

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 HELD AT 705 W. UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LAFAYETTE, LA.

ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT: None

COUNCIL STAFF: Joseph Gordon-Wiltz (Clerk of the Council), Jeremy J. Swiney (Associate Clerk for Legislative Affairs), Cindy M. Semien (Assistant Clerk for Legislative Affairs) and Jeremy Richardson (Associate Clerk for Operations and Citizen Advocacy)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Monique B. Boulet (Mayor-President), Rachel Godeaux (Chief Administrative Officer), Karen Fontenot (Chief Financial Officer), Patrick S. Ottinger (City-Parish Attorney) and Paul Escott (Assistant City-Parish Attorney)

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

Call to order

Chair Boudreaux called the Regular City Council Meeting of September 2, 2025 to order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

WELCOME AND CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Boudreaux made the following announcements:

- Item #8 – CO-096-2025 (Act of Cash Sale of 214 Jefferson Street) – Legal requested an amendment to include additional verbiage to the ordinance.
- Item #21 – CO-099-2025 (Rezoning) – Boudreaux requested to pull this item from the in-globo list for separate vote and discussion.
- Final Adoption of the Budget will be held during a Special Joint Council Meeting on September 11th at 5:15 p.m.
- Wished Warren Abadie, Traffic, Roads and Bridges Director a happy birthday which he will celebrate on September 4th.
- Wished Kelly Comeaux, Legislative Assistant to the Parish Council a happy birthday which she will celebrate on September 12th.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Council Announcements were made.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: EXECUTIVE/MAYOR-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Budget-to-Actual Comparison of Major City Funds – July 2025 Preliminary

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

b. Audit Findings Update – August 2025

Boulet noted that they are required monthly to give an update to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor on the report findings.

Godeaux noted that there is a new and improved look for the Budget-to-Actual Comparison of Major Funds that can be located on the website. She stated that it is easier to read.

Godeaux announced that the Downtown, UL, Freetown Drainage Public Meeting will be held on September 9th at 5:30 p.m. at the Lafayette Public Library Main Branch.

Godeaux stated that the LFT Fiber Ribbon Cutting will be held at its new building located at 214 Jefferson Street on September 12th.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Claim of Mitchell Perrodin

v. Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government

Docket No. 24-02998

Office of Workers' Compensation, District 04

State of Louisiana

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Claim of Quinn Meche

v. Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government

Docket No. 25-03919

Office of Workers' Compensation, District 04

State of Louisiana

Ottinger explained why it is appropriate and responsible for the Council to enter into executive session regarding this matter.

Motion to enter into executive session by Hebert, seconded by Broussard.

Ottinger announced that both claims will have to be taken up and voted on separately.

Motion to enter into executive session regarding the Claim of Mitchell Perrodin by Hebert, seconded by Broussard, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to enter into executive session was approved.

Motion to return from executive session regarding the Claim of Mitchell Perrodin by Naquin, seconded by Hebert, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to return from executive session was approved.

Motion to accept the recommendation of Risk Management and the City-Parish Attorney; to make appropriate budgetary adjustments, and authorize the City-Parish Attorney to execute and deliver appropriate and necessary settlement documents, in connection therewith; regarding Claim of Mitchell Perrodin by Broussard, seconded by Naquin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to accept recommendations was approved.

Motion to enter into executive session regarding the Claim of Quinn Meche 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 enter into executive session was approved.

Motion to return from executive session regarding the Claim of Quinn Meche by Naquin, seconded by Hebert, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to return from executive session was approved.

Motion to accept the recommendation of Risk Management and the City-Parish Attorney; to make appropriate budgetary adjustments, and authorize the City-Parish Attorney to execute and deliver appropriate and necessary settlement documents, in connection therewith; regarding the Claim of Quinn Meche by Naquin, seconded by Broussard, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Boudreaux

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to accept recommendations was approved.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: CO-094-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 24/25 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$28,100 received from the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement

(LCLE) authorizing the transfer of matching funds in the amount of \$9,367 from Fund 101 and appropriating within the Lafayette Police Department, to Franklin Police Department, motion to adopt by Broussard, 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. 7: CO-095-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 24/25 operating budget and adjusting manning tables of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by utilizing funding in the Promotion Costs line item in the amount of \$1,350 to promote two (2) Corporals to two (2) Senior Corporals within the Lafayette Police Department, to Kaplan Police Department, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Hebert, 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. 8: CO-096-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to execute an Act of Cash Sale by and between the City of Lafayette and Jefferson Street Development, LLC for the price and sum of \$6,176,250 for the acquisition by the City of Lafayette of that certain property, with improvements and appurtenant servitudes and property rights, having a municipal address of 214 Jefferson Street, Lafayette, Louisiana, for the present purpose of housing the operations and employees of the Communications System Department and for other present or future permissible purposes, and amending the FY 24/25 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to appropriate the sum of \$6,176,250 for the purchase of the property, to Kaplan Police Department, motion to adopt by Hebert, seconded by Naquin.

A motion to include additional verbiage to the ordinance by Naquin, seconded by Hebert, 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. 9: CO-097-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 24/25 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by adjusting the manning tables and increasing the hourly pay rate of one (1) Hazardous Material Coordinator position due to years of service adjustment within the Lafayette Fire Department, motion to adopt by Hooks, 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-098-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 24/25 operating and capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing the use of Retained Earnings Reserve in the amount of \$2,850,000 and using Prior Year Fund Balance in the amount of \$630,000 within the Utilities Department, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Hebert, 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. 11: JO-045-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 24/25 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing the transfer of \$200,000 in Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to the Extra Mile Region IV, motion to adopt by Hebert, 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.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: JO-046-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 24/25 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing the transfer of \$550,000 in Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Lafayette Habitat for Humanity, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Hebert, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

Melinda Taylor signed in, in support and to speak if there were any questions.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: JO-047-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 24/25 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing the transfer of \$250,000 in Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Catholic Charities of Acadiana, motion to adopt by Hooks, seconded by Hebert, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

Two (2) citizens signed in, in support, but did not wish to speak.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: JO-048-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 24/25 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing the transfer of \$15,000 in Home American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Acadiana Outreach Center, motion to adopt 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 adopt was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: JO-049-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 24/25 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing the transfer of \$25,355 in Home American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Acadiana Regional Coalition on Homelessness and Housing, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Hebert, 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. 16: JO-050-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 24/25 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing the transfer of \$420,000 in Home American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Catholic Charities of Acadiana, motion to adopt 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 adopt was approved.

Two (2) citizens signed in, in support, but did not wish to speak.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCIES ON BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: Five (5) vacancies exist on the Transportation Policy Committee (the governing board for the Metropolitan Planning Organization) effective immediately. *Applicants must be either 1) local elected officials, 2) officials of public agencies that administer or operate major modes of transportation in the metropolitan area, including representation by providers of public transportation.*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: Two (2) vacancies will exist on the Heymann Performing Arts Center and Frem F. Boustany Convention Center Board for four-year terms effective 12-01-2025.

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 Joseph Gordon-Wiltz, Clerk of the Council, P.O. Box 4017-C, Lafayette, LA 70502 or emailed to BCLafayette@LafayetteLA.gov no later than noon, Tuesday, September 16, 2025 with appointment(s) to be made at the Tuesday, October 7, 2025 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. 19: Appointment of Emily Claire Hamner to the Downtown Development Authority Board for a three-year term effective 09-01-2025. *Applicants must either own property or operate a business in the district or shall be an officer of a corporation or other business entity owning property or operating a business in the district.* Hooks nominated Hamner, Naquin nominated Annie Perret, and the vote was as follows:

HAMNER: Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

PERRET: Broussard, Naquin,

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Emily Claire Hamner was appointed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20: Appointment of Dave Domingue to the Downtown Development Authority Board for the remainder of an unexpired five-year term thru 08-31-2027. *This appointment is made from a list of nominees supplied by the Lafayette Mayor-President. Applicants must either own property or operate a business in the district or shall be an officer of a corporation*

or other business entity owning property or operating a business in the district. Naquin nominated Domingue, and the vote was as follows:

DOMINGUE: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Dave Domingue was appointed.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

Boudreaux reminded all that Item #21 was pulled for separate vote and discussion.

A motion to introduce agenda items 22 thru 26, in globo, was offered by Naquin, seconded by Hooks.

22. CO-100-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the Lafayette Development Code so as to reclassify the property of Case No. 2025-13-REZ 400 Block Renaud Drive Rezoning, located generally north of Renaud Drive, east of North Gentilly Road, and south of McZeal Drive; being rezoned from IL (Industrial-Light) to MN-1 (Mixed-Use Neighborhood).
23. CO-101-2025 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. 2025-14-REZ 2600 Block North University Avenue Annexation, located generally north of Woodrich Lane, west of North University Avenue, and south of Lebesque Road; and assigning a zoning classification of RS-2 (Residential Single-Family) (District 1).
24. CO-102-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the Lafayette Development Code so as to reclassify the property of Case No. 2025-16-REZ 2020 North University Avenue Rezoning, located generally north of Portland Avenue, east of North University Avenue, and south of Couret Drive; being rezoned from RS-1 (Residential Single-Family) to CM-1 (Commercial Mixed).
25. CO-103-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 24/25 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring \$30,000 from the Overhead Door Maintenance/RPL project to the Radio Consolettes New-3 project within the Lafayette Fire Department to replace obsolete radio equipment that can no longer be serviced.
26. CO-104-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to execute the second amendment to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government and National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

The Chair then called for a vote to introduce the ordinances (items 22 thru 26), 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. 21: CO-099-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the Lafayette Development Code so as to reclassify Case No. 2025-9-AZON Park Avenue to Louisiana Avenue, and East Simcoe Street to Mudd Avenue Administrative Rezoning with CUP, located generally north of East Simcoe Street, east of Park Avenue, and south of Mudd Avenue; 819, 900 Block, 903, 915, 925, 943, 945, 1001, 1007, 1023 & 1113 East Simcoe Street, 106, 112, 115, 117, 118, 120, 123, 124, 125, 126, 133, 134, 137, 200 Block, 203, 205, 211, 215, & 217 West Foch Street, 1010, 1100, 1200, 1204, 1208, 1210, 1212, 1214 & 1216 Mudd Avenue, 118, 122, 130 & 136 Park Avenue, 109 & 201 Duval Street, 1202, 1206, 1208 & 1212 Eighth Street, and 1003 & 1101 Louisiana Avenue, being rezoned from CH (Commercial-Heavy) and RS-1 (Residential Single-Family) to MN-2 (Mixed-Use Neighborhood), RM-1 (Residential Mixed), CM-2 (Commercial Mixed) and PI-L (Public/Institutional Light), and with a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a bar/lounge in a CM-2 (Commercial Mixed) Zoning District for 945 and 1001 East Simcoe Street, motion to introduce by Hebert, seconded by Naquin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to introduce was approved.

Boudreaux inquired on the notification process to inform property owners of the proposed rezoning. He also questioned if there were exemptions since some businesses were not included in the rezoning. Tammy Luke, Community Development and Planning Director stated that she would inform him of the process and if all property owners were notified.

Don Breaux noted his opposition to the rezoning. He stated that he owns property on Simcoe Street. Breaux questioned why some properties in the area were not included in the proposed rezoning.

Samuel Pierre announced that he did not receive notification of the proposed rezoning. He stated that the property he owns on Simcoe Street is not impacted by the ordinance but the property he owns on 217 West Foch Street is. Pierre requested that the Council defer the ordinance.

Two (2) citizens signed in, in opposition, but did not wish to speak.

JOINT INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 27: JO-051-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending Ordinance No. JO-003-2024 regarding the removal of a member of a board or commission by that member's appointing authority due to the member's lack of attendance, motion to introduce 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 introduce was approved.

(6:26:00) **ADJOURN**

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

/s/ Joseph Gordon-Wiltz
JOSEPH GORDON-WILTZ,
LAFAYETTE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL