

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 11, 2023 HELD AT 705 W. UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LAFAYETTE, LA.

ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT: None

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

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

(7:17:00) **COMMENCEMENT**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order

Chair Lazard called the Regular City Council Meeting of July 11, 2023 to order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair called upon Councilmember Naquin to cite an invocation and upon Councilmember Hebert to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME AND CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Due to the Fourth of July Holiday the Council Meetings for the months of July and August will be on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, returning to the typical 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in September.
- Item #5 – Discussion Item – (Adjudicated properties: Policies, procedures, and enforcement) – Lazard requested that this item be deferred indefinitely.
- Item #6 – CO-072-2023 – (Focus Clubhouse Funding) – Lazard requested an amendment to fund the \$50,000 appropriation by transferring funds from the ARPA Downtown Sidewalk project.
- Item #7, CO-075-2023 – (CUP 116 Vermilion Street) –Lazard requested an amendment to remove Item #4 in the ordinance relative to “security” and add a new Item 6, with reference to “capacity;”
- Item #16, CO-089-2023 – (LUS Capital Budget/Bonds) –LUS requested an amendment which adds line items for funding of project “Elan Lift Station and Force Main” and makes appropriate changes to the ordinance title.
- Intro Item #34, CO-097-2023 – (River Road Traffic Calming) – Lazard requested that the item be deferred indefinitely in light of the funding already being appropriated.

- Intro Item #49, JO-037-2023 – (International Trade Division Promotion) – an amendment was requested to add language that the ordinance also note an adjustment to the manning table.
- Intro Item #52, JO-040-2023- (CDBG Grant Funds – position at mid-point) – Community Development and Planning requested an amendment to budget a vacant position at the mid-point rate.
- Wished a happy birthday to Robert Benoit, Fire Chief, which he celebrates today, July 11th.
- Wished a happy birthday to Gregory Logan, City-Parish Attorney, which he celebrates on July 14th.
- Wished a happy birthday to Councilmember Andy Naquin, District 2, which he celebrates on July 20th.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Council Announcements were made.

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

Budget-to-Actual Comparison of Major City Funds – May 2023 Preliminary

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

REPORT AND/OR DISCUSSION ITEM

Item #5 was deferred indefinitely.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Adjudicated properties: Policies, procedures, and enforcement

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: CO-072-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 22/23 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring \$50,000 from the ARPA Downtown Sidewalk Infrastructure/ADA Improvements Project to Community Development and Planning Department for disbursement to Focus Clubhouse, motion to adopt by Hebert, seconded by Lewis.

A motion to amend to fund the \$50,000 appropriation by transferring funds from the ARPA Downtown Sidewalk project by Lewis, seconded by Naquin, 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 the 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.

Clarice Gallegos, Director of Focus Clubhouse stated that they will use the funds to finance the training they need to grow and become an accredited clubhouse. She noted that Focus Clubhouse assists people with mental illnesses. Gallegos explained that anyone who wishes to give donations should reach out to them online at www.focusclubhouse.org and that they are located at 1609 Johnston Street. She urged the Council to vote in support.

Brian Boswell stated that Focus Clubhouse is a place for those suffering with mental illnesses to go so that they do not feel isolated. He urged the Council to vote in support.

Nicole St. Julian noted that Focus Clubhouse is a non-judgmental community where one can obtain self-worth and to get help with resources.

Dawn Koch stated that the community consists of inspiring people, and it gives one a purpose in the world. She encouraged the Council to vote in support.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: CO-075-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council approving a Conditional Use Permit to allow a bar/lounge in a D (Downtown) Zoning District, Case No. 2023-3-CUP 116 East Vermilion Street CUP (Conditional Use Permit), located generally north of East Main Street, west of Polk Street, and south of East Vermilion Street, motion to adopt by Hebert, seconded by Cook.

A motion to amend to remove Item #4 in the ordinance relative to “security” and add a new Item 6, with reference to “capacity” and also remove the last sentence of the new condition #4 in the ordinance, 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 the 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.

Anita Begnaud stated that the existing bar is expanding and that is what triggers the CUP. She stressed that security is critical Downtown.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: CO-081-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council declaring the building or structure located at 323 Portlock Street, Lafayette, Louisiana, owned by Noel Baptiste c/o Gerald J. Block, attorney appointed, to be dilapidated and dangerous to the public welfare and ordering the condemnation of same, 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: CO-082-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council declaring the building or structure located at 116 Drain Street, Lafayette, Louisiana, owned by Natalie Griffin, Emily Griffin Pete, Gwendolyn A. Griffin Daigle, Donald C. Griffin, Thomas W. Griffin, Elizabeth M. Griffin Charles, Albert John Griffin, and Harry Lee Griffin c/o Gerald J. Block, attorney appointed, to be dilapidated and dangerous to the public welfare and ordering the condemnation of same, motion to adopt by Naquin, 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: CO-083-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council declaring the building or structure located at 715 Elizabeth Street, Lafayette, Louisiana, owned by Vergie Bonnet c/o Gerald J. Block, attorney appointed, to be dilapidated and dangerous to the public welfare and ordering the condemnation of same, 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: CO-084-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council declaring the building or structure located at 118 Chag Street, Lafayette, Louisiana, owned by TS3 LLC, Carl Duhon, Marcelite Andrews, and Elizabeth Williams, c/o Gerald J. Block, attorney appointed, to be dilapidated and dangerous to the public welfare and ordering the condemnation of same, 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: CO-085-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to enter into an intergovernmental agreement by and between the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government and the City Court of Lafayette for the Judicial Office and Storage Room Access Project and amending the FY 22/23 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing reimbursement revenues from City Court of Lafayette in the amount of \$200,000 and appropriating within the City Court Fund for said project, motion to defer indefinitely by Naquin, seconded by Lewis, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to defer indefinitely was approved.

Judge Jules Edwards, III noted his support for the deferral.

Judge Douglas Saloom noted at they are working to explore options to move forward together to resolve the issue.

One (1) citizen signed in, in support, but did not wish to speak.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: CO-086-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to donate two (2) surplus Ford Explorer K-9 Police Units from the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to the City of Opelousas for use by its Police Department, motion to adopt by Hebert, 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: CO-087-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 22/23 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring \$1,450,000 in American Rescue Plan/21-City 650 Funds from the Downtown Sidewalk Infrastructure Project to the Lake Farm Road Extension (Kaliste Saloom Rd. to Settlers Trace Blvd.) Project and transferring \$1,450,000 in 441 Bond Funds from the Lake Farm Road Extension (Kaliste Saloom Rd. to Settlers Trace Blvd.) Project and the N. Domingue/Dulles Drive Roundabout to the Downtown Sidewalk Infrastructure Project and appropriating within the Public Works Department, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Cook.

A motion to amend to reduce the amount to \$1,450,000, 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 amend was approved.

The chair then called for the 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: CO-088-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 22/23 operating budget and adjusting manning tables of the Lafayette City-Parish

Consolidated Government by using Prior Year Fund Balance in the amount of \$7,262 for salary adjustments within the Utilities Department, motion to adopt by Lewis, 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: CO-089-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 22/23 operating and capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing the use of retained earnings reserve in the amount of \$270,000, increasing the use of bonds in the amount of \$6,950,000 and using Prior Year Fund Balance in the amount of \$4,517,321 within the Utilities Department, motion to adopt by Cook, seconded by Lewis.

A motion to amend to add line items for funding of project “Elan Lift Station and Force Main” and make appropriate changes to the ordinance title by Naquin, seconded by Hebert, 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 the 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: CO-090-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to enter into an Intergovernmental Contract with the Department of Environmental Quality of the State of Louisiana to receive funding for the acquisition of electric vehicle charging stations through the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust and authorizing the authorized representative of the Department of Finance and Management, through the Lafayette Mayor-President, to make administrative revisions to the budget, motion to adopt by Hebert, 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: CO-091-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council establishing the rate for use of certain electric vehicle charging stations acquired through the use of grant funds and authorizing the Director of Utilities to adjust said rate, motion to adopt by Hebert, 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19: CO-092-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council authorizing and directing the Lafayette Mayor-President to execute and submit the “Temporary Housing and Shelter Assistance Program Waiver of Land Use/Permitting Form” in accordance with La. R.S. 29:726(F)(3)(b)(iii)(aa), 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20: CO-093-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to execute a Third Amendment to the Second Intergovernmental Contract between Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government and the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System on behalf of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, motion to adopt by Hebert, 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.

One (1) citizen who signed in, in support, but did not wish to speak.

JOINT ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21: JO-033-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 22/23 operating budget and adjusting manning tables of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by deleting a Planner II Position in the Department of Community Development and Planning and adding a GIS Analyst in the Department of Innovation and Technology, 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22: JO-034-2023 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 with the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, motion to adopt by Lewis, seconded by Hebert, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 23: JO-035-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 22/23 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing the use of PY Fund Balance in the amount of \$125,784 and increasing revenues-AAB-Fines by \$46,956 and AAB-Fees/Abatement Recovery in the amount of \$27,260 and appropriating within the Community Development and Planning Department, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCIES ON BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 24: A vacancy will exist on the Lafayette Parish Bayou Vermilion District Board for a four-year term effective 10-01-2023. *Applicants must be black citizens of the Parish of Lafayette.*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 25: A vacancy will exist on the Evangeline Thruway Redevelopment Team for a four-year term effective 10-01-2023.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 26: A vacancy exists on the Keep Lafayette Beautiful Committee for the remainder of an unexpired two-year term thru 11-30-2024.

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. Arceneaux, Clerk of the Council, P.O. Box 4017-C, Lafayette, LA 70502 or emailed to BCLafayette@LafayetteLA.gov no later than noon, Tuesday, July 25, 2023 with appointment(s) to be made at the Tuesday, August 8, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Lafayette City Council. Resume submissions are public record.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT(S) BY THE COUNCIL, AS A WHOLE, TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 27: Appointment of Wayne K. Phillips to the Lafayette Economic Development Authority Board for a four-year term effective 09-01-2023. *Applicants must be black citizens of the Parish of Lafayette.*

Hebert nominated Phillips and the vote was as follows:

PHILLIPS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Wayne K. Phillips was appointed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 28: Appointment of Blake R. David to the Lafayette Economic Development Authority Board for a four-year term effective 09-01-2023.

Cook nominated David and the vote was as follows:

DAVID: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Blake R. David was appointed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 29: Appointment of Anne Famoso to the Evangeline Thruway Redevelopment Team for a four-year term effective 09-01-2023.

Naquin nominated Famoso, seconded by Lewis, and the vote was as follows:

FAMOSO: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Anne Famoso was appointed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 30: Approval of the Lafayette Mayor-President's appointment of Felicia Kaplan to the Lafayette Preservation Commission for the remainder of an unexpired four-year term thru 07-31-2025, Naquin nominated Kaplan, seconded by Cook, and the vote was as follows:

KAPLAN: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Felicia Kaplan was appointed.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

The Chair reminded all that Item #34 was deferred indefinitely.

A motion to introduce agenda items 31 thru 33 and 35 thru 46, in globo, was offered by Naquin, seconded by Cook.

31. CO-094-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council enacting Chapter 73 of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Code of Ordinances regarding the licensing and operation of Short-Term Rentals in the City of Lafayette, except for RS, PI-L and PI-H zoning districts, and establishing penalties for violations and amending Chapter 89 of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Code of Ordinances by

amending Article 2, “Table 89-21-2 Use Table”, Section 89-21(d) and Article 8, Section 89-151-1 “General Definitions”, all regarding Short-Term Rentals in the City of Lafayette (Prohibit in RS).

32. CO-095-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council enacting Chapter 73 of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Code of Ordinances regarding the licensing and operation of Short-Term Rentals in the City of Lafayette except for PI-L and PI-H zoning districts and establishing penalties for violations and amending Chapter 89 of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Code of Ordinances by amending Article 2, “Table 89-21-2 Use Table”, Section 89-21(d) and Article 8, Section 89-151-1 “General Definitions”, all regarding Short-Term Rentals in the City of Lafayette. (Allow in RS)

33. CO-096-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council acting in its compacity as governing authority of the City of Lafayette, authorizing the execution and delivery of a revised Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the City of Lafayette, Louisiana, The Downtown Lafayette Economic Development District, and Lafayette Centre Development District D/B/A Downtown Development Authority, said agreement being previously authorized by Ordinance No. O-226-2019; and otherwise providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

Item #34 was deferred indefinitely.

34. CO-097-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 22/23 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring \$90,000 from the Citywide Traffic Calming Project to a new project account for River Road Area Traffic Calming.
35. CO-098-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the Lafayette Development Code so as to reclassify the property of Case No. 2023-13-REZ 400 Block Ridge Road Rezoning, located generally north of Town Center Parkway, east of Rue Du Belier and south of Ridge Road; being rezoned from CH (Commercial-Heavy) to MN-2 (Mixed-Use Neighborhood).
36. CO-099-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the Lafayette Development Code and the official map of the City of Lafayette, providing for the annexation of additional land into the corporate limits of the City of Lafayette, Louisiana, Case No. 2023-14-REZ 812 West Butcher Switch Road Annexation, located generally north of West Butcher Switch Road, west of Melanie Lane and south of West Gloria Switch Road; and assigning a zoning classification of RS-1 (Residential Single-Family) (District 1).
37. CO-100-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the Lafayette Development Code and the official map of the City of Lafayette, providing for the annexation of additional land into the corporate limits of the City of Lafayette, Louisiana, Case No. 2023-15-REZ 2 Eureka Plantation Road #A Annexation, located generally north of East Bayou Parkway, west of Eureka Plantation Road and south of Camberly Circle; and assigning a zoning classification of RS-1 (Residential Single-Family) (District 4).

38. CO-101-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the Lafayette Development Code and the official map of the City of Lafayette, providing for the annexation of additional land into the corporate limits of the City of Lafayette, Louisiana, Case No. 2023-16-REZ 306 & 312 South Domingue Avenue Annexation, located generally north of West Bonaire Drive, west of South Domingue Avenue and south of West Congress Street; and assigning a zoning classification of RS-1 (Residential Single-Family) (District 2).
39. CO-102-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the Lafayette Development Code so as to reclassify the property of Case No. 2023-2-AZON 201-301 Devalcourt Street, 101-207 Carl Street, 200-218, 301, 304 & 307 Ella Street, 110 Shirley Street and 220, 301, 302 and a portion of 303 Rayburn Street Administrative Rezoning, located generally north of West Congress Street, west of Bertrand Drive and south of Devalcourt Street; 201-301 Devalcourt Street and 101 & 105 Carl Street being rezoned from CH (Commercial-Heavy) to MN-1 (Mixed-Use Neighborhood), and 200-218, 301 & 307 Ella Street, 110 Shirley Street, 107-207 Carl Street, and 220, 301, 302 and a portion of 303 Rayburn Street being rezoned from CH (Commercial-Heavy) to RM-2 (Residential Mixed), and 304 Ella Street being rezoned from CH (Commercial-Heavy) to RS-1 (Residential Single-Family).
40. CO-103-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 22/23 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$35,453 received from the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE) and appropriating within the Lafayette Police Department.
41. CO-104-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council authorizing and directing the Lafayette Mayor-President to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with South Louisiana Community College for the establishment of a Fiber Optic Technician Training Course.
42. CO-105-2023 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 \$3,685,670 through FTA Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funds along with the required match in the amount of \$2,739,845 for federal fiscal year 2023 for use within the Traffic, Roads, and Bridges Department, Transit Operations Division.
43. CO-106-2023 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 \$301,153 through the Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Allocations Program along with the required match in the amount of \$53,145 for federal fiscal year 2023 for use within the Traffic, Roads, and Bridges Department, Transit Operations Division.
44. CO-107-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 22/23 budget and manning tables of Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture – HPACC by increasing the rate

of one (1) Box Office Coordinator (Position #3015-1) from \$16.8904 to \$22.00 per Civil Service recommendation.

45. CO-108-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to execute an Act of Cash Sale for the acquisition of certain real property for use as the customer service center for the Utilities Department.
46. CO-109-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council declaring the Acacia Drive Lift Station Backup Power Project a public necessity and authorizing the acquisition of the necessary land, servitudes, easements, rights-of-way and other property rights on an amicable basis or through the use of the expropriation process, if necessary.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 47: Comments from the public concerning the above introductory ordinances.

Comments from the Public for Items #31 and #32 collectively:

Patrick Mould stated that the ordinance will hamper his ability to operate his short-term rental. He noted that short-term rentals are held to certain standards.

Mike Bass requested both ordinances to be deferred because they have too many restrictions and no compromise.

Richard Gaspard affirmed that his short-term rental contributes to the Lafayette economy.

Gerald Judice stressed that homeowners' associations should be the one to determine if short-term rentals are allowed in their neighborhoods.

Matt Chiasson stated that there are too many laws on the books and lots of travelers like being able to rent only a room.

Theresa Pastor noted that there are less than 400 short-term rentals in the city limits. She urged the Council to consult with short-term rental owners before making a final decision.

Allison Schoeffler announced that she lives between two (2) short-term rentals. She stressed that she is thankful for Councilman Naquin's ordinance.

Gordon Schoeffler stated his support for Councilman Naquin's ordinance and voiced his opposition to Councilman Lewis' ordinance. He insisted on the need to preserve single family living in the community.

John Pastor announced that the ordinances will shut down the entire short-term rental industry.

Patricia Raaz declared that AirBnB is a worldwide influencer and that the impact is great.

Charles Langlinais urged the Council to protect the older historic neighborhoods and thanked Councilman Naquin.

Stephanie Cornay Dugan stressed that homes are not hotels and short-term rentals are hotels.

Chelsea Fontenot urged the Council to allow short-term rental owners to help come up with regulations and that the good should not be punished for the few bad apples.

Toby Dore noted his opposition to both ordinances.

Craig Kimball stated that he is opposed to Item #31.

Reid Smith stressed that the good of short-term rentals outweigh the bad.

Susan Holliday noted her support of Councilman Lewis' ordinance. She indicated that the Council should not regulate what owners can do with their property.

Ryan Petticrew stated that the ordinances will not solve any problems. He noted that his neighbors appreciate the improvements he made to his short-term rental property.

Tess Blanchard noted that she does not want a revolving door of people coming in and out as her neighbors.

Tyler Albrecht stated that hotels do not encourage tourists to shop and eat local and that short-term rentals are good for the City.

Ravi Daggula noted his opposition to the ordinances. He stated that Lafayette is a progressive city, and the Council should not tell people what they can or cannot do with their homes.

Ashely Lecky announced that her short-term rental has had wonderful clientele since 2019.

Lisa Day requested that the Council support short-term rentals in the community because they increase property values.

Diana Moore noted her opposition to both ordinances.

Ravis Martinez stressed his support for Councilman Naquin's ordinance. He stressed that affordable housing should be protected.

Jim Keaty announced that short-term rentals have increased property values for the entire area.

Yolanda Breaux noted the problem with a short-term rental at the corner of Gilman and Statesman Drive. She stressed that short-term rentals should be regulated.

Jamie Hebert stated that her short-term rental has hosted many from around the world. She stressed that progress should be made together with owners.

Melissa Llewellyn insisted that a committee should be formed for discussion. She stressed that there are already regulations for short-term rentals.

Geoff Bland stated that this is just a political ploy, and that this country is the land of the free.

Scott Erny noted that short-term rentals do not belong in residential neighborhoods.

Audrey Navarre, Brandon Landry and Quincy Privat signed in to speak but was not present when called upon.

The Chair then called for a vote to introduce the ordinances (items 31 thru 33 and 35 thru 46), 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.

JOINT INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

The Chair reminded all that items #49 and 52 were pulled for separate vote and discussion.

A motion to introduce agenda items 48, 50, 51 and 53 thru 57, in globo was offered by Hebert, seconded by Naquin.

48. JO-036-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to sell certain surplus immovable properties located at 500 Guidry Street, 501 Dorset Avenue, and 309 Dorset Avenue, all in Lafayette, Louisiana 70501, said properties being no longer needed for a public purpose.
50. JO-038-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 22/23 operating budget and manning tables of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by reallocating two (2) Civil Engineering Aide I positions and one (1) Civil Engineering Aide Spec I from Division 5910 and reclassifying positions into two (2) Sign & Marking Specialists within Division 5911 and one (1) Traffic Signal Tech II within Division 5930 within the Traffic, Roads & Bridges Department.
51. JO-039-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 22/23 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 \$100,000.00 and appropriating within the Public Works Department, Environmental Quality, Composting Division for additional funding needed for contractual services used for third party grinding at the Compost Facility.
53. JO-041-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to submit the 2023 Annual Plan grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
54. JO-042-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 22/23 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish

Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$714,806 in HOME funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and appropriating funds within the Community Development and Planning Department.

55. JO-043-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Non-Warranty Donation of those properties located at 904 East Vermilion Street and 908 East Vermilion Street to Focus Clubhouse, Inc., a qualified non-profit, pursuant to La. R.S. 47:2205.
56. JO-044-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Non-Warranty Donation of those properties located at 206 California Street and 403 Attakapas Road to Beyond the Bus Foundation, a certified non-profit, pursuant to La. R.S. 47:2205.
57. JO-045-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Non-Warranty Donation of those properties located at 244 Huval Street (Assessment No. 6022919) and 250 Huval Street (Assessment No. 6020323) to the Coco Tribe of Canneci Tinne, a certified non-profit, pursuant to La. R.S. 47:2205.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 58: Comments from the public concerning the above joint introductory ordinances.

One (1) citizen signed in, in support of Item #55, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair then called for the vote to introduce ordinances (items 48, 50, 51 and 53 thru 57), 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 49: JO-037-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 22/23 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing the use of PY Fund Balance of the City General Fund in the amount of \$6,175 and appropriating within the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, International Trade Division for the promotion of one (1) Secretary II to one (1) Le Centre Operations Coordinator, motion to introduce by Hebert, seconded by Lewis.

A motion to amend to add language that the ordinance also note an adjustment to the manning table 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 the vote to introduce, as amended, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to introduce, as amended, was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 52: JO-040-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 22/23 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$1,625,383 in CDBG Funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and appropriating funds within the Community Development and Planning Department, motion to introduce by Naquin, seconded by Cook.

A motion to amend to budget a vacant position at the mid-point rate by Lewis, seconded by Hebert, 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 the vote to introduce, as amended, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to introduce, as amended, was approved.

(10:07:00) **ADJOURN**

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

/s/ Veronica L. Arceneaux
VERONICA L. ARCENEUX,
LAFAYETTE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL