will exist on the Lafayette Public Trust Financing Authority as of 11-01-2021, this is a five-year term.

Individuals wishing to submit a resume for the above volunteer vacancies must be a registered voter and a resident of Lafayette Parish. Yearly ethics training for all appointees is required as is financial disclosure under certain circumstances. Resumes are to be forwarded to Veronica L. Williams, Clerk of the Council, P.O. Box 4017-C, Lafayette, LA 70502 or emailed to BCLafayette@LafayetteLA.gov no later than noon, Tuesday, August 17, 2021 with appointment(s) to be made at the September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Lafayette City Council. Resume submissions are public record.

(7:22:32) CONSIDER APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNCIL, AS A WHOLE, TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

(7:22:35) AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: DDA - Appointment of Gregory Walls to the Downtown Development Authority Board for a three-year term effective September 1, 2021. Lazard recommended Walls, and the vote was as follows:

WALLS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Gregory Walls was appointed.

(7:24:19) AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: DDA - Appointment of Eric Crozier to the Downtown Development Authority Board for a three-year term effective September 1, 2021. Naquin recommended Crozier, and the vote was as follows:

CROZIER: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Eric Crozier was appointed.

(7:25:02) AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: DDA - Appointment of Denice Skinner to the Downtown Development Authority Board for a three-year term effective September 1, 2021. *This appointment is made from a list of nominees supplied by the Lafayette Mayor-President.* Naquin recommended Skinner, and the vote was as follows:

SKINNER: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Denice Skinner was appointed.

(7:25:42) AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: DDA - Appointment of Michael Delcambre to the Downtown Development Authority Board for a three-year term effective September 1, 2021. *This appointment is made from a list of nominees supplied by Downtown Lafayette Unlimited.* Lewis recommended Delcambre, and the vote was as follows:

DELCAMBRE: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Michael Delcambre was appointed.

(7:26:35) INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

Hebert reminded everyone that item #18 was pulled for separate vote and discussion.

A motion to introduce agenda items 19 thru 25 in globo, was offered by Naquin, seconded by Cook.

ITEM #18 PULLED FROM IN GLOBO LIST

18. CO-104-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the Lafayette Development Code so as to reclassify Case No. ZON2021-0023 1514 Louisiana Avenue Rezoning, located generally north of Carmel Drive, east of Louisiana Avenue, and south of Webb Street; the particular parcels being rezoned from RS-1 (Residential Single-Family) to MN-1 (Mixed-Use Neighborhood).
19. CO-105-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council approving the appointment of Carrie R. Tournillon and Kean Miller, LLP as special counsel, and authorizing the execution of a contract with special counsel.
20. CO-106-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette for transportation services.
21. CO-107-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 20/21 capital budget (Fund 401) of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring \$3,700 from the GRADALL UNIT NEW-1, and \$3,700 from RPL 1/2T TRUCK/CREW-2 line items, totaling \$7,400, to 14 YD TANDEM DUMP TRUCK RPL-1 line item to cover the purchase of one 14 yd. tandem dump truck whose bid price exceeded the amount budgeted by the Drainage Department.
22. CO-108-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council authorizing the filing of an application with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for operating and capital assistance in the amount of \$2,801,768 through FTA Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funds along with the required match in the amount of \$2,093,016 for use within the Public Works Department, Transit Division.
23. CO-109-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council authorizing the filing of an application with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for capital assistance in the amount of \$304,824 through the Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 Bus and Bus

Facilities Formula Allocations Program for capital assistance along with the required match in the amount of \$53,792 for Federal Fiscal Year of 2021 for use within the Public Works Department, Transit Division.

24. CO-110-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council declaring the building or structure located at 716 Saint Charles Street, Lafayette, Louisiana, owned by Marcelite Etienne, c/o Gerald J. Block, attorney appointed, to be dilapidated and dangerous to the public welfare and ordering the condemnation of same.
25. CO-111-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 20/21 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing the use of the City General Fund prior year fund balance by \$37,316 and appropriating within the Festival Acadiens et Creoles line item for additional funding needed.

(7:30:14) AGENDA ITEM NO. 26: Comments from the public concerning the above introductory ordinances.

No one signed in to speak to the introductory ordinances.

The Chair then called for the vote to introduce ordinances (items 19 thru 25), in globo, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to introduce, in globo, was approved.

(7:30:40) AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: CO-104-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the Lafayette Development Code so as to reclassify Case No. ZON2021-0023 1514 Louisiana Avenue Rezoning, located generally north of Carmel Drive, east of Louisiana Avenue, and south of Webb Street; the particular parcels being rezoned from RS-1 (Residential Single-Family) to MN-1 (Mixed-Use Neighborhood), motion to introduce by Naquin, seconded by Cook, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: None

NAYS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to introduce was failed.

Lazard stated that he received a petition from the neighborhood with 142 signatures in opposition to the rezoning. He requested support in opposing the application for rezoning.

Lewis noted that it is a residential area and it should not be rezoned.

Guillory announced that the Planning and Zoning Commission was not in favor of the rezoning.

Samantha Jackson signed in, in opposition but was not in attendance when called upon.

(7:35:42) JOINT INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

A motion to introduce agenda items 27 and 28 in globo, was offered by Cook, seconded by Lazard.

27. JO-050-2021 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by reappropriating the amount of \$7,400 from Bridge Repairs-Parish into 14 YD Tandem Dump Truck RPL-1.
28. JO-051-2021 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council providing for the abandonment of a portion of a utility niche on Lot K-12 of the Village of River Ranch Phase XIII-B Subdivision, located at 405 Biltmore Way.

(7:36:36) AGENDA ITEM NO. 29: Comments from the public concerning the above introductory ordinances.

No one signed in to speak to the introductory ordinances.

The Chair then called for the vote to introduce ordinances (items 27 and 28), in globo, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

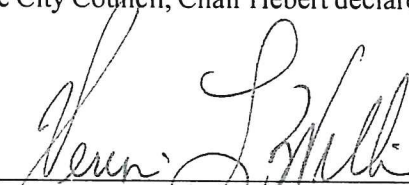
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to introduce, in globo, was approved.

(7:36:54) **ADJOURN**

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



VERONICA L. WILLIAMS
LAFAYETTE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL