



City of Lake Charles

Meeting Minutes

City Council

326 Pujo Street
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Lake Charles, LA 70602

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

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 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 - Matt Young

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance - Craig Marks

Roll Call

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

Absent: 0

Approval of Minutes

1. 26-408

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Weatherford to accept the Minutes from the July 15, 2026 regular council meeting. The vote was 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

Defer/Delete

President Weatherford stated that Items 7 and 11 were being deferred until the Regular Council meeting on September 2, 2026 and items 16, 17 and 25 were being deferred until the Regular Council meeting on August 19, 2026.

Appointments

2. 26-416

Appoint a chairman to review bids for Project No. CP3544 - Hodges Street Waterline Extension.

Sponsor: Craig Marks
Councilman Craig Marks was appointed as chairman.

- 3. 26-417** Appoint a chairman to review bids for Project No. CP2894 - WWTP A McNabb & Cline Street Emergency Sewer System Rehabilitation.

Sponsor: Matthew Vezinot
Councilman Matthew Vezinot was appointed as chairman.

- 19. 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.
President Weatherford requested that this item be moved up on the agenda without objection. He then recused himself from the discussion and vote due to his employment with Lake Charles Memorial Hospital and requested that Vice President Ronnie Harvey, Jr. preside over the meeting for this item. Michael Neill, 401 W. 15th Street, Suite 840, Austin, Texas, with Adelanto Healthcare Ventures, appeared on behalf of Lake Charles Memorial and CHRISTUS. Mr. Neill introduced Devon Hyde, Chief Executive Officer of Lake Charles Memorial Health System; Dr. Alyson Jones, President of the Lake Charles Memorial Medical Executive Committee; Monte Wilson, Chief Executive Officer of CHRISTUS Ochsner Southwest Louisiana; and Paul Rainwater, who works with the Louisiana Department of Health. Mr. Neill stated that the Local Provider Participation Program was authorized by the State of Louisiana and allows local governments to assess participating hospitals, using hospital funds to access matching federal funds. He explained that the program provides reimbursement to hospitals for Medicaid services and emphasized that the funding comes from the hospitals rather than from the citizens. Mr. Neill then presented a PowerPoint presentation further explaining the program. Dr. Alyson Jones, 1701 Oak Park Boulevard, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Medical Staff President of Lake Charles Memorial Hospital and President of the Medical Executive Committee, thanked the City for placing the item on the agenda. She further explained the purpose of the Local Provider Participation Fund (LPPF) and stated that patients would not incur any additional costs as a result of the program. Devon Hyde, President and Chief Executive Officer of Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, 1701 Oak Park Boulevard, Lake Charles, Louisiana, expressed his support for the proposal and stated that he would be available to answer any questions from the Council. Paul Rainwater, Monte Wilson, and Matthew Wallace appeared in support of the proposal but did not wish to speak unless questions arose. Mr. Stutes, City Attorney, requested that the record reflect that La. R.S. 48:1248.1 through 48:1248.10 contain various required notices and that all required notices had been properly promulgated, published, and complied with. James White, 2520 Oak Cliff Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, requested information regarding how the details of the program would be communicated to the citizens of Lake Charles. Councilman Young thanked both hospitals for their support and for responding to questions he had.
- 24. 26-462** A resolution to set the amount of the local hospital assessment payments for the City of Lake Charles Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program for State fiscal year 2027, to direct how the revenue derived from local hospital

assessment payments is to be spent, and to set the amount to be paid in collection fees.

President Weatherford requested that this item be moved up on the agenda without objection. He then recused himself from the discussion and vote due to his employment with Lake Charles Memorial Hospital and requested that Vice President Ronnie Harvey, Jr. preside over the meeting for this item. Councilman Marks requested an explanation of the resolution. Michael Niell explained that this would be the invoicing and collection amount that the hospitals will be assessed. He further stated that this document had been given to the Louisiana Department of Health and was approved. Russell J. Stutes, Jr., City Attorney, stated that this was a public hearing on the assessment amount, so in addition to having the normal council discussion, it was also considered to be under the State statute a public hearing. Mr. Stutes read the resolution into the record. Councilman Young thanked both hospitals for coming up with a cooperative approach to benefit Medicaid patients across the city. Mayor Simien stated that these are self-assessments that the hospital is making that will be paid to the State and the State would utilize those amounts to receive more of a federal match so that the treatment of the Medicaid population, which includes uninsured or underinsured patients with restricted access to healthcare, so the hospitals do not take a loss. Mr. Stutes stated that this item would have to be voted on annually and the amount the city would receive is \$150,000.00. Councilman Harvey thanked the administrators and hospital professionals who were in attendance. President Weatherford called for a short recess prior to preceding with the meeting.

21. 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.

President Weatherford then moved Item 21 up without objection from the council. Russell J. Stutes, Jr., City Attorney, explained that four votes would be required to adopt the ordinance. He stated that approval would rescind Ordinance No. 20563 and remove the current allocation of CDBG-DR funds to the Goosport Recreation Facility. Any funds made available by that action would be required to proceed through the City's normal process for obligating funds. He also stated that a vote against would leave the Ordinance in place. Councilman Marks stated that the reason he requested this item to be reconsidered is because he believed his previous vote did a disservice to the public, because he believes that some of the information the council was provided was inaccurate, and he felt that that influenced his vote. Joshua Macer, 114 Hodges Street, Lake Charles, LA, owner of ACTS Theater and Macer Consulting, stated he supported investment in Goosport and North Lake Charles and agreed the community deserved modern recreation facilities, but helping Goosport should not mean abandoning Railroad Avenue without a transparent explanation and replacement plan. He further stated the Railroad Avenue project included sidewalks, drainage, transit improvements, landscaping, and safer connections between Ryan Street and Reid Street which were needed by the cultural district. He further stated that his foundation, the Melissa Macer Foundation, had plans to

invest in and revitalize Railroad Avenue and the Nellie Lutch Cultural District. President Weatherford read comments from Jacob Rafferty, 1718 W. Common Street, Lake Charles, LA; Leslie Fain, 1215 Kirkman Street, Lake Charles, LA; Cierra Theriot, 6675 East Highway 90, Lot 25, Lake Charles, LA, supporting the Railroad Avenue project and/or requesting that both the Railroad Avenue and Goosport Recreation projects proceed. The comments cited concerns regarding existing infrastructure, sidewalks and lighting. Mack Dellafosse, 1917 19th Street, Lake Charles, LA, requested additional information regarding the amount of funding involved, the reason for reconsideration, and the use of FEMA funds for the Goosport Recreation Center. He suggested consideration of allocating funds to Central or South Lake Charles, noting the number of recreation centers in North Lake Charles and the limited facilities in Central Lake Charles along with the Goosport Center being refurbished after the hurricanes. President Weatherford read emails from Rain Nations, Bayou Sol Entertainment, supporting the Railroad Avenue project and expressing concerns regarding sidewalks in the area. Additional written comments were received emails from Garret Manuel and JoJo Alexander, 1211 Lafargue Street, Lake Charles, LA. Lydia Delcambre, 1208 Texas Street, Sulphur, LA, works with Melissa Macer Foundation and ACTS, urged the Council not to reallocate grant funds from the Railroad Avenue project to the Goosport Facility. She stated that improvements to streets, lighting, and drainage along Railroad Avenue could be similarly transformative for the neighborhood. President Weatherford read additional statements supporting the Railroad Avenue project from Ashley Royer, 700 Cherryhill Street, Lake Charles, LA; Lauren Fontenot, Studio L. Dance Company, 809 Kirby Street, Lake Charles, LA; Debbie Brougham, 533 Delord Lane, Lake Charles, LA; Markie Hebert, representing ACTS Theater, 1425 Lasalette Avenue, Sulphur, LA; Skylar McMillan, 3545 Saint Nick Street, Lake Charles, LA, Storytellers, LLC, 3545 Saint Nick Street, Lake Charles, LA; Kristina Webster, 401 Louisiana Avenue, Sulphur, LA; Katherine Cole, 1859 Poeyfarre Drive, Sulphur, LA; Amber Hembree, 5020 Pecan Acres Street, Lake Charles, LA appeared in person; Gusharo Gutierrez, 4617 Pelican Drive; Miriam Abuzied, 129 Abella Way, Melissa Macer Foundation; Rebecca Guillory, Gist Lane, Lake Charles, LA; Kathy Heath, 1535 John Drive, Lake Charles, LA. Statements from individuals submitting cards and requesting that their comments be included into the record were also ready in by President Weatherford. Councilman Marks raised concerns regarding the deadlines presented to the Council at the time of the previous vote. He stated that the deadline for submitting new projects had been extended to October 15, 2026, which he stated the administration was aware of from a letter they received from the Louisiana Office of Community Development in April, 2026. Councilman Marks also questioned whether the required community meetings had been conducted prior to the previous vote. Mayor Simien stated that the Phase I environmental assessment had been completed under the previous administration, and determined that a Phase II would be required due to a Superfund contamination site within approximately 1.1-mile radius of the project area. He further stated that, although the deadline had been extended to October 15, 2026, the City was required to submit information ninety days in advance, and that insufficient time remained for consultants to complete the necessary work. Councilman Bilbo stated that he would have preferred both projects to proceed, but acknowledged that funding was insufficient to complete both projects. John Cardone, City Administrator, stated that a portion of Railroad Avenue improvements would be included in the

current year's Capital Improvement Outlay budget, with additional work anticipated in next year's budget. Councilman Weatherford expressed support for phasing improvements to sidewalks and lighting. Mark Tizeno, Community Development, stated that community meetings had been held regarding the project. Councilman Harvey stated that he would vote consistent with his previous position because the proposed Goosport Recreation change had been publicly announced. He requested that the City please be transparent and provide additional information to the public and have public meetings. He expressed concern that improved communication and transparency could have prevented the current situation. He further stated that he was baffled that when requesting documentation, the council could not receive hard evidence. Councilman Harvey further stated that he has requested that all communications from the Administration be provided by email and he reiterated that request. He further stated that the constituents were speaking out tonight because they had not been informed officially of the proposed changes and apologized to those advocating for Railroad Avenue, stating that he believed his original vote had been influenced by misinformation. City Attorney, Mr. Stutes, clarified that a "yes" vote would rescind Ordinance No. 20563 and remove approval and allocation of the CDBG-DR funds to Goosport. A "no" vote would leave Ordinance No. 20563 in effect and maintain the allocation of the CDBG-DR funds to Goosport. The vote was as follows:

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

For: 1 - Craig Marks

Against: 6 - Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford

Absent: 0 -

Abstain: 0 - None

Public Hearings

4. 26-300

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1610 Graham Street, Allen J. Mitchell, 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. There were no requests to speak on this item but the owner had been in contact with Russell J. Stutes, Jr., City Attorney, and provided paperwork showing the property was being sold to Project Build-A-Future. Councilman Harvey recommended deferring to the October 7, 2026, regular council meeting, which was approved by the following vote.

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

5. 26-348

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1703 Winterhalter Street, Bradley Joseph Calais, Armentine Pete, Armentine Patt, Henry Joseph Calais, Jr., Lutta Marie Calais, Mary Calais Savoie, Louis Calais, Ruby Marie Calais, Adley Joseph Calais, Gustane Calais, James Phillip Calais, Adelle Broussard, Norris Calais, Audrey Mae LeBlanc and Marjorie Senegal, 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 July 1, 2026. There were no requests to speak on this item. Councilman Fondel recommended time delays of 15/15 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

6. 26-350

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 2007 7th Avenue, Demetris Antoine, 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 Legal Department stated that they had been in contact with the owner and the owner planned on selling the property and was not adverse to the City demolishing the structure. Councilman Bilbo recommended time delays of 15/15 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

7. 26-352

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of two structures located at 210 Cherry Street and 212 Cherry Street, Benjamin Geyen, Jr., Willie Mae Jackson, Chester Geyen, Claudette Mae Geyen, Franklin Geyen and Margaret Haley, owners. This item was deferred at the start of the meeting and rescheduled for the

regular council meeting on September 2, 2026.

8. 26-353

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 2436 Poplar Street, John Ladd, James Lee White, Charlie Carter, Willie Rogers White, Jr., Marie Thomas, Samuel White (Estate), Florence E. Espree, and Bertha H. Davis, 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 the July 1, 2026 regular meeting. James White, 2520 Oak Cliff, Lake Charles, LA stated he represented the family and requested that the City demolish the structure. Councilman Harvey recommended time delays of 15/15 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. 26-254

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.

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.

Charlie St. Dizier, who was appointed as a curator on behalf of the owners, stated that he had spoken to the owners' son, Edward Gallien, III, and requested a continuance to allow time to speak with the owners. Councilman Harvey recommended deferral to October 7, 2026, which was approved by the following vote.

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

10. 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.

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.

Monique Wiltz, 2120 10th Street, Lake Charles, LA, stated she was in the process of repairing the structure and requested additional time due to her father's recent death in January. Councilman Harvey recommended deferral to the September 2, 2026, regular council meeting, which was approved by the following vote.

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

- 11. 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 September 2, 2026.

Ordinances for Final Action

- 12. 26-370** An ordinance accepting the lowest responsible bid and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for Project No. CP3433 - 2022 Drainage Infrastructure Improvements - Package No. 1 and amend the budget as necessary.

Sponsor: Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr.

Councilman Bilbo recommended rejecting all bids and rebidding this item at a later date due to all bids coming in over the projected estimate.

A motion was made that this item be to reject all bids and rebid at a later date. 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

- 13. 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.
Mayor Simien stated that it was requested to move the location from the former location that would have been run by Second Harvest because they had been disqualified to receive the funds due to bankruptcy filings.

Mack Dellafosse, 1917 19th Street, Lake Charles, LA questioned the number of resiliency hubs being constructed on the north side of Lake Charles and not in central or south Lake Charles. Mayor Simien explained that part of the requirement for using the funds was that it had to be used in a low to moderate income area and the Learning Center, which is also a resiliency hub, would be run by Christian Baptist Church and located on Fifth Avenue. Mayor Simien further explained that the Sports Complex and this resiliency hub would be owned by the City as primary facilities. Mr. Dellafosse further questioned the amount of funding and locations. Mark Tizano, with Community Development, stated that the Hope Center resiliency center being constructed was from HUD funding and not CDBG-DR funding. Councilman Fondel had concerns about why the money was moved from his district to north Lake Charles. Fitzgerald Darbonne, 2325 Hagan Street, representing the African American Chamber of Commerce, stated there were already two primary resiliency centers being located in north Lake Charles and questioned why the City needed a secondary center. He also requested that a credit union be built in the resiliency hub. Mayor Simien explained that there will be rental spots, but the funds could not be used to build a credit union. He explained that the funds could only be used in a low to moderate income area and there were specifics on the use of the funds and gave an example that the City was not even able to use the funds for furniture. Councilman Marks made a motion to separate the property from the project because he did not believe the property was worth the appraised value. He further stated that they were purchasing 2.4 acres of land for \$356,000.00. Councilman Harvey stated that he would not object to the use of the funds in District A, but requested that transparency be provided to the council in the future and that any responses to his concerns be sent through email correspondence and not communicated verbally. Councilman Young called the question, which was seconded by Councilman Bilbo by a vote of 7-0. After consideration, the council voted as follows:

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

For: 6 - Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford
Against: 1 - Craig Marks
Absent: 0 -
Abstain: 0 - None

14. 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.

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

15. 26-439 An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to implement the 2026 Pay Matrix for the Lake Charles Police Department.
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
16. 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.
This item was deferred at the start of the meeting and rescheduled for the regular council meeting on August 19, 2026.
17. 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.
This item was deferred at the start of the meeting and rescheduled for the regular council meeting on August 19, 2026.
18. 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.
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. 26-446 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.
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. 26-463** Introduction and final action of an ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to submit an application to the Calcasieu Parish Road and Drainage Trust Fund and, if granted, to execute any and all agreements in connection therewith. Russell J. Stutes, Jr., City Attorney, read the item into the record. Emily McDaniel, Director of Finance, explained that this grant is one that the City applies for annually and the funds received, if awarded, would cover a drainage project on Legendre Street and South Park Road.
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

Executive Session

- 23. 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. The Council opted not to go into Executive Session.
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. 26-421** 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 19, 2026. Councilman Bilbo stated that the reason for the deferral was that the City was waiting for information to be provided by FEMA.
- 26. 26-454** A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 641 6th Street, Matthew D. Henrich, owner. The hearing date is set for September 16, 2026.
A motion was made that this item be Approve. 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

27. 26-455

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 802 North Simmons Street, Joseph Trent Andrepont, Matilda Andrepont Fontenot, Jo Ann Andrepont, Nathaniel Gregory Key, Ramona May Key Prudhomme, Clarence Mathias Andrepont, Marshall Lawrence Andrepont, Eldridge Andrepont, Marjorie Guillory Talbot, Peter Elgie Guillory, Eleanor Elaine Guillory St. Mary, Audrey Jean Guillory Duplechain, Julius Leo Guillory, Emily Jeanette Guillory Creighton, John Edward Guillory, Sara Ardean Guillory Williams, Cheryl Ann Guillory Atooli, Joseph Anthony Guillory, Terri Annette Guillory Dinkins, Derrick James Guillory, Lois Veer Guillory, Lewis Robert Guillory, Charles Dandre Edwards, Casandra Rose Edwards, and Joseph Perce Edwards, owners, subject to a tax lien held by the State of Louisiana. The hearing date is set for September 16, 2026.
A motion was made that this item be Approve. 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

28. 26-456

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 913 5th Avenue, Castillo Investments, LLC, owner. The hearing date is set for September 16, 2026.
A motion was made that this item be Approve. 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

29. 26-457

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1011 Orange Street (carport/deck only), Charles Thomas Miller, owner. The hearing date is set for September 16, 2026.
A motion was made that this item be Approve. 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

30. 26-458

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1415 8th Street (south wing building only), Hamilton Christian Academy, Inc., owner.

The hearing date is set for September 16, 2026.

A motion was made that this item be Approve. 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

31. 26-459

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1432 Fournet Street (garage only), Alex John, Jr. (Estate), owner. The hearing date is set for September 16, 2026.

A motion was made that this item be Approve. 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

32. 26-460

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1433 Shaw Street, JDB Holdings, LLC, owner, subject to a tax lien held by the State of Louisiana.

The hearing date is set for September 16, 2026.

A motion was made that this item be Approve. 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

33. 26-461

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 1616 Legion Street, Willard Edward Captain, owner.

The hearing date is set for September 16, 2026.

A motion was made that this item be Approve. 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

34. 26-477

A resolution setting date for public hearing on condemnation of a structure located at 4508 Autumnwood Lane (burned structure), Jacob Robert and Heather Lynn Ross, LLC, owner.

The hearing date is set for September 16, 2026.

A motion was made that this item be Approve. 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

35. 26-453

A resolution accepting Project Number DR002 - Public Works New Facility Phase I as substantially complete and authorizing the advertising of the 45-day lien period.

A motion was made that this item be Approve. 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 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

36. 26-452

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into a contract with Soup Kitchen Media, LLC for the airing of City Council meetings for a three-year period.

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

37. 26-464

An ordinance amending Appendix C of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake Charles and granting Delta South Louisiana Gas Company, LLC the right to construct, install, remove, replace, operate and maintain facilities for the transportation, distribution, and sale of gas in said City of Lake Charles and, for such purposes, to use, operate in, and excavate in the public highways, streets, sidewalks, alleys, squares, commons, grounds, and other publicly owned areas and levying a franchise (privilege) tax for the purpose.

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

38. 26-465

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement with Thomson Reuters for the West Proflex legal research subscription service for a period of four (4) years for use by the City of Lake Charles Legal Department.

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

- 39. 26-468** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 641 6th Street, Matthew D. Henrich, owner.
Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.
- 40. 26-469** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 802 North Simmons Street, Joseph Trent Andrepont, Matilda Andrepont Fontenot, Jo Ann Andrepont, Nathaniel Gregory Key, Ramona May Key Prudhomme, Clarence Mathias Andrepont, Marshall Lawrence Andrepont, Eldridge Andrepont, Marjorie Guillory Talbot, Peter Elgie Guillory, Eleanor Elaine Guillory St. Mary, Audrey Jean Guillory Duplechain, Julius Leo Guillory, Emily Jeanette Guillory Creighton, John Edward Guillory, Sara Ardean Guillory Williams, Cheryl Ann Guillory Atooli, Joseph Anthony Guillory, Terri Annette Guillory Dinkins, Derrick James Guillory, Lois Veer Guillory, Lewis Robert Guillory, Charles Dandre Edwards, Casandra Rose Edwards, and Joseph Perce Edwards, owners, subject to a tax lien held by the State of Louisiana.
Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.
- 41. 26-470** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 913 5th Avenue, Castillo Investments, LLC, owner.
Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.
- 42. 26-472** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1011 Orange Street (carport/deck only), Charles Thomas Miller, owner.
Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.
- 43. 26-473** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1415 8th Street (south wing building only), Hamilton Christian Academy, Inc., owner.
Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.
- 44. 26-474** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1432 Fournet Street (garage only), Alex John, Jr. (Estate), owner.
Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.
- 45. 26-475** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1433 Shaw Street, JDB Holdings, LLC, owner, subject to a tax lien held by the State of Louisiana.
Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.
- 46. 26-476** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1616 Legion Street, Willard Edward Captain, owner.
Introduced as read into the record by Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.
- 47. 26-478** An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to

enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 4508 Autumnwood Lane (burned structure), Jacob Robert and Heather Lynn Ross, LLC, owner.

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

48. 26-479

An ordinance renaming that portion of 5th Street between First Avenue and Enterprise Boulevard to "Coach Herman Weston Street" .

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 8:42 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 19, 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 copy of the Minutes of a meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 5th day of August, 2026.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed hereon the official seal of said City, this 13th day of August, 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 5th day of August, 2026.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my official signature and impressed upon the official seal of said City, this 13th day of August, 2026.

s/Renee' P. DeVille, Clerk of the Council.

The City of Lake Charles fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Americans with Disabilities Act, and related statutes, executive orders, and regulations in all programs and activities. The City operates without regard to race, color, or national origin. Any person who believes him/herself or any specific class of persons, to be subjected to discrimination prohibited by Title VI and/or Americans with Disabilities Act may by him/herself or by representative file a written complaint with the City of Lake Charles. The City's Title VI Coordinator/ADA Coordinator may be reached by phone at (337) 491 1440, the Mayor's Action Line at (337) 491 1346, or contact the appropriate Department Head.



City of Lake Charles

Signature Copy

Ordinance: 20598

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

File Number: 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.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature enacted 2020 La. Act 330, which added Subpart D–1 of Part I of Chapter 5–E of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, which was amended by 2024 La. Act 432 and 2026 Senate Bill 113, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1248.1 through 1248.10, to create and provide for a local healthcare provider participation program for the purpose of financing state and local healthcare expenditures under Medicaid through an assessment on certain local hospitals within parishes and other local governments, including the City of Lake Charles; and

WHEREAS, the cost of healthcare is increasingly expensive; and

WHEREAS, local hospital assessments will result in an increase of the federal matching funds to be used to pay healthcare costs, maintain access to healthcare, and expand access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, those local hospitals that will pay the assessments are in support of the local healthcare provider participation program; and

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

SECTION 1: The City Council of Lake Charles enacts the following ordinance authorizing Lake Charles to participate in a healthcare provider participation program to be codified under Chapter 25 “Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program” as follows:

CHAPTER 25 - LOCAL HEALTHCARE PROVIDER PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

Sec. 25-1. - Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program Ordinance

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “City of Lake Charles Local Provider Participation Fund Ordinance”.

Sec. 25-2. - Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program Annual Assessment

For the privilege of operating in the City of Lake Charles, there is levied upon hospitals, as

identified in La. R.S. 40:1248.1 through 1248.10, a local hospital assessment for each fiscal year (the "Local Hospital Assessment"). The rate of the Local Hospital Assessment for each fiscal year shall be in accordance with La. R.S. 40:1248.8 and will be provided annually by resolution of the City Council of Lake Charles.

Sec. 25-3. - Adoption of State Law

The Local Hospital Assessment shall be levied, collected and used, or refunded to paying hospitals, in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 40, Subpart D-1 of Part I of Chapter 5-E, as amended, which are adopted and incorporated by reference.

Sec. 25-4. - Payments

The Local Hospital Assessment levied herein shall be due as specified by an invoice sent to the hospital. Any payment not paid within thirty days of the due date shall be deemed delinquent.

Interest at the rate of one-quarter (0.25) percent per month may be added to the amount of the delinquent payment and such interest shall be computed from the due date of the payment until it is paid. Such interest may be waived for good cause shown. All penalties and interest attributable to delinquent Local Hospital Assessment payments will be deposited and made part of the local provider participation fund.

Sec. 25-5 - Depository for Local Hospital Assessment Funds

The City of Lake Charles shall designate its fiscal agent bank as a depository for the Local Hospital Assessment payments received by the City of Lake Charles. A bank designated as a depository serves until a successor is designated by the City of Lake Charles Finance Department.

Sec. 25- 6. - Collection of the Local Hospital Assessment Payments

The City of Lake Charles may collect or select an appropriate entity to collect the Local Hospital Assessment payments in accordance with La. R.S. 1248.9. The amount of annual fees for collecting the Local Hospital Payments that may be paid for each fiscal year shall be in accordance with La. R.S. 40:1248.8 and 40:1248.9 and will be approved annually by resolution of the City Council of Lake Charles.

Sec. 25-7. - Authorized Uses of Local Hospital Assessment Funds

Monies in the local provider participation fund shall not be commingled with other City funds. Excess monies in the local provider participation fund in any given fiscal year may be carried forward to the following fiscal year.

Monies in the local provider participation fund may be used only as permitted for one or more of the following purposes or as allowed by La. R.S. 1248.7:

(1) To fund intergovernmental transfers from the City of Lake Charles to the state to provide the nonfederal share of a program of Medicaid payments that benefit hospitals in the City of Lake Charles.

(2) To pay the allowable administrative expenses of City of Lake Charles associated exclusively with activities authorized by La. R.S. 40:1248.1 through 1248.10. The amount of allowable administrative expenses of the City of Lake Charles may not exceed the amount stated in La. R.S. 40:1248.8(D).

(3) To refund a portion of a local hospital assessment payment collected in error from a paying hospital.

(4) To refund to paying hospitals the proportionate share of money received by the City of Lake Charles from the Louisiana Department of Health that is not used to fund the nonfederal share of Medicaid payment program payments.

Sec. 25-8. - Other Necessary Actions

The City Administrator or the Director of Finance or appropriate staff are authorized to take all other actions necessary to implement the requirements of La. R.S. 40:1248.1 through 1248.10. To the extent any section of the City of Lake Charles Local Provider Participation Fund Ordinance is inconsistent with or conflicts with the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the Louisiana Revised Statutes will control.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall be effective upon signature by the Mayor, or ten days following adoption by the City Council, whichever comes first.

SECTION 3: The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

At a meeting of the City Council on 8/5/2026, a motion was made that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Craig Marks, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot

Against: 0 None

Abstain: 1 Stuart Weatherford

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: 20599

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

File Number: 26-348

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 1703 Winterhalter Street, Bradley Joseph Calais, Armentine Pete, Armentine Patt, Henry Joseph Calais, Jr., Lutta Marie Calais, Mary Calais Savoie, Louis Calais, Ruby Marie Calais, Adley Joseph Calais, Gustane Calais, James Phillip Calais, Adelle Broussard, Norris Calais, Audrey Mae LeBlanc and Marjorie Senegal, owners.

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 20th day of May 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 1703 Winterhalter Street, legally described as: E 55 ft of com 245 ft S of inters Shattuck St with Carey St or E Belden St on E/S of Shattuck S 55 ft, E 110 ft etc being part of Lot 3 Richard Sub of 12 acs in SW SW NW 33.9.8, in the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and all improvements situated thereon, and owned by Bradley Joseph Calais, Armentine Pete, Armentine Patt, Henry Joseph Calais, Jr., Lutta Marie Calais, Mary Calais Savoie, Louis Calais, Ruby Marie Calais, Adley Joseph Calais, Gustane Calais, James Phillip Calais, Adelle Broussard, Norris Calais, Audrey Mae LeBlanc and Marjorie Senegal, be repaired, demolished and/or removed. A permit must be obtained from the City Permit Center by the 20th day of August, 2026, and the repair, demolition and/or removal completed by the 20th day of August, 2026. In default thereof, the City of Lake Charles shall demolish and/or remove said improvements on the above described property on the 21st day of August, 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 21st 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 5th day of August, 2026, and shall become final within

five (5) days as provided by law.

At a meeting of the City Council on 8/5/2026, 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

Abstain: 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: 20600

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

File Number: 26-350

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 2007 7th Avenue, Demetris Antoine, 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 20th day of May 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 2007 7th Avenue, legally described as: Lt 3 Blk 23 Oak Park #4, in the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and all improvements situated thereon, and owned by Demetris Antoine, be repaired, demolished and/or removed. A permit must be obtained from the City Permit Center by the 20th day of August, 2026, and the repair, demolition and/or removal completed by the 20th day of August, 2026. In default thereof, the City of Lake Charles shall demolish and/or remove said improvements on the above described property on the 21st day of August, 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 21st 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 5th day of August, 2026, and shall become final within five (5) days as provided by law.

At a meeting of the City Council on 8/5/2026, 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

Abstain: 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: 20601

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

File Number: 26-353

An ordinance ordering demolition and authorizing the City of Lake Charles to enter into an agreement for demolition of a structure located at 2436 Poplar Street, John Ladd, James Lee White, Charlie Carter, Willie Rogers White, Jr., Marie Thomas, Samuel White (Estate), Florence E. Espree, and Bertha H. Davis, owners.

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 20th day of May 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 2436 Poplar Street, legally described as: Lot 2 Blk 3 sub of S part Prater Heirs tract, in the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and all improvements situated thereon, and owned by John Ladd, James Lee White, Charlie Carter, Willie Rogers White, Jr., Marie Thomas, Samuel White (Estate), Florence E. Espree, and Bertha H. Davis, be repaired, demolished and/or removed. A permit must be obtained from the City Permit Center by the 20th day of August, 2026, and the repair, demolition and/or removal completed by the 20th day of August, 2026. In default thereof, the City of Lake Charles shall demolish and/or remove said improvements on the above described property on the 21st day of August, 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 21st 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 5th day of August, 2026, and shall become final within five (5) days as provided by law.

At a meeting of the City Council on 8/5/2026, 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

Abstain: 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: 20606

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

File Number: 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.

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

SECTION 1: Resolution 313-23 identified a list of projects to be associated with the City of Lake Charles' submittal of a Community Development Block Grant for funding through the Louisiana Recovery Programs for projects under the Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program and the Hometown Revitalization Program.

SECTION 2: The project list, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby revised to identify item 5 as "Primary Community Resilience Hub".

SECTION 3: Further, the Mayor of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is hereby authorized to purchase, on behalf of the City of Lake Charles, property identified as Parcel Number 00751405 from the record owner for an amount not to exceed the appraised value, subject to the provisions of LSA R.S. 38:2213.

SECTION 4: 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 the agreed amount from the appropriate City funds.

SECTION 5: 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 8/5/2026, a motion was made that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 Donald W. Fondel, Tommy M. Bilbo, Jr., Matt Young, Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Matthew Vezinot, Stuart Weatherford

Against: 1 Craig Marks

Abstain: 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: 20602

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

File Number: 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.

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

SECTION 1: The City Council of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, does hereby 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.

At a meeting of the City Council on 8/5/2026, 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

Abstain: 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: 20603

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

File Number: 26-439

An ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to implement the 2026 Pay Matrix for the Lake Charles Police Department.

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 will implement the attached 2026 Pay Matrix for the Lake Charles Police Department revised for current employees to receive the appropriate increase that was granted to employees on April 1, 2026. The Pay Matrix for the Lake Charles Police Department is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

At a meeting of the City Council on 8/5/2026, 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

Abstain: 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: 20604

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

File Number: 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.

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

SECTION 1: The City Council of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, does hereby approve and adopt the 2026 Annual Action Plan, which describes the needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities to be undertaken with respect to HUD programs, including any amendments deemed necessary and proper by the Administration and as approved by HUD, in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91 and other applicable HUD regulations.

SECTION 2: The City Council of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, does hereby approve and adopt the 2026 Annual Action Plan for the City of Lake Charles, which describes the needs, resources, priorities and proposed activities to be undertaken with respect to HUD programs for federal funding year 2026, including any amendments deemed necessary and proper by the Administration and as approved by HUD; and does hereby certify that the City possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs in the Action Plan in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91 and other applicable HUD regulations.

SECTION 3: The Mayor of the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is hereby authorized to make application and enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Community Development Block Grant funds, as authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 USC 5301, et seq), for the 2026 federal fiscal year; the Mayor is further authorized to include any provisions in any agreement which the Mayor deems necessary to protect the interest of the City.

SECTION 4: The Mayor of the City of Lake Charles is further authorized to make application and enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for HOME Program funds for the 2026 federal fiscal year, plus any additional amounts which become available from reallocations of unused funds, and to execute, approve, and submit all application documents, statements, certifications, and agreements as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SECTION 5: The Mayor of the City of Lake Charles is further authorized to draft and

approve and to execute or sign any and all forms and documents necessary to administer the HOME Program; to execute or accept security devices upon real estate as security for the conditions required by HUD and with respect to properties rehabilitated with HOME Program funds; to place any terms in any form, document, or agreement which are necessary to meet the requirement of HUD or other related regulations as published in the Federal Register, or which the Mayor deems necessary to protect the interests of the City of Lake Charles; to set project guidelines for HOME funds; and to do any and all things necessary to protect the interests of the City of Lake Charles; to set project guidelines for HOME funds; and to do any and all things necessary and proper to administer the HOME Program in accordance with the requirements of the HOME Investment Partnership Act, as authorized under Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act, Public Law 101 625, and applicable regulations and requirements of HUD.

SECTION 6: The Mayor of the City of Lake Charles is further authorized to draft and approve and to execute or sign any and all forms and documents necessary to administer the CDBG Program.

At a meeting of the City Council on 8/5/2026, 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

Abstain: 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: 20605

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

File Number: 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.

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, on behalf of the City of Lake Charles, with The Merchants of Walnut Grove, Inc. to permit the construction of public parking on City right of way.

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.

At a meeting of the City Council on 8/5/2026, 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

Abstain: 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: 20607

326 Pujo Street
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File Number: 26-463

Introduction and final action of an ordinance authorizing the City of Lake Charles to submit an application to the Calcasieu Parish Road and Drainage Trust Fund and, if granted, to execute any and all agreements in connection therewith.

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 submit an application to the Calcasieu Parish Road and Drainage Trust Fund on behalf of the City of Lake Charles, to apply to the 2027 Road and Drainage Trust Fund; and if granted, to execute any and all agreements in connection therewith.

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 8/5/2026, 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

Abstain: 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: 20608

326 Pujo Street
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File Number: 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.

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 an agreement to settle any and all claims 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.

SECTION 2: The Mayor of the City of Lake Charles is further authorized to include any terms or conditions which he deems necessary in the settlement agreement and to pay said settlement from the appropriate City funds.

At a meeting of the City Council on 8/5/2026, 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

Abstain: 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 _____