

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2026 HELD AT 705 W. UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LAFAYETTE, LA.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Kenneth Boudreaux (Chair, District 5), Liz 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), Cindy M. Semien (Associate Clerk for Legislative Affairs) and Kelly Comeaux (Assistant Clerk for Legislative Affairs)

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

(8:15:00) **COMMENCEMENT**

Call to order

Chair Boudreaux called the Regular City Council Meeting of August 18, 2026 to order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

WELCOME AND CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Boudreaux made the following announcements:

- Public Hearing for Citizen Input on the Budget was held during a Special Joint Council Meeting today at 5:15 p.m. for all matters related to the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget;
- Budget Wrap-Up is scheduled for August 27th;
- Final Adoption of the Budget will be held during a Special Joint Council Meeting on September 10th at 5:15 p.m.;
- Wished a happy birthday to Inger Malbrough, Council Receptionist who will celebrate on August 22nd.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Council Announcements were made.

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

Boulet's announcements:

- Demolition of the La Quinta hotel located at 2100 NE Evangeline Thruway was August 17th;
- Growth Plan Community Discussion Public Meeting will be held at the South Regional Library

- on September 8th at 6 PM.
- Mouton Park Improvements Public Meeting will be August 25th from 6 PM – 8 PM at 901 Mudd Avenue.
- Applications are open through August 21st for the Mayor-President's Youth Advisory Council.

Boudreaux thanked the Administration for the demolition efforts of the La Quinta. He noted the need for accomplishing more to rid the city of blight.

REPORT AND/OR DISCUSSION ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Opportunities for Geaux Mow Program Improvement

Martin Poirier, Director of Capital Improvements, noted the challenges that cause delays to Geaux Mow contractors maintaining public property and public rights-of-way.

Broussard stressed that the contractors do not pick up the trash and properties are left in disarray.

Boudreaux questioned the ability for LCG employees to participate in cutting the grass and receiving overtime. He further questioned if herbicide can legally be used.

Boudreaux requested that Community Development and Planning provide a list of the 144 properties where Geaux Mow services are regularly utilized.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: SUN Community Center Update (Former Truman Elementary)

Dr. Christopher Williams; Kelly Courville, Architect of Diverse Studio and Monty Anderson of Neighborhood Evolution, discussed turning the former school into a new community center. They shared the progress that is being made and asked for continued support. A 12-page PowerPoint presentation was provided.

Broussard noted his support for the investment in keeping the landmark open.

Naquin stated that it is a great endeavor.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: CO-068-2026 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 25/26 operating and capital budgets of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing anticipated revenues in the amount of \$1,820,013 from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY 23/24 Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant and appropriating these funds along with the required match in the amount of \$280,002 for use within the Traffic, Roads & Bridges Department, Transit Division, 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. 7: CO-069-2026 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 25/26 operating budget and capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$7,986,192 in Safe Streets and Roads for all grant funds received from the U.S. Department of Transportation, as well as transferring \$2,001,498 in Capital Outlay Funds to serve as a local match, and appropriating within the Community Development and Planning Department for safety improvements along Johnston Street between Bertrand Drive and Churchill Drive, motion to adopt by Hebert, seconded by Broussard, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: Naquin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

Naquin noted that he would not vote in support of this ordinance because a center median on Johnston Street will kill commerce.

Godeaux explained that it will allow safety improvements along Johnston Street. She reported that within three (3) years, there have been over 500 crashes along the stretch of Johnston Street which is what is driving the project.

Hebert noted that there is a compromise when turning down money from the federal government.

Hooks stated that he is not opposed to medians for safety reasons.

Eight (8) citizens who did not wish to speak, signed in opposition.

Tim Metcalf, Greg Grace, TJ Delhomme and Annie Delhomme requested deferral of the ordinance.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: CSB - Appointment of Candace Fontenot to the Lafayette Municipal Civil Service Board for a four-year term effective March 1, 2026. *Nomination list supplied via ASHRM in lieu of Southern University.* Naquin nominated Fontenot, Broussard nominated Monica D. Bartie, and the vote was as follows:

FONTENOT: Hebert Naquin, Hooks

BARTIE: Broussard, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Candace Fontenot was appointed.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

A motion to introduce agenda items 9 thru 12, in globo, was offered by Hebert, seconded by Naquin.

9. CO-070-2026 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. 2026-15-REZ 200 Coussan Road (Tract 1-A) Annexation, located generally north of West Pont Des Mouton Road, east of Veterinarian Road, and south of Coussan Road; and assigning a zoning classification of RS-1 (Residential Single-Family) (District 1).
10. CO-071-2026 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 Levi to Lieutenant Bridget Karn (Police Horse).
11. CO-072-2026 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 25/26 operating and capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$3,982,500 awarded through a federal Sub-Award Grant Agreement administered by the Louisiana Department of Conservation and Energy under the U.S. Department of Energy's Grid Deployment Office for the System Hardening and Resiliency Project under Section 40101(D) of the bipartisan infrastructure law and appropriating within the Utilities Department.
12. CO-073-2026 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 25/26 operating and capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring appropriations from the City General Fund (Fund 1010) to establish funding for the Council Auditorium Projector Replacement Project.

The Chair then called for a vote to introduce the ordinances (items 9 thru 12), 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.

COMMENT(S) FROM THE PUBLIC

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Comments from the public on any other matter(s) not on an agenda and are within the legislative power of the Lafayette City Council.

There were no Comments from the Public.

(10:15:00) **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