

**BUDGET BRIEFING – CITY**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025; 3:00 P.M.**  
**705 W. University Avenue, Council Auditorium**  
**Wrap-Up**

**Council members in attendance:** Kenneth Boudreaux (City District 5 – Finance Chair), Thomas Hooks (City District 4 – Finance Vice-Chair), Elroy Broussard (City District 1), Andy Naquin (City District 2), and Liz Hebert (City District 3)

**Absent:** N/A

**Administration staff members in attendance:** Mayor-President Monique Boulet, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Rachel Godeaux, City-Parish Attorney Pat Ottinger, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Karen Fontenot, Chief of Staff Christina Dayries, Policy Advisor Yancy LeGrande, Budget Manager Denise Deville, Chief Budget Analyst Deosha Matthews, Senior Budget Analyst Jason Gilbert, Public Works Director/Interim Traffic, Roads & Bridges Director Warren Abadie, Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) Director Jeff Stewart, LFT Fiber Director Michael Soileau, Chief Information Officer (CIO) Matthew Duhon, Community Development and Planning Director Tammy Luke, Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture (PARC) Director Timothy Sensley, and staff members representing these and other departments/agencies

**Council staff members in attendance:** Joseph Gordon-Wiltz (Clerk of the Council) and Jeremy “Rich” Richardson (Associate Clerk for Operations & Citizen Advocacy)

**(Time 3:01)** City Finance Chair Kenneth Boudreaux called the budget briefing to order. He then asked Andy Naquin to offer the invocation and Elroy Broussard to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Boudreaux welcomed attendees to the City Wrap-Up budget review, noting procedures for public comment, seating arrangements, and decorum (no food/drink; devices silenced). Public comments limited to departmental budgets; other matters should be directed to the Administration. Budget posted online at [www.LafayetteLA.gov](http://www.LafayetteLA.gov). Council may take one of two actions: general amendment or a separate amendment. Amendments tied to specific districts will generally be offered by that district’s Councilmember; general amendments by the Chair.

**NEW FINANCE “HOUSEKEEPING” AMENDMENTS:**

Chair Boudreaux recognized CFO Karen Fontenot for an overview of additional amendments for consideration that have been compiled by Finance, which were made as follows:

- **\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT by BOUDREAUX** – To increase Wellness Profiles expenses in order to comply with recently passed state mandate in ACT 554 (House Bill 253) to provide cancer screenings for fire fighters; 08-28-2025 Amendment #U, as provided by Finance\*\*

**GENERAL AMENDMENTS:**

Chair Boudreaux requested that Councilmembers review General Amendments and indicate whether they would like to make any changes, which were made as follows:

- N/A

## **SEPARATE AMENDMENTS:**

Chair Boudreaux requested that Councilmembers review the Separate Amendments and indicate whether they would like to make any changes, which were made as follows:

- N/A

## **WRAP-UP ITEMS:**

Chair Boudreaux announced the option to review Wrap-Up items for which Councilmembers will need to propose new amendments or for which more discussion will be needed (or additional questions): **All City Wrap-Up items were withdrawn.**

- **\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY BOUDREAUX** – To add a 4320-AF SMALL EQUIPMENT MECHANIC position under the 6170 PR-J&L HEBERT MUNI GOLF COURSE on page 456 in the amount of \$39,562 (salary on manning tables only; total salaries and benefits is \$55,119 and is broken down within the Department's budget) \*\*
- **\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY BOUDREAUX** – Rename line item 106 VERMILION GARAGE IMPROV on page 403 to VERMILION GARAGE RESTROOM CONSTRUCTION\*\*
- **\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY BOUDREAUX** – Rename line item 164 DOWNTOWN PARKING GARAGE on page 405 to VERMILION GARAGE RESTROOM CONSTRUCTION\*\*
- **\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY BOUDREAUX** – Create a Council reserve account in the amount of \$100,000 from the City General Fund for the Downtown Comprehensive Plan (transfer of funds will depend on Council approval) \*\*
- **\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY BOUDREAUX** – Rename line item 148 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD ENHANCEMENTS on page 404 to JEFFERSON STREET ENHANCEMENTS-E SIMCOE ST TO E PINHOOK RD\*\*
- **\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY BOUDREAUX** – Rename line item 71 JEFFERSON BLVD STREETSCAPE on page 402 to JEFFERSON BLVD STREETSCAPE-SE EVANGELINE THWY TO E SIMCOE ST\*\*
- **\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY BOUDREAUX** – Take \$100,000 from City District 5 capital allotment, then transfer \$200,000 from City General Fund to create a project account GREENHOUSE/ART STUDIO PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS for a project total of \$300,000\*\*
- **\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY BOUDREAUX\*\*** – Create a line item on page 409 for Jay & Lionel Hebert Municipal Golf Course Renovation project in the amount of \$150,000 (1985 Sales

**Tax Capital) to be funded from the City General Fund\*\***

► **Comments from the Public**

- No citizens signed in to address the Council.

Chair Boudreaux declared the conclusion of today's briefing and stated that final adoption of the proposed 2025-2026 budget will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. during a special joint Council meeting, with a special LPPA meeting immediately following. There being no further business, the briefing was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.