

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2023 HELD AT 705 W. UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LAFAYETTE, LA.

ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT: None

COUNCIL STAFF: Veronica L. Arceneaux (Clerk of the Council) and Joseph Gordon-Wiltz (Assistant Clerk of the Council)

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

(4:30:00) **COMMENCEMENT**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order

Chair Carlson called the Regular Parish Council Meeting of October 17, 2023 to order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

WELCOME AND CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carlson made the following announcements:

- Item #13, JO-061-2023, relative to revenue and appropriation estimates, Finance has proposed an amendment to increase expense accounts in the Environmental Quality Fund due to an increase in garbage customers;
- Item #18, introduction of JO-064-2023, relative to the use of prior year Fund Balance for Code Enforcement needs, the CAO has requested an indefinite deferral as the budget amendment is no longer needed;
- There will be a special meeting of the Lafayette Parish Council following this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Council Announcements were offered.

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

Audit Findings Update

Guillory provided a status update on the audit findings, adding that an AG Opinion had been requested relative to same.

JOINT RESOLUTION

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: PR-011-2023 A resolution of the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing a Non-Warranty Cash Sale of that property found at 803 Louisiana Highway 1252 (Assessment Number 6029973) to an adjoining landowner pursuant to La. R.S. 47:2202(B) for the price of the sale's anticipated costs, motion to adopt by Guilbeau, 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.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: JR-028-2023 A joint resolution of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing a Non-Warranty Cash Sale of the property at 519 South Washington Street (Assessment Number 6021862) to an adjoining landowner pursuant to La. R.S. 47:2202(B) for the price of the sale's anticipated costs, motion to adopt by Guilbeau, 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: JR-029-2023 A joint resolution of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending Resolution No. JR-014-2023 authorizing a Non-Warranty Cash Sale of the property at 323 Portlock Street (Assessment Number 6012949) to an adjoining landowner pursuant to La. R.S. 47:2202(B) for the price of the sale's anticipated costs, motion to adopt by Naquin, seconded by Guilbeau, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

VETOED ORDINANCE

The Lafayette Mayor-President on Thursday, September 28, 2023, returned Parish Ordinance No. PO-053-2023 vetoed and has provided a statement of explanation which has been published in the Official Journal on Wednesday, October 4, 2023.

In accordance with Section 2-13(C) of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Home Rule Charter, vetoed ordinances shall be submitted to the Lafayette Parish Council and the Lafayette City Council no later than the next regular meeting held after publication of veto statement.

Accordingly, Parish Ordinance No. PO-053-2023, has been submitted for Council reconsideration:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: PO-053-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council setting forth and designating the ad valorem tax millage rates and imposing taxes on all property subject to ad valorem taxation in the Parish of Lafayette and authorizing the assessor and tax collector for the Parish of Lafayette to assess and collect property taxes for 2023, motion to override veto by Naquin, seconded by Tabor, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Naquin, Rubin

NAYS: Tabor, Carlson, Guilbeau

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to override veto failed.

Comeaux, Councilmembers, Medical Director Dr. Tina Stefanski and Broussard Fire Chief Bryan Champagne discussed the millage rates, funding and possible funding shortfalls.

Mary Lib Guercio, Christine Menard, Lynette Mejia and Don Hargrave signed in and spoke in favor of a veto override.

Ella Arsement signed in and spoke in support of sustaining the veto.

One (1) citizens signed in, in support of the veto override, but did not speak.

Five (5) citizens called the Council Office in opposition to the veto override.

A motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes by Tabor, seconded by Guilbeau, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Naquin, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to extend the meeting was approved.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: PO-058-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council splitting Precinct Six (6) into two (2) precincts, namely Precinct Six (6) and Precinct 50, and merging Precinct 62 into Precinct 58, all as a result of and following canvass and confirming the polling place for said precincts as authorized by and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:532, *et seq.*, motion to adopt by Guilbeau, seconded by Tabor, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Naquin

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: PO-059-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 22/23 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to provide for adjustments of revenue and appropriation estimates, motion to adopt by Guilbeau, seconded by Tabor, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Naquin

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: PO-060-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 22/23 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by reallocating Parish ARPA Funds between the JDH Safety Improvements Project, the Webb Coulee Detention Project, the Roadside Excavation/Channel Clearing Parish Project, and the Louisiana Avenue Extension Project and appropriating within the Public Works Department, motion to adopt by Tabor, seconded by Guilbeau, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Carlson, Guilbeau

NAYS: Rubin

ABSENT: Naquin

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: PO-061-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 22/23 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring \$115,000 of 651 American Rescue Plan/21 – Parish Funds from Self Service Kiosks budget line item to the Roadside Excavation/Channel Clearing Parish budget line item for additional funding needed within the Drainage Department, motion to adopt by Tabor, seconded by Guilbeau, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Naquin

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt was approved.

JOINT ORDINANCE FOR FINAL ADOPTION

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: JO-061-2023 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 to provide for adjustments of revenue and appropriation estimates motion to adopt by Tabor, seconded by Guilbeau.

A motion to amend to increase expense accounts in the Environmental Quality Fund due to an increase in garbage customers by Guilbeau, seconded by Tabor, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Naquin

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: Tabor, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Naquin

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt, as amended, was approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: PO-062-2023 An ordinance of the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 23/24 operating and 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 \$192,000 and appropriating within the Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of pagers, motion to introduce by Guilbeau, seconded by Rubin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Naquin

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to introduce was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Comments from the public concerning the above introductory ordinance.

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

JOINT INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

Carlson reminded everyone that Item #18 has been deferred indefinitely.

18. JO-064-2023 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 the Use of Prior Year Fund Balance in Fund 550 in the amount of \$250,000 and appropriating within the Public Works Department, Environmental Quality, Code Enforcement Division for additional funding needed for contractual services.

A motion to introduce agenda items 16-17 & 19-28, in globo, was offered by Tabor, seconded by Guilbeau.

16. JO-062-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to sell certain surplus immovable properties associated with and following completion of the E. Pont Des Mouton Road Widening Project, said properties being no longer needed for a public purpose.

17. JO-063-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government and Lafayette Public Trust Financing Authority.

19. JO-065-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 23/24 operating and capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing reimbursement revenues from State of Louisiana Facility Planning and Control for Milton Volunteer Fire Department, Planning and Construction Project No. 50-J28-23-06 in the amount of \$250,000 and accounting for the required match of \$83,333 and appropriating within the Public Works Department.

20. JO-066-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 23/24 operating and capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing reimbursement revenues from State of Louisiana Treasurer's Office for Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture in the amount of \$1,500,000 per Act 397 and appropriating within the Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture Department.

21. JO-067-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 23/24 operating and capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing reimbursement revenues from State of Louisiana Treasurer's Office for Lafayette Parish Recreation and Park Improvements in the amount of \$1,500,000 per Act 447 and appropriating within the Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture Department.

22. JO-068-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council providing for the abandonment of a ten (10') foot utility servitude at the rear of Lot 79, of the Martin Oaks Ext. 1 Subdivision, located at 104 Saturn Drive.
23. JO-069-2023 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 authorizing the transfer of \$170,000 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Lafayette Habitat for Humanity.
24. JO-070-2023 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 authorizing the transfer of \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Lafayette Habitat for Humanity.
25. JO-071-2023 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 authorizing the transfer of \$150,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Lafayette Habitat for Humanity.
26. JO-072-2023 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 authorizing the transfer of \$200,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Lafayette Neighborhoods' Economic Development Corporation (LNEDC).
27. JO-073-2023 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 authorizing the transfer of \$225,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Acadiana Cares.
28. JO-074-2023 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Non-Warranty Donation of the property located at 212 East Cypress Street to Year Round Open Door Ministries, Inc., a certified non-profit, pursuant to La. R.S. 47:2205.

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

Melinda Taylor signed in, in support of Items #23, #24 and #25 to answer any questions. There were no questions.

The Chair then called for a vote to introduce the joint ordinances (items 16-17 & 19-28), in globo, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None


ABSENT: Naquin

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to introduce, in globo, was approved.

(5:15:00) ADJOURN

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


 VERONICA L. ARCENEAUX,
 LAFALETTE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL