

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 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) and Cindy M. Semien (Assistant Clerk for Legislative Affairs)

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

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

Call to order

Chair Boudreaux called the Regular City Council Meeting of November 4, 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 Broussard to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME AND CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Boudreaux recognized Love Our Schools Executive Director Millicent Nugent. Nugent gave updates and informed the Council of the Education All Stars Program. She stated that finalists will be revealed in January 2026, and winners will be honored during Education All-Stars Night at the UL Basketball game on February 7th.

Boudreaux thanked Nugent for the work they are doing.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Naquin announced that LUS's expanded customer payment options. He stated that payments can be made at Walmart's MoneyCenter, Dollar General, CVS, Walgreens and Office Depot. Naquin reported that payments can also be made through PayPal and other digital wallets.

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

a. Budget-to-Actual Comparison of Major City Funds – September 2025 Preliminary
Boulet noted that the monthly Budget-to-Actual Comparisons are to comply with statewide auditing procedures.

b. Audit Findings Update – October 2025

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

Boulet stated that late fees for LUS customers will be waived for furloughed federal workers and SNAP recipients who are not receiving their benefits at this time.

Boulet announced that Salute to Service will be held at Moncus Park on November 9th from 3 PM – 6 PM. She stated that this event is to honor veterans.

Boulet noted that the E. Broussard and Robley Street groundbreaking will be held on November 19th at 10:30 AM.

Boulet stated that there will be a PARCS GIVING Food Drive and donations are being collected now until November 20th. Drop off locations are at the Girard Park Recreation Center, City Hall and all other LCG recreation centers.

Scott Feehan, Executive Director of Festival International de Louisiane announced that Festival International is celebrating 40 years with a commemorative book. He stated that he would present a book to the Council.

RESOLUTION

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: CR-019-2025 A resolution of the Lafayette City Council approving a disbursement of funds to the Cajundome, 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 RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: JR-037-2025 A joint resolution of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council declaring those holidays to be observed by employees of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government for the calendar year 2026, motion to adopt 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 adopt was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: JR-038-2025 A joint resolution of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council acknowledging receipt of, and approving the FY 2026 budget submitted

by the Lafayette Airport Commission, motion to adopt 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 adopt was approved.

REPORTS AND/OR DISCUSSION ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Millage Renewal Discussion

Hebert stated this week is early voting week that all should take advantage of. She requested the media team to share the word with the public.

Godeaux gave a 10-page PowerPoint presentation to the Council. She announced that election day is November 15th. Godeaux noted that the millages were unsuccessful when they were placed on the ballot in the spring.

Naquin stated that the millages help to lower the fire rating and it also benefits the quality of life for residents.

Broussard stressed that this is not a new tax but a renewal tax.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Lafayette Mardi Gras Parade Route

Boudreaux requested that the Administration reroute the Mardi Gras parades through the downtown area. He stressed that the new route is impacted on many issues.

Boudreaux requested the Clerk of the Council to draft a letter that includes:

- Budget impact of the route change
- Budget impact of 90 trees that need to be trimmed
- Budget impact for cleanup
- Budget impact for landscaping replacement
- Budget impact on the anticipated damage to businesses in the area
- The person or group who has the authority to change the parade routes
- A request to delay consideration of the change

Boudreaux proposed a consideration for a straight parade route starting from Holy Rosary, continuing down Johnston Street and ending at Blackham Coliseum. He noted that this would increase the standing capacity by 30%.

Ottinger informed all that there is no ordinance relative to the route of parades.

Boulet stated that the Council is welcome to the discussions and that the decision to change the route was not made to leave out the Northside but about enhancing the Mardi Gras experience in the most logistical way.

Broussard stressed that there is an aversion to change.

Naquin stated that he agrees with Boudreaux and the Administration should take a step back before moving forward.

Paul Trouard, Interim Chief of Police, announced that there will be 22 officers placed in the downtown area and that the Police Department is prepared if any situation arises.

Three (3) citizens signed in support but did not wish to speak.

Bill Leyendecker noted that he does not support changing the route. He noted that benefits to businesses on Jefferson Street is debatable and that the decision should not be taken hastily. Leyendecker stressed that the Council should always be notified first.

William Kaufman signed in but passed his turn to speak.

Kevin Blanchard, CEO of Downtown Development Authority, noted that there are good opportunities but concerns about the barricades and sidewalk usage.

Albert Babineaux stressed that communication could have been better.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: CO-119-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to enter into an Act of Donation by and between the Friends of the Lafayette Police Mounted Unit and the City of Lafayette accepting the donation of the horse named South Ridge Augustus (Gus) to be used by the Lafayette Police Department (Police Horse), if necessary, 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. 10: CO-120-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 25/26 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$22,155 received from the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration "DEA" in reference to an existing taskforce agreement and appropriating within the Lafayette 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. 11: CO-121-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council declaring the

Bertrand Drive Project a public necessity and authorizing the acquisition of the necessary rights-of-way, immovable property and other property rights requisite to the construction of said project, either on an amicable basis or through the proper use of the expropriation process, if necessary, , 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. 12: CO-122-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 25/26 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$30,620 received from the National Park Service through the Louisiana Office of Cultural Development Division of Historic Preservation appropriating Comprehensive Plan Implementation Funds within the Community Development & Planning Department in the amount of \$20,072 as the required match for the Historic Preservation Fund Grant, 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. 13: JO-056-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 25/26 operating and capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing reimbursement revenues from State of Louisiana Facility Planning and Control for Lake Farm to Verot School Road Extension, Planning and Construction Project No. 50-J28-23-10 in the amount of \$2,425,000 and accounting for the required match of \$833,333 and appropriating within the Public Works Department, if necessary, 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. 14: JO-057-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 25/26 operating and capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing reimbursement revenues from State of Louisiana Facility Planning and Control for Heymann Park Improvements, Planning and Construction Project No. 50-J28-19-02 in the amount of \$800,000 and accounting for the required match of \$124,834 and appropriating within the PARC 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. 15: JO-058-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 25/26 capital budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by transferring funds from Lajaunie Road Bridge Replacement Project to existing Frem Boustany Extension Project and transferring funds from Millcreek Drainage Improvements Project, Becky Lane Cross Drain Replacement Project and River Oaks Detention Project to create new Frem Boustany Extension Project, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF VACANCIES ON BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: 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. 17: A vacancy will exist on the Board of Zoning Adjustment for a three-year term effective 02-01-2026. *This is an alternate appointment. Applicants must own property in the Parish of Lafayette and reside within the City of Lafayette.*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: A vacancy will exist on the City Planning and Zoning Commission for a five-year term effective 01-07-2026. *Applicants must reside within the City of Lafayette.*

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, November 18, 2025 with appointment(s) to be made at the Tuesday, December 2, 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 Phillip Rollins to the Keep Lafayette Beautiful Committee for the remainder of an unexpired two-year term thru 11-30-2026. Naquin nominated Rollins, and the vote was as follows:

ROLLINS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Phillip Rollins was appointed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20: Appointment of Benjamin St. Cyr to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for the remainder of an unexpired five-year term thru 06-30-2029. *Applicants must own property in the Parish of Lafayette and reside within the City of Lafayette.* Hebert nominated St. Cyr, and the vote was as follows:

ST. CYR: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Benjamin St. Cyr was appointed.

APPOINTMENT BY COUNCIL MEMBERS, MAYOR-PRESIDENT AND/OR ANY OTHER DIRECT APPOINTING AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21: Andy Naquin, District 2, appointed Louis “T-Boy” Gilbert to the Lafayette Commission on Crime Prevention for a four-year term effective September 1, 2024.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22: Kenneth Boudreaux, District 5, appointed Herbert Green to the Lafayette Commission on Crime Prevention for a four-year term effective June 1, 2025.

Hebert requested additional information about meeting times for the Lafayette Commission on Crime Prevention. She stressed that the commission is defunct as meetings have not been held for several years.

Boudreaux questioned if it is still a legitimate commission within our government.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

A motion to introduce agenda items 23 thru 28, in globo, was offered by Hebert, seconded by Hooks.

23. CO-123-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the Lafayette Development Code so as to reclassify Case No. 2025-10-AZON Pontiac Point to Louisiana Avenue, and Surrey Street to East Simcoe Street Administrative Rezoning, located generally north of Louisiana Avenue, east of Park Avenue, and south of East Simcoe Street; 1000, 1002, 1002 1/2 , 1102 & 1106 East Simcoe Street, 229, 307, 313, 319, 323, 401 & 407 Surrey Street, 1007, 1011, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1023, 1024 & 1026 Eighth Street, 1012, 1014, 1018, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1030, 1035 & 1050 Ninth Street, 800 Block, 803, 805, 807, 809, 903, 905 & 907 Louisiana Avenue being rezoned from CH (Commercial-Heavy) to MN-2 (Mixed-Use Neighborhood) and 1000 Block (1), 1000 Block (2), 1006 & 1008 East Simcoe Street, 217 Surrey Street, and 1046 Ninth Street being rezoned from CH (Commercial-Heavy) to CM-2 (Commercial Mixed).

24. CO-124-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the Lafayette Development Code so as to reclassify the property of Case No. 2025-20-REZ 520 South Magnolia Street Rezoning, located generally north of Tenth Street, west of South Magnolia Street, and south of Louisiana Avenue; being rezoned from RS-1 (Residential Single-Family) to MN-1 (Mixed-Use Neighborhood).
25. CO-125-2025 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. 2025-21-REZ 100 Block Tarpon Street Annexation, located generally north of Archangel Drive, west of Harvest Drive, and south of Vieux Orleans Circle; and assigning a zoning classification of RS-2 (Residential Single-Family) (District 4).
26. CO-126-2025 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. 2025-23-REZ 204 Sweet Rita Lane Annexation (Lot 5-A), located generally north of Cassandra Lane, east of the Youngsville Highway, and south of Sweet Rita Lane; and assigning a zoning classification of RS-1 (Residential Single-Family) (District 4).
27. CO-127-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending Ordinance No. O-236-2017 of the Lafayette City-Parish Council to provide veterans residing in Lafayette Parish with a 25% discount on weekday green fees at the municipal golf courses, namely: Jay & Lionel Hebert Municipal, Les Vieux Chenes, and the Wetlands.
28. CO-128-2025 An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council to amend Section 82-111 “Generally,” of Article III, “City of Lafayette Sales and Use Tax,” Division 3, “Exemptions and Exclusions” of Chapter 82, “Taxation” of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Code of Ordinances to exempt from local sales and use taxes levied by the City of Lafayette as to repairs and maintenance performed on aircraft at Lafayette Regional Airport.

The Chair then called for a vote to introduce the ordinances (items 23 thru 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.

Item #23 – Boudreaux stressed that all residents and owners impacted need to be informed of the rezoning.

JOINT INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

A motion to introduce agenda items 29 thru 36, in globo, was offered by Naquin, seconded by Hebert.

29. JO-059-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 25/26 operating budget and adjusting manning tables of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing Fund 6070's use of Prior Year Fund Balance in the amount of \$904 and appropriating within the Office of Finance & Management.
30. JO-060-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to enter into an agreement between the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government and the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation concerning bridge replacements for State Project No. H.015511 (E. Martial Ave. over coulee), State Project No. H.015514 (Sarah Dee Pkwy over coulee) and State Project No. H.015515 (Andover Road over Indian Bayou Lateral).
31. JO-061-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 25/26 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing the transfer of \$111,600 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Lafayette Public Trust Finance Authority for deferred maintenance at Uptown Lofts.
32. JO-062-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 25/26 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing the transfer of \$120,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Faith House, Inc. for domestic violence shelter improvements.
33. JO-063-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 25/26 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing the transfer of \$175,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Lafayette Habitat for Humanity for improvements to their Housing Construction Center.
34. JO-064-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 25/26 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing the transfer of \$90,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to Sterling Grove Housing Development, Inc., for improvements to Ed Washington Place Apartments.
35. JO-065-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council authorizing the Lafayette Mayor-President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana and the Road Home Corporation DBA Louisiana Land Trust for the purpose of participating in the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Mitigation Buyout Program as administered through the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery for the purpose of mitigating repetitive loss structures

near Graham Brown Memorial Park.

36. JO-066-2025 A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Code of Ordinances Chapter 34, "Environment," Article IV, "Noise Control," Section 34-370, "Enforcement and Penalties" to hold persons who own, manage, operate or otherwise control property responsible for noise violations.

The Chair then called for a vote to introduce the ordinances (items 29 thru 36), 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.

(7:45:00) **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