

BUDGET BRIEFING – JOINT
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025; 2:00 P.M.
705 W. University Avenue, Council Auditorium
Wrap-Up

Council members in attendance: Kenneth Boudreaux (City District 5 – Finance Chair), AB Rubin (Parish District 5 – Finance Chair), Thomas Hooks (City District 4 – Finance Vice-Chair), Elroy Broussard (City District 1), Andy Naquin (City District 2), Liz Hebert (City District 3), Bryan Tabor (Parish District 1), Ken Stansbury (Parish District 3), and John Guilbeau (Parish District 4)

Absent: Donald Richard (Parish District 2)

Administration staff members in attendance: Mayor-President Monique Boulet, 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, Traffic, Roads & Bridges Director/Interim Public Works Director Warren Abadie, Chief Information Officer (CIO) Matthew Duhon, Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture (PARC) Director Timothy Sensley, Community Development and Planning Director Tammy Luke, 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 2:02) City Finance Chair Kenneth Boudreaux called the budget briefing to order. He then asked Andy Naquin to offer the invocation and Bryan Tabor to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Boudreaux welcomed attendees to the Joint 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. 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. Chair Boudreaux announced that Parish Councilman Donald Richard would be unable to attend today’s briefing.

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:

- N/A

GENERAL AMENDMENTS:

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

- ****GENERAL AMENDMENT BY RUBIN** – To add funding for Parish summer park programs;

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SEPARATE AMENDMENTS:

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

- ****SEPARATE AMENDMENT BY BOUDREAUX** – Proposed salary adjustments for Council Office staff; Tabor objected**

WRAP-UP ITEMS:

Chair Boudreaux announced the option to review Wrap-Up items for which Council members will need to propose new amendments or for which more discussion will be needed (or additional questions): **All Joint Wrap-Up items were withdrawn. Additionally, Parish Councilman John Guilbeau withdrew Parish Wrap-Up item #33.**

► 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. He added that the wrap-up budget review for City Council items is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. today.

There being no further business, the briefing was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.