

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2021 HELD AT 705 W. UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LAFAYETTE, LA.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: John J. Guilbeau (Chair, District 4), Abraham "AB" Rubin (Vice-Chair, District 5), Bryan Tabor (District 1), Kevin Naquin (District 2) and Josh Carlson (District 3)

ABSENT: None

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

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Joshua Guillory (Lafayette Mayor-President), Cydra Wingerter (Chief Administrative Officer), Lorrie Toups (Chief Financial Officer) and Paul Escott (Assistant City-Parish Attorney)

(5:36:49) COMMENCEMENT

(5:36:49) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order

Chair Guilbeau called the Regular Parish Council Meeting of October 5, 2021 to order.

(5:36:53) AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Guilbeau called upon Councilmember Carlson to cite the invocation and Councilmember Rubin, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

(5:38:23) WELCOME AND CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guilbeau made the following announcements:

- The Council Meetings for December will be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, instead of the typical 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
- Item #12, JO-069-2021 (Adjudicated Property) - Community Development and Planning is requesting an amendment to the ordinance and Act of Donation to delete references to the 710 North Bienville Street property.
- Item #16, Appointment to the Lafayette Parish Library Board of Control – appointment is being deferred indefinitely.
- Wished a happy birthday to Lorrie Toups, Chief Financial Officer, which she will celebrate on October 15th.
- The City-Parish Alignment (CPA) meeting will meet on Wednesday, October 13th in the City-Parish Auditorium at 10:30 a.m.

(5:40:30) AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rubin thanked the First Responders for their service. He announced that the Fire Department sends speakers and the smokehouse to events if you call them at least a month in advance. He declared that the smokehouse is fascinating and educational for children of all ages.

Carlson asked Conrad Comeaux, Lafayette Parish Tax Assessor, the reason why the restoration tax abatement ordinance is going for a vote before the City Council and not just the Parish Council.

Comeaux explained that the state legislation set it to be that way.

Tabor announced his condolences to the family of Dale Dupuis who recently passed away. He was highly respected on the Northside.

(5:44:03) AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: EXECUTIVE/MAYOR-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Budget-to-Actual Comparison of Major Parish Funds – August 2021 Preliminary

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

b. Fire Prevention Week" Proclamation

Guillory declared October 3rd – 9th as Fire Prevention Week. He noted this year's campaign is "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety". The goal of the campaign is to educate all about the unique

sounds the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Guillory presented the proclamation to members of the Fire Department who were present at the meeting.

c. "First Responders Month" Proclamation

Guillory noted that October is First Responders Month. He stated that first responders are on the front lines saving lives and protecting communities. Guillory noted that they should be honored and remembered each day. He thanked all first responders for their hard work and dedication.

(5:51:56) **RESOLUTION**

(5:52:05) **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: PR-012-2021** A resolution of the Lafayette Parish Council approving the action taken by Lafayette Economic Development Authority Board of Commissioners authorizing the tax assessor and tax collector for the Parish of Lafayette to assess and collect property taxes for 2021 for the Lafayette Economic Development Authority, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Rubin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: Carlson

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

Prior to the vote, the Chair asked for public comment.

Ramesh Kolluru signed in to speak but only if there were questions.

(5:53:09) **JOINT RESOLUTION**

(5:53:14) **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: PR-030-2021** A joint resolution of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council approving and adopting Route Lafayette Wayfinding and Sign Standard Plan, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Carlson, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

Prior to the vote, the Chair asked for public comment.

Anita Begnaud signed in, in support, but did not wish to speak.

(5:53:54) **ORDINANCE FOR FINAL ADOPTION**

(5:54:05) **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: PO-046-2021** An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$4,725,000 in Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation funds received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, appropriating said funds within the Community Development and Planning Department, and authorizing the contribution of \$875,000 in Parish Drainage Funds within the Public Works Department to the Coulee Mine East Flood Control Project, motion to adopt by Carlson, seconded by Naquin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

Prior to the vote, the Chair asked for public comment.

(5:55:06) **JOINT ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION**

(5:55:17) **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: PO-065-2021** 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 City General Fund balance in the amount of \$197,500 and increasing the use of Parish General Fund balance in the amount of

\$52,500 and appropriating within the Legal Department for legal fees, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Carlson, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

Prior to the vote, the Chair asked for public comment.

(5:56:07) AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: JO-066-2021 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the filing of an application with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for a Regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the Lafayette Fire Department and the Parish of Lafayette, motion to adopt by Carlson, seconded by Tabor, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

Prior to the vote, the Chair asked for public comment.

(5:56:44) AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: JO-067-2021 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 revenues in the amount of \$2,306,436.92 in Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds received from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and appropriating funds within the Community Development and Planning Department, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Rubin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

Prior to the vote, the Chair asked for public comment.

(5:57:32) AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: JO-068-2021 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the filing of applications for grant funding which may become available as a result of the Presidential Disaster Declaration following Hurricane Ida, motion to adopt by Tabor, seconded by Carlson, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

Prior to the vote, the Chair asked for public comment.

Naquin questioned the reason that this is a joint ordinance since it is 100% Parish money. He requested that it needs to be absolutely necessary for ordinances to be joint ordinances.

Guillory explained that Community Development and Planning is a consolidated department applying for grants and it needs both Councils approval.

(6:03:36) AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: JO-069-2021 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Non-Warranty Donation of various adjudicated properties to Sun Community Housing Development Organization (SUN CHDO) pursuant to La. R.S. 47:2205, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Carlson.

An amendment to the ordinance and Act of Donation to delete references to the 710 North Bienville Street property was offered by Naquin, seconded by Rubin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

Motion to amend was approved.

Prior to the vote, the Chair asked for public comment.

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

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt, as amended, was approved.

Prior to the vote, the Chair asked for public comment.

Stephanie Cornay Dugan signed in to speak, but was not present when called upon.

(6:05:31) ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCIES ON BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

(6:05:34) AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: A vacancy will exist on the Lafayette Waterworks District South Board as of 11-01-2021, this is a five-year term. *Applicants must be district residents.*

Individuals wishing to submit a resume for the above volunteer vacancy 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, October 19, 2021 with appointment(s) to be made at the November 2, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Lafayette Parish Council. Resume submissions are public record.

(6:06:18) CONSIDER APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNCIL, AS A WHOLE, TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

(6:06:24) AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: WWDN - Appointment of Preston Bernard to the Lafayette Waterworks District North Board for a five-year term effective December 1, 2021. *Applicants must be district residents.* Naquin recommended Bernard and the vote was as follows:

BERNARD: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Preston Bernard was appointed.

Prior to the vote, the Chair asked for public comment.

(6:07:15) AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: IDB - Appointment of Michael Matte to the Industrial Development Board for the remainder of an unexpired six-year term thru March 31, 2024. Naquin recommended Matte and the vote was as follows:

MATTE: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Michael Matte was appointed.

Prior to the vote, the Chair asked for public comment.

(6:08:08) APPOINTMENT(S) BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S), MAYOR-PRESIDENT, AND/OR OTHER DIRECT APPOINTING AUTHORITIES

Appointment has been deferred indefinitely.

(6:08:09) AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: Mayor-President Josh Guillory appointed Austin Arnaud to the Lafayette Parish Library Board of Control for an indefinite term, effective September 24, 2021.

(6:08:13) INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

A motion to introduce agenda items 17 thru 26 in globo, was offered by Carlson, seconded by

Tabor.

17. PO-047-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by decreasing council reserves in Fund 651 American Rescue Plan/21-Parish Fund in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 and appropriating within the Public Works Department for Coulee Mine, Ile Des Cannes, Bayou Vermilion, Bayou Carencro-Parish Stormwater Detention.
18. PO-048-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by decreasing council reserves in Fund 651 American Rescue Plan/21-Parish Fund in the amount of \$300,000.00 and appropriating within the Fire Department for fire hydrants for Unincorporated Areas.
19. PO-049-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by decreasing council reserves in Fund 651 American Rescue Plan/21-Parish Fund in the amount of \$1,750,000.00 and appropriating within the Public Works Departments for Millcreek Drainage Improvements.
20. PO-050-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by decreasing council reserves in Fund 651 American Rescue Plan/21-Parish Fund in the amount of \$375,000.00 and appropriating within the Public Works department for Vermilion Hydraulic Model Enhancement.
21. PO-051-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by decreasing Council reserves in Fund 651 American Rescue Plan/21-Parish Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00 and appropriating within the Community Development and Planning Department for disbursement to Faith House.
22. PO-052-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 operating and capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by decreasing Parish Council reserves in Fund 651 American Rescue Plan/21-Parish Fund in the amount of \$2,800,000.00 and appropriating within the Volunteer Fire Departments for Volunteer Fire Department Tanker Trucks (7).
23. PO-053-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to provide for adjustments of revenue and appropriation estimates.
24. PO-054-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 20/21 operating budget and capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring \$2,000,000 from Fund 275 Reserve-Capital, \$800,000 from Storm Water Management Fund 273 Prior Year Fund balance and \$1,000,000 from Parish Drainage Improvements accounts and appropriating within the Public Works Department, Capital Improvements Division for additional funding needed for the Bayou Vermilion Flood Control Project.
25. PO-055-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council declaring the Parish of Lafayette's intention to acquire full ownership of the adjudicated property located at 440 Détente Road within the Parish of Lafayette.
26. PO-056-2021 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on behalf of the Parish of Lafayette with the City of Youngsville concerning acquisition of certain immovable property by the Parish of Lafayette and its transfer to the City of Youngsville.

(6:12:22) AGENDA ITEM NO. 27: 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 17 thru 26), in globo, and the vote

was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to introduce, in globo, was approved.

(6:12:41) **JOINT INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

A motion to introduce agenda items 28 thru 35 in globo, was offered by Tabor, seconded by Rubin.

28. JO-070-2021 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 to provide for adjustments of revenue and appropriation estimates.
29. JO-071-2021 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government, the Louisiana Department of Treasury and the State of Louisiana concerning Act 120 of 2021 regular legislative session of the Louisiana Legislature and amending the FY 20/21 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing reimbursement revenues from the State of Louisiana, Department of Treasury in the amount of \$500,000 and appropriating within the Public Works Department for the Ambassador Caffery/Kaliste Saloom Road Construction Project.
30. JO-072-2021 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 authorizing the transfer of \$135,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Catholic Charities of Acadiana.
31. JO-073-2021 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 authorizing the transfer of \$130,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Acadiana CARES.
32. JO-074-2021 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 authorizing the transfer of \$80,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Lafayette Habitat for Humanity.
33. JO-075-2021 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 authorizing the transfer of \$100,000 in Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Catholic Charities of Acadiana.
34. JO-076-2021 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 authorizing the transfer of \$261,000 in Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Lafayette Habitat for Humanity.
35. JO-077-2021 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Code of Ordinances Chapter 72, "Property Management", specifically Article II, "Management and Disposition of Adjudicated Properties".

(6:16:00) **AGENDA ITEM NO. 36:** 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 28 thru 35), in globo, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to introduce, in globo, was approved.

(6:16:17) **COMMENT(S) FROM THE PUBLIC**

(6:16:22) **AGENDA ITEM NO. 37:** Comments from the public on any other matter(s) not on this agenda.

Patricia Lanier introduced herself to the Council to announce her candidacy for the Youngsville City Council, Division A. She noted her desire to present solutions with the Parish Council for Parish problems.

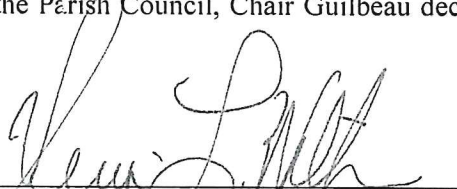
Ava Stevens signed in to speak, but was not present when called upon.

Naquin asked Guillory if there the library millage can be removed from the November 13th ballot and have it placed on the ballot in the Spring. He noted his concern that the millage will not fix the library's deficit.

Carlson noted that the reason for putting it on the ballot in the fall was because the cost of the ballot was split between all the agencies that had ballot initiatives. He explained that if it is placed on the ballot in the Spring, then the library will have to cover the full cost of a Parishwide election.

(6:28:04) **ADJOURN**

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


 VERONICA L. WILLIAMS
 LAFAYETTE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL