



City of Lake Charles

Meeting Minutes

City Council

326 Pujo Street
P.O. Box 1178
Lake Charles, LA 70602

Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Donald W. Fondel, Ronnie Harvey, Jr.,
Matthew Vezinot, Craig Marks, Matt Young
Council President: Stuart Weatherford

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 15, 2026 TO BE TAKEN UP IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 150-97, RULES FOR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

Call to Order

Call to Order - President Stuart Weatherford, Presiding

Invocation

Invocation - Councilman Bilbo

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance - Councilman Matt Young

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford

Absent: 0 -

Also present were Assistant City Administrator, Sharon Thierry., Russell J. Stutes, Jr., City Attorney, John Cardone, City Administrator and Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

Approval of Minutes

1. 26-409 Minutes

Defer/Delete

President Weatherford stated that Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 26 were being deferred to the regular council meeting on August 5, 2026, and Items 9, 12, 13 and 14 were being deferred to the regular council meeting on August 19, 2026. He further stated that Items 10 and 11 were being deleted.

Appointments

2. 26-441 Appoint a chairman to review Requests for Proposal received for a developer to design, build, finance, own, operate and maintain a food and beverage and recreational establishment on one acre, more or less, to be leased in Tract 3 of the Lakefront of the City of Lake Charles, all in accordance with and as authorized by Title 41, Section 1214 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

Sponsor: Ronnie Harvey, Jr.
Councilman Harvey was appointed as chairman.

3. **26-416** Appoint a chairman to review bids for Project No. CP3544 - Hodges Street Waterline Extension.
- Sponsor: Craig Marks
 This item was deferred at the start of the meeting and rescheduled for the regular council meeting on August 5, 2026.
4. **26-417** Appoint a chairman to review bids for Project No. CP2894 - WWTP A McNabb & Cline Street Emergency Sewer System Rehabilitation.
- Sponsor: Matthew Vezinot
 This item was deferred at the start of the meeting and rescheduled for the regular council meeting on August 5, 2026.

Public Hearings

5. **26-254** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1509 Pear Street, Edward Gallien, Jr. and Jules J. Gallien, owners, subject to a tax sale to the State of Louisiana.
 This item was deferred at the start of the meeting and rescheduled for the regular council meeting on August 5, 2026.
6. **26-255** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 621 Bank Street, Earl Melvin Anthony Wiltz, Danielle Melot Wiltz and Monique Michelle Wiltz, owners.
 This item was deferred at the start of the meeting and rescheduled for the regular council meeting on August 5, 2026.
7. **26-256** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 2120 3rd Street, Cecelia Pitre, owner.
 This item was deferred at the start of the meeting and rescheduled for the regular council meeting on August 5, 2026.
8. **26-189** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1716 22nd Street, Bryan Keith Guillory, owner.
 Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Russell J. Stutes, City Attorney presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record and stated this was a rehearing from July 1, 2026. There were no requests to speak on this item, but the owner contacted the Legal Department and requested 30/60 to remove his belongings from the structure. Councilman Marks recommended time delays of 30/60 which were approved by the following vote.
 A motion was made that this item be approved. The motion Passed by the following vote:
- For:** 7 - Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford

Against: 0 - None

Absent: 0 -

Abstain: 0 - None

- 9. 26-372** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1302 11th Street, Stephen Daniel Peters and Betty Louise Allen Peters, owners.
This item was deferred at the start of the meeting and rescheduled for the regular council meeting on August 19, 2026.
- 10. 26-373** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1400 McNabb Street, Isaac Jackson (Estate) and Beulah Antoine Jackson, owners.
This item was deleted at the beginning of the meeting.
- 11. 26-374** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1300 Wendell Street, Austin Rogers Fontenot (Estate), owner.
This item was deleted at the beginning of the meeting.
- 12. 26-375** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 738 Iberville Street (swimming pool only), Nikia Yvette Guillory, owner.
This item was deferred at the start of the meeting and rescheduled for the regular council meeting on August 19, 2026.
- 13. 26-376** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 304 Calcasieu Street, Betty Jane Jefferson, Lisa S. Jefferson, Lesley M. Jefferson and Jessica L. Jefferson, owners.
This item was deferred at the start of the meeting and rescheduled for the regular council meeting on August 19, 2026.
- 14. 26-377** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 312 Maple Street, Marlene Johnson Marks, owner.
This item was deferred at the start of the meeting and rescheduled for the regular council meeting on August 19, 2026.
- 15. 26-298** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1400 North Shattuck Street, Cleven Nash and Elvira Nash, owners
Robert Hester, Building Inspector, gave a report as to the condition of the structure and Russell J. Stutes, City Attorney presented photographs and documentation showing proof of service which were made part of the record and stated this was a rehearing from May 6, 2026. There were no requests to speak on this item. Councilman Harvey requested that the Legal Department send a certified letter to the owner advising of the new hearing date and recommended deferral to the regular council meeting on August 19, 2026, which was approved by the following vote.
A motion was made that this item be approved. The motion Passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford
Against: 0 - None
Absent: 0 -
Abstain: 0 - None

Ordinances for Final Action

- 16. 26-319** An ordinance of the City Council of the City Lake Charles amending Resolution No. 313 23 to authorize the City of Lake Charles to modify the location and scope of RCIP LDI City of Lake Charl LC Second Harvest 0084 and further authorizing the purchase of a vacant lot (Parcel No. 00751405) from Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church to construct and own a primary community resilience hub in accordance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's national objectives for the use of funds from the CDBG DR Program.
Councilman Marks requested this item be deferred until the appraisal is obtained for the new location, and he also stated that he objects to the use of the same appraiser that appraised the indoor sport facility. Russell J. Stutes, Jr., City Attorney, and John Cardone, City Administrator, confirmed that it would be the same appraiser and that the appraisal had already begun. Councilman Marks made a motion to defer until the regular council meeting on August 5, 2026, which was seconded by Councilman Harvey. The vote was as follows:
A motion was made that this item be deferred. The motion Passed by the following vote:
- For:** 7 - Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford
Against: 0 - None
Absent: 0 -
Abstain: 0 - None
- 17. 26-415** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to allow more than ten percent (10%) cumulative increase for a change order for Project No. CP3426 - Wastewater Treatment Plant A Operational Reliability Improvements Collection System Hardening.
Wendy Robinson, Director of Public Works, explained to Councilman Marks the need for the increase to the project due to unforeseen circumstances.
A motion was made that this item be approved. The motion Passed by the following vote:
- For:** 7 - Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford
Against: 0 - None
Absent: 0 -
Abstain: 0 - None
- 18. 26-407** An ordinance amending Section 24 of the City of Lake Charles Code of Ordinances by adding Section 24-5-203.1 relative to Outdoor Lighting.

Councilman Young spoke about his reasons for requesting the change in the current ordinance and stated that he patterned many of the recommended changes with an ordinance adopted by the City of Baton Rouge. He further explained the changes and that these amendments were discussed with Planning and Development prior to being placed on the agenda. Doug Burguières, Director of Planning and Development, stated that this ordinance was mainly for commercial establishments and that these requests were currently submitted as part of the packet to Planning for a commercial establishment. Jacob Rafferty, 1718 W. Common Street, Lake Charles, LA; Leslie Fain, 1215 Kirkman Street, Lake Charles, LA; and Ernest Monceaux, 2713 Lorraine Lane, Lake Charles, submitted cards in favor but did not wish to speak.

A motion was made that this item be approved. The motion Passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford
Against: 0 - None
Absent: 0 -
Abstain: 0 - None

19. 26-418

An ordinance adopting and levying the Annual Property Tax millages for the City of Lake Charles for the tax year 2026.

Emly McDaniel, Director of Finance, explained that the tax millage for 2026 was not an increase and was required by law to access.

A motion was made that this item be approved. The motion Passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford
Against: 0 - None
Absent: 0 -
Abstain: 0 - None

20. 26-419

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office to fund two Sheriff Office employee positions to the Real Time Crime Center.

Councilman Marks requested more clarification on the ordinance and why the city did not fund two police officers for the positions. Councilman Vezinot explained that the salaries were based on employees at the Sheriff's office with 0–3 years, and the City was reimbursing the Sheriff's Office. John Cardone, City Administrator, stated that the cooperative endeavor agreement would be for three years with the ability to renew. He further stated that the salary included the base and fringe benefits along with state supplemental pay.

A motion was made that this item be approved. The motion Passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford
Against: 0 - None

Absent: 0 -
Abstain: 0 - None

21. 26-420

An ordinance amending the City of Lake Charles Code of Ordinances to enact Sec. 13-37.5 to provide for a prohibition against loitering on Bord Du Lac Drive, the Lakefront Promenade, and all other city-owned property not specifically addressed by ordinance during designated hours.

Deputy Chief Dustin Gaudet, Lake Charles Police Department, stated the fine to be assessed would be up to the max as written in the ordinance. Corey Rubin, Assistant City Attorney, stated that the maximum fine would be \$1,000.00 or six (6) months in jail. Councilman Fondel wanted a clarification between someone who was considered loitering and someone out doing night fishing. John Cardone stated that signs would be erected on Bord du Lac Drive to warn the public of the new law and the times of enforcement.

A motion was made that this item be approved. The motion Passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford
Against: 0 - None
Absent: 0 -
Abstain: 0 - None

The Following Resolutions May Be Adopted by Consent

25. 26-438

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana (the "City"), on December 12, 2026, or such other election date prescribed by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana as an alternative for such date in accordance with law, for the purpose of submitting to the electors residing in the City qualified under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, propositions for authorizing the renewal of the levy and collection of certain special ad valorem taxes for the purposes described herein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Councilman Marks urged the council and administration to educate the public early on for this important renewal election. Councilman Harvey questioned the reason for choosing the December date rather than the election date in November with other large issues on it. Russell J. Stutes, City Attorney, explained that the December date was the only date they could choose because, according to state law, it could not be any earlier than six months from the last election and if the City waited until the next year, it would have been considered a new tax rather than a renewal tax. Emily McDaniel explained the importance of the renewal tax and stated that the money would be used to (1) maintain streets, (2) recreation and (3) salaries for the police department and other departments. She also explained that the 14.98 millage that was adopted would remain the same if the tax renewal is approved. Councilman Marks made a motion to adopt and Councilman Vezinot seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

A motion was made that this item be approved. The motion Passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford
Against: 0 - None
Absent: 0 -
Abstain: 0 - None

- 26. 26-421** A resolution authorizing the amendment of the City of Lake Charles' CDBG-DR Action Plan with HUD to move the proposed Lake Charles Fire Department Campus from the previously identified 6th Avenue site to a site on Broad Street. This item was deferred at the start of the meeting and rescheduled for the regular council meeting on August 5, 2026.
- 27. 26-449** A resolution amending Resolution No.'s 81-14 (Section 13) and 150-97 (Section 10) regarding the Rules and Regulations covering the City Council of the City of Lake Charles for procedures relative to comments by the public during City Council and Agenda Meetings.
Russell Stutes, Jr., attorney at law, stated that the change was in the amount of time that a person is given to speak, which would be limited to nine minutes with donated time rather than twelve minutes as currently stated in the rules.
Fitzgerald Darbone, 2523 Hagan Street, Lake Charles, LA stated that his concerns had been answered, but he wanted to know when the City would use a visual system rather than raising a card to show how much time a citizen had to speak.
A motion was made that this item be approved. The motion Passed by the following vote:
- For:** 7 - Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford
Against: 0 - None
Absent: 0 -
Abstain: 0 - None
- 22. 26-434** A resolution accepting Project No. CP3242 - Southern Sewer Loop - Sunset Lift Station Rehabilitation, as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45 day lien period.
A motion was made that this item be approved. The motion Passed by the following vote:
- For:** 7 - Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford
Against: 0 - None
Absent: 0 -
Abstain: 0 - None
- 23. 26-435** A resolution accepting Project Number CP3339 - Lakefront Parking Garage Phase II as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45 day lien period.

A motion was made that this item be approved. The motion Passed by the following vote:

For: 7 - Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford
Against: 0 - None
Absent: 0 -
Abstain: 0 - None

- 24. 26-436** A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 740 Cleveland Street, Russell Foster, owner.
Councilman Weatherford stated the hearing date was set for September 2, 2026.

The Following Ordinances are for Introduction by Consent and Will Be Read Into the Record the Day Following This Meeting at 9:00am in the City Council Chambers in City Hall

- 28. 26-433** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana to designate the American Press as the Official Journal of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.
- 29. 26-439** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to implement the 2026 Pay Matrix for the Lake Charles Police Department.
Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.
- 30. 26-440** An ordinance amending Ordinance 20542 adopted May 6, 2026 creating the positions of Chief of Administration and Chief of Operations within the Administrative Division of the Lake Charles Fire Department relative to certain applicant eligibility requirements.
Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.
- 31. 26-358** An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to accept the best proposal received from the Requests for Proposals issued for a developer to design, build, finance, own, operate and maintain a food and beverage and recreational establishment on one acre, more or less, to be leased in Tract 3 of the Lakefront of the City of Lake Charles, all in accordance with and as authorized by Title 41, Section 1214 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.
Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.
- 32. 26-443** An ordinance approving the City of Lake Charles' 2026 Action Plan. This ordinance will authorize the City of Lake Charles to make application to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for its 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership Program) funding allocation.
Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.
- 33. 26-444** An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles by adding Chapter 25 to establish the Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program in the City of Lake Charles in accordance with La. R.S. 40:1248.1-1248.10.

Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

- 34. 26-445** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 740 Cleveland Street, Russell Foster, owner.
Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.
- 35. 26-446** An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with The Merchants of Walnut Grove, Inc., to permit the construction of public parking on City right of way.
Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.
- 36. 26-447** An ordinance to reconsider Ordinance No. 20563, passed and adopted on May 20, 2026 regarding amending Resolution No. 313-23 to authorize the City of Lake Charles to modify the location and scope of RCIP-LDI-City of Lake Charles LC RR Ave Revital-0088 in order to transfer funding to the Goosport Community Center to construct a recreation facility in accordance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's national objectives for the use of funds from the CDBG-DR Program.
Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.
- 37. 26-451** An ordinance authorizing the settlement of a claim against the City of Lake Charles in the suit styled "Nicholas Buck and Katie Buck, individually and on behalf of their minor children, Caden Buck and Carson Buck vs. City of Lake Charles and Jeffery Floyd", Docket No. 2025 4984, Division B, on the docket of the 14th Judicial District Court, Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana. Russell Stutes, Jr., City Attorney, requested that this item be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Young and seconded by Councilman Marks to add this item. The council voted as follows:
A motion was made that this item be approved. The motion Passed by the following vote:
- For:** 7 - Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford
- Against:** 0 - None
- Absent:** 0 -
- Abstain:** 0 - None
- Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, President Weatherford adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2026.

I, RENEE' P. DEVILLE, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Council of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

I further certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct draft of the Minutes of a meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 15th day of July 2025.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 17th day of July 2026.
s/Renee P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

I, RENEE' P. DEVILLE, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Council of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

I further certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the Ordinances adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said city held on the 15th day of July 2026.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 17 day of July, 2026.
s/Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

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City of Lake Charles

Signature Copy

Ordinance: 20592

326 Pujoe Street
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File Number: 26-189

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1716 22nd Street, Bryan Keith Guillory, owner.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened, that:

SECTION 1: The facts, as set forth at the meeting of the City Council of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, on the 1st day of April 2026, justify an order of this City Council, and it is hereby ordered that the improvements, buildings and/or structures on the premises located at 1716 22nd Street, legally described as: Beg 91.32 ft W of SW cor inters 22nd St (formerly 23 St) with 3rd Av, S 143 ft to N/L dedicated service alley, W 75.66 ft etc, being in NE end of Lot 7 of Lewis Bruno Sub, in the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and all improvements situated thereon, and owned by Bryan Keith Guillory, be repaired, demolished and/or removed. A permit must be obtained from the City Permit Center by the 14th day of August 2026, and the repair, demolition and/or removal completed by the 14th day of September, 2026. In default thereof, the City of Lake Charles shall demolish and/or remove said improvements on the above described property on the 15th day of September, 2026, or cause same to be done. If no permit is obtained by the above date, the City will commence the demolition procedure on the 17th day of August, 2026. In the event the City demolishes the structures, a lien and privilege for the cost of said demolition and removal, as well as other expenses provided for by law, shall be filed against the above property. Legal interest, at the rate provided in Louisiana Civil Code, Article 2924, as the same now exists, or as the same may hereafter be amended, shall be charged from the date of recordation of said lien until paid.

SECTION 2: The Mayor of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of said demolition/and or removal as required by law, to enter into a contract for the demolition of the improvements, to pay the fees of the contractor from appropriate city funds, and to pay any and all of the costs associated with the demolition.

SECTION 3: This order is made the 15th day of July, 2026, and shall become final within five (5) days as provided by law.

At a meeting of the City Council on 7/15/2026, a motion was made that this Ordinance be

adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford

Against: 0 None

Absent: 0

Passed and Adopted _____
Stuart Weatherford, President or
Presiding Officer

Date _____

Attest _____
Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council

Date _____

Approved by _____
Marshall J. Simien, Jr., Mayor
City of Lake Charles

Date _____



City of Lake Charles

Signature Copy

Ordinance: 20593

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File Number: 26-415

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to allow more than ten percent (10%) cumulative increase for a change order for Project No. CP3426 - Wastewater Treatment Plant A Operational Reliability Improvements Collection System Hardening.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened, that:

SECTION 1: Ordinance 20281 currently allows change orders within the scope of the contract to not exceed ten percent (10%) of the contract price of \$3,381,777 between Insituform Technologies, LLC and the City of Lake Charles, for CP3426 - Wastewater Treatment Plant A Operational Reliability Improvements Collection System Hardening dated May 5, 2025.

SECTION 2: Section 2 of Ordinance 20281 is amended to allow an additional 9.847% increase to change orders for CP3426 - Wastewater Treatment Plant A Operational Reliability Improvements Collection System Hardening; and is therefore amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 2: The Mayor is further authorized to execute change orders within the scope of the project when there are sufficient funds budgeted, and not to exceed 15.502% of the contract price.”

SECTION 3: The Mayor of the City of Lake Charles is further authorized to include any provisions in any agreement which he deems necessary to protect the interests of the City and to pay all costs from appropriate City funds.

At a meeting of the City Council on 7/15/2026, a motion was made that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford

Against: 0 None

Absent: 0

Passed and Adopted _____
Stuart Weatherford, President or
Presiding Officer

Date _____

Attest _____
Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council

Date _____

Approved by _____
Marshall J. Simien, Jr., Mayor
City of Lake Charles

Date _____



City of Lake Charles

Signature Copy

Ordinance: 20594

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File Number: 26-407

An ordinance amending Section 24 of the City of Lake Charles Code of Ordinances by adding Section 24-5-203.1 relative to Outdoor Lighting.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened, that:

SECTION 1: The City of Lake Charles Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding Section 24-5-203.1 to read as follows:

“Section 24-5-203.1 Site Lighting

(1) Purpose: To regulate and provide a set of light standards so as to shield and/or direct lighting to ensure that light does not shine directly into or onto any adjacent land.

(2) Luminaire Requirements

(a) Luminaire Design: Any luminaire with a lamp with an initial output rating greater than 10,000 lumens shall be either:

- (i) Full cutoff type fixture; or,
- (ii) Shielded and adjustable.

(3) Luminaire Height

(a) Any luminaire with a lamp with an initial output rating of less than 10,000 lumens may be mounted at any height.

(b) Any luminaire with a lamp with an initial output rating of 10,000 lumens or greater may be mounted up to a height of 35 feet provided that the luminaire is not aimed, directed, or focused such as to cause direct light from the luminaire to be directed toward residential buildings on adjacent or nearby land, or on streets.

(c) Maximum height of pole mounted fixtures shall not exceed 35 feet.

(4) Exceptions

(a) The following lighting is exempt from the provisions of this section:

(i) Police or Fire Departments or other Emergency Services: All temporary emergency lighting needed by a governmental entity, including the police or fire departments, performing

any emergency services.

(ii) Federal Regulatory Agencies: All hazard warning luminaries required by Federal Regulatory Agencies, except that all luminaries used must be red and specific to the warning task required.

(iii) Airport Lighting that is required for the safe and efficient movement of aircraft during flight, takeoff, landing, and taxiing.”

SECTION 2: All other paragraphs, subsections, subparagraphs, clauses, phrases, and words of this section, not specifically amended by this ordinance, are to remain the same.

At a meeting of the City Council on 7/15/2026, a motion was made that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford

Against: 0 None

Absent: 0

Passed and Adopted

Stuart Weatherford, President or
Presiding Officer

Date _____

Attest

Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council

Date _____

Approved by

Marshall J. Simien, Jr., Mayor
City of Lake Charles

Date _____



City of Lake Charles

Signature Copy

Ordinance: 20595

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Lake Charles, LA 70602

File Number: 26-418

An ordinance adopting and levying the Annual Property Tax millages for the City of Lake Charles for the tax year 2026.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CHARLES LOUISIANA, in regular session convened, that:

SECTION 1: There be and is hereby levied and assessed for the year 2026 against all property within the corporate limits of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, not exempt from taxation under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, a tax of Five and ninety hundredths (5.90) mills on the dollar of the assessed value of said property, for the purpose of raising revenues for general purposes for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and authorized under Article VI, Section 27(A) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

SECTION 2: There be and is hereby levied for the year 2026 a tax of Two and twenty six hundredths (2.26) mills on the dollar of the assessed value of all property within the corporate limits of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, not exempt from taxation under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, for the purpose of raising revenues for the maintenance of public buildings, streets, and bridges in the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, as heretofore authorized by the electorate of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, in an election held for said purpose, authorizing the levy of this tax for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2017.

SECTION 3: There be and is hereby levied for the year 2026, on the assessed value of all property within the corporate limits of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, not exempt from taxation under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, a tax of One and sixty six hundredths (1.66) mills on the dollar of the assessed value of said property for the purpose of maintenance of playgrounds and recreation centers and equipment thereof, by the Recreation Department of said City, as heretofore authorized by the electorate of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, in an election held for said purpose, authorizing the levy of this tax for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2017.

SECTION 4: There be and is hereby levied on all property within the corporate limits of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, for the year 2026, not exempt from taxation under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, a tax of Five and sixteen one hundredths (5.16) mills on the dollar of the assessed value of said property, for the purposes of maintaining pay increases and starting salaries previously authorized for employees of the Police, Fire, Public Works, and other departments of the City of Lake Charles, and for

maintenance of a police three platoon system, as heretofore authorized by the electorate of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, in an election held for said purpose, authorizing the levy of this tax for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2017.

SECTION 5: The Clerk of the Council of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, shall deliver a copy of this ordinance to the Director of Finance to be included in other required information delivered to the Assessor for Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, to serve as her authority and direction to list the taxes herein levied in her preparation of the tax roll of the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, for the year 2026, in the manner and form prescribed by law.

SECTION 6: The taxes levied herein have been levied in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, particularly Article VII, Section 23, of the Constitution of 1974, Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:1705, as well as other constitutional and statutory authorities.

SECTION 7: The millages set forth above and levied on the 2026 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, are hereby summarized as follows:

MILLAGES

2023 Levy	15.12
2024 Levy	14.98
2025 Levy	14.98
2026 Levy	14.98

SECTION 8: Any ordinance or portion thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance as to the millage rates levied hereby shall be superseded by the provisions hereof.

SECTION 9: This ordinance shall become effective in the manner and form prescribed by law.

SECTION 10: If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase of this ordinance should be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

At a meeting of the City Council on 7/15/2026, a motion was made that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford

Against: 0 None

Absent: 0

Passed and Adopted _____
Stuart Weatherford, President or
Presiding Officer

Date _____

Attest _____
Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council

Date _____

Approved by _____
Marshall J. Simien, Jr., Mayor
City of Lake Charles

Date _____



City of Lake Charles

Signature Copy

Ordinance: 20596

326 Pujo Street
P.O. Box 1178
Lake Charles, LA 70602

File Number: 26-419

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office to fund two Sheriff Office employee positions to the Real Time Crime Center.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened, that:

SECTION 1: The Mayor of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office, on behalf of the City of Lake Charles, to fund two Sheriffs' office employee positions to the Real Time Crime Center.

SECTION 2: The Mayor is further authorized to include any provisions in any agreement which he deems necessary to protect the interests of the City, and to pay the agreed amount from the appropriate City funds.

At a meeting of the City Council on 7/15/2026, a motion was made that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford

Against: 0 None

Absent: 0

Passed and Adopted

Stuart Weatherford, President or
Presiding Officer

Date

Attest

Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council

Date

Approved by _____
Marshall J. Simien, Jr., Mayor
City of Lake Charles

Date _____



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Ordinance: 20597

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File Number: 26-420

An ordinance amending the City of Lake Charles Code of Ordinances to enact Sec. 13-37.5 to provide for a prohibition against loitering on Bord Du Lac Drive, the Lakefront Promenade, and all other city-owned property not specifically addressed by ordinance during designated hours.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened, that:

SECTION 1: Chapter 13 - Offenses and Miscellaneous Law Enforcement Provisions, Article I, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is hereby enacted to add a new section, to be numbered as "Sec. 13-37.5", to read as follows:

"Sec. 13-37.5. Loitering on Bord Du Lac Drive, Lakefront Promenade, and other city-owned property prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person without authority to go onto or upon, remain onto or upon, trespass, and/or otherwise loiter upon the premises of Bord Du Lac Drive, the Lakefront Promenade, and/or all other city owned property not specifically addressed by an ordinance or posted signage between the hours of 12:00 o'clock a.m. mid night and 5:00 o'clock a.m."

SECTION 2: All other sections, paragraphs, subsections, subparagraphs, clauses, phrases and words of this Article, not specifically amended by this ordinance, are to remain the same.

At a meeting of the City Council on 7/15/2026, a motion was made that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford

Against: 0 None

Absent: 0

Passed and Adopted _____

Date _____

Stuart Weatherford, President or
Presiding Officer

Attest _____
Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council

Date _____

Approved by _____
Marshall J. Simien, Jr., Mayor
City of Lake Charles

Date _____