

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2024 HELD AT 705 W. UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LAFAYETTE, LA.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Liz W. Hebert (Chair, District 3), Kenneth P. Boudreaux (Vice-Chair, District 5), Elroy Broussard (District 1), Andy Naquin (District 2) and Thomas Hooks (District 4)

ABSENT: None

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

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Monique B. Boulet (Mayor-President), Rachel Godeaux (Chief Administrative Officer), Karen Fontenot (Chief Financial Officer), Tammy Luke (Director, Community Development and Planning), Pat Ottinger (City-Parish Attorney) and Paul Escott (Assistant City-Parish Attorney)

(5:31:00) **COMMENCEMENT**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order

Chair Hebert called the Regular City Council Meeting of June 18, 2024 to order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

WELCOME AND CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hebert made the following announcements:

- Item #5, CO-061-2024, relative to a downtown temporary construction servitude, the administration is requesting that this item be deferred indefinitely;
- Item #7, CO-066-2024, relative to a rezoning at 1803 W. University, Community Development and Planning is requesting an amendment to add suspensive condition;
- Item #13, CO-072-2024, relative to a retired police horse, an amendment is requested to correct the recipient's name in Section 2 to Adam Townley;
- Item #24, JO-033-2024, relative to creating a Lafayette Parish Office of Homeland Security, the Administration has requested it be pulled from the in globo list for separate vote and discussion, and be defeated, as this is a parish only issue.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Council Announcements were made.

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

Boulet stated that the administration is deep in the budget preparation process and that without ARPA/federal funds the budget will be tighter this year. Boulet then welcomed all of the public present to participate in the meeting.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: CO-061-2024 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council authorizing the execution of a Temporary Construction Servitude in favor of Lafayette Centre Development Authority (DDA) Downtown Development Authority relative to Downtown Lafayette public infrastructure improvements and upgrades, planning and construction (Lafayette), FP&C Project No. 50-NHG-22-01, motion to defer indefinitely by Naquin, seconded by Broussard, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to defer indefinitely was approved.

Hebert stated that the administration has requested that CO-061-2024 be deferred indefinitely.

Kevin Blanchard signed in, in support, to answer possible questions. There were no questions.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: CO-062-2024 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 23/24 manning tables of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by deleting one (1) Deputy City Marshal IV and adding one (1) City Marshal Sergeant within the Lafayette City Marshal's Office, motion to adopt by Broussard, seconded by Boudreaux, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: CO-066-2024 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council approving a Conditional Use Permit to allow a convenience store (with gasoline sales) in a CM-1 (Commercial Mixed) Zoning District, Case No. 2024-13-REZ 1803 West University Avenue CUP (Conditional Use Permit), located generally north of Agnes Street, west of West University Avenue, and south of Silkwood Street, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Hooks.

A motion to amend to add a suspensive condition by Naquin, seconded by Hooks, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to amend was approved.

Cathie Gilbert, Planning Manager, stated that the suspensive condition is requested due to the combination of two (2) separate lots that have not yet received platting approval to combine into a single lot.

A motion to amend to add conditions 1) hours of operations will not exceed 5:00am CST to 11:00pm CST and 2) an eight-foot privacy fence will be required along all property lines neighboring residential properties by Naquin, seconded by Boudreaux, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to amend was approved.

William Leyendecker signed in and stated that the proposed hours of operation are still too early for this residential area.

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

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Boudreaux

NAYS: Hebert, Hooks

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt, as amended, was approved.

William Leyendecker, in opposition, stated that the gas station would be detrimental to the neighborhood and dangerous to taxpayers.

Ann Marie Hightower, in opposition, shared her concern for safety of children walking and riding their bikes in the area.

Vicky Montgomery, in opposition, noted concerns about the effect on a family neighborhood with increased traffic and child safety issues.

Frank Kincel, in opposition, stated that his master bedroom and backyard would be within 100' of gas pumps and that he is concerned about physical and mental health risks. He also shared concerns regarding noise and light pollution and the threat of increased criminal activity.

Six (6) citizens signed in, in opposition to the ordinance, but did not wish to speak.

79 citizens contacted the council office, in opposition to the ordinance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: CO-067-2024 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the Lafayette Development Code so as to reclassify the property of Case No. 2024-14-REZ 700 Block Acadian Hills Lane Rezoning, located generally north of Acadian Hills Lane, west of NW Evangeline Thruway, and south of Distribution Drive; being rezoned from CH (Commercial-Heavy) to IL (Industrial-Light), motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Boudreaux, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: CO-068-2024 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the Lafayette Development Code so as to reclassify the property of Case No. 2024-15-REZ 108 Dua Lane Rezoning, located generally north of Dua Lane, west of Chemin Metairie, and south of Ambassador Caffery Parkway; being rezoned from CH (Commercial-Heavy) to CM-1 (Commercial Mixed), motion to adopt by Boudreaux, seconded by Naquin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: CO-069-2024 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the Lafayette Development Code so as to reclassify the property of Case No. 2024-16-REZ 107 Susan Street Rezoning, located generally north of Susan Street, west of Foreman Drive, and south of Montaigne Drive; being rezoned from RS-1 (Residential Single-Family) to PI-L (Public/Institutional Light), motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Hooks, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: CO-070-2024 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the Lafayette Development Code so as to reclassify the property of Case No. 2024-17-REZ 2416 North University Avenue Rezoning, located generally north of Sonny Roy Lane, east of North University Avenue, and south of West Pont des Mouton Road; being rezoned from A (Agricultural) and CM-1 (Commercial Mixed) to RS-1 (Residential Single-Family), motion to adopt by Boudreaux, seconded by Broussard, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: CO-071-2024 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 23/24 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to adjust amounts for administrative and general costs to actual, motion to adopt by Boudreaux, seconded by Naquin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

Fontenot noted that the ordinance processes reimbursement costs from individual funds to the City General Fund.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: CO-072-2024 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to enter into an Act of Deposit on behalf of the Lafayette Police Department of Mounted Horse Slim to Senior Corporal Adam Townley (Police Horse), motion to adopt by Boudreaux, seconded by Naquin.

A motion to amend to correct the recipient's name in Section 2 to Adam Townley by Boudreaux, seconded by Naquin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

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: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt, as amended, was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: CO-075-2024 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 23/24 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by decreasing anticipated revenues in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 in Capital Outlay funds from the State of Louisiana Office of Facility, Planning and Control and returning the matching funds of \$40,138.56 to the original work order in Fund 401, motion to adopt by Boudreaux, seconded by Naquin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

Councilmembers inquired as to why the reimbursement funds were not received.

Godeaux stated that this occurred during the prior administration but she would guess that the project was completed using other funds to expedite the process.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: CO-076-2024 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council authorizing and directing the Lafayette Mayor-President to execute an amendment to the Wholesale Water

Agreement between Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government and the City of Youngsville, Louisiana, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Boudreaux, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

JOINT ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: JO-028-2024 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 23/24 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to provide additional funds for special work performed during the annual audit, motion to adopt by Boudreaux, seconded by Naquin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

Councilmembers and the administration had extensive conversation regarding the audit, funding request timelines, charter requirements and supplemental audit vs additional work required in the initial audit.

Ottinger noted that the auditors were required to do additional work per instruction of the state legislative auditor.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: JO-029-2024 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 23/24 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to adjust amounts for administrative and general costs to actual, motion to adopt by Boudreaux, seconded by Naquin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: JO-030-2024 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to enter into a maintenance agreement between the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government and the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development concerning the maintenance of state roadways to include mowing and litter pickup, motion to adopt by Boudreaux, seconded by Naquin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19: JO-031-2024 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," motion to adopt by Boudreaux, seconded by Broussard, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

Ottinger stated that the code changes were needed due to inconsistent and outdated language which contain incorrect council and departmental references.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

A motion to introduce agenda items 20-21, in globo, was offered by Boudreaux, seconded by Broussard.

20. CO-081-2024 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council declaring the building or structure located at 711 N. Sterling Street, Lafayette, Louisiana, owned by Chris L. Jacomet, c/o Margo H. Dugas, Attorney Appointed, to be dilapidated and dangerous to the public welfare and ordering the condemnation of same.

21. CO-082-2024 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council declaring the building or structure located at 220 Doc Duhon Street, Lafayette, Louisiana, owned by Jonas James Edwards, c/o Margo H. Dugas, Attorney Appointed, to be dilapidated and dangerous to the public welfare and ordering the condemnation of same.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22: Comments from the public concerning the above introductory ordinances.

Broussard inquired as to why the process requires so much time to complete.

Luke stated that there is a bid process that must occur for the work and that there are strict notification requirements by the state.

Boudreaux also noted that there are state and federal guidelines that must be adhered to and that a surety bond can put the condemnation process on hold.

The Chair then called for a vote to introduce the ordinances (items 20-21), in globo, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to introduce, in globo, was approved.

JOINT INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

Hebert reminded everyone that Item #24 is pulled for separate vote and discussion and will be addressed after the in globo vote.

A motion to introduce agenda items 23 & 25-28, in globo, was offered by Boudreaux, seconded by Broussard.

- 23. JO-032-2024 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to execute a Franchise Agreement with Uniti Fiber GulfCo LLC authorizing occupancy of the rights-of-way of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.
- 25. JO-034-2024 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 by increasing revenue by \$197,024.
- 26. JO-035-2024 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to submit the 2024 Annual Plan Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- 27. JO-036-2024 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 23/24 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$1,536,789 in CDBG funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and appropriating funds within the Community Development and Planning Department.
- 28. JO-037-2024 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 23/24 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$597,004 in HOME funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and appropriating funds within the Community Development and Planning Department.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 29: Comments from the public concerning the above joint introductory ordinances.

No one signed in to speak to the above introductory ordinances.

The Chair then called for a vote to introduce the ordinances (items 23 & 25-28), in globo, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to introduce, in globo, was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 24: JO-033-2024 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 23/24 operating budget and adjusting manning tables of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by adding one (1) Director and one (1) Emergency Management Officer, to create the Lafayette Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness within the Office of the Mayor-President and repealing Chapter 30 of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Code of Ordinances, motion to introduce by Naquin, seconded by Hooks, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: None

NAYS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to introduce failed.

Godeaux stated that the administration has requested that this item be defeated and that it will be restructured and proposed as other ordinances.

COMMENT(S) FROM THE PUBLIC

AGENDA ITEM NO. 30: Comments from the public on any other matter(s) not on this agenda.

Kayce Coleman was not present when called.

Mathew Humphry explained what Pride is and provided a brief history of how governments have oppressed the gay population. He asked what he should tell people that inquire why they should stay in a city that won't even recognize them.

Jae Regan asked the Council to declare June LGBT Pride Month noting that there are still far too many tales of gay discrimination and violence and trans suicide.

Jennifer Simms stated that Destiny Camp is still going forward and that she is hoping for the pool enclosure to be completed for year-round swimming.

Clarice Gallegos thanked the Council and the administration for their interest in mental health. She noted that Focus Clubhouse is the only clubhouse in Lafayette.

Jonathan Prejean stated that there is a corrupt neighborhood in Lafayette and that the properties are bouncing form rental company to rental company.

Andrew Capps stated that after five (5) years this is his last meeting where he will be covering the Council.

Sean Johnson shared his support for the pool enclosure so his kids could continue the program year-round.

Dory Thomassie, PFLAG President, asked the Council to declare June LBGT Pride Month and stated that Lafayette's LGBTQ+ Pride Celebration will occur downtown on June 29th.

Maxine Hamilton shared her support of the MLK pool enclosure and noted that the morning water aerobics class has to first remove critters from the pool each morning.

Tracy Fabre stated that there are lots of loving LGBT families in Lafayette and stated that no answer has been received after multiple inquiries for a June Pride proclamation.

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

Three (3) citizens contact the Council Office in support of the MLK pool enclosure.

Naquin requested an update on the pool enclosure from the administration.

(7:19:00) **ADJOURN**

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

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