

BUDGET BRIEFING – PARISH
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025; 1:00 P.M.
705 W. University Avenue, Council Auditorium
Wrap-Up

Council members in attendance: Bryan Tabor (Parish District 1) Ken Stansbury (Parish District 3 – Finance Vice Chair), John Guilbeau (Parish District 4), and AB Rubin (Parish District 5 Finance Chair)

Absent: Donald Richard (Parish District 2)

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, Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture (PARC) Director Timothy Sensley, Lafayette Parish Sheriff Mark Garber, Lafayette Parish Correctional Center (LPCC) Warden/Major of Corrections Kenny Benoit, LPCC Budget Manager Carissa Toucheque, 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 1:00) Finance Chair AB Rubin called the budget briefing to order. He then asked John Guilbeau to offer the invocation and Bryan Tabor to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chair Rubin withdrew Separate Amendment #1 and Separate Amendment #2.

NEW FINANCE “HOUSEKEEPING” AMENDMENTS:

Chair Rubin recognized CFO Karen Fontenot for an overview of additional amendments for consideration that have been compiled by Finance.

Guilbeau offered Lafayette Parish Sheriff Mark Garber time to speak for his department in lieu of the recently withdrawn Separate Amendments 1 & 2. Warden Benoit and Touchet, introduced by Sheriff Garber, gave a brief overview of current jail operations and Lafayette Parish Sheriff’s Office (LPSO) finances, particularly as they relate to the current and proposed jails.

GENERAL AMENDMENTS:

Chair Rubin requested that Councilmembers review the General Amendments and indicate whether they would

like to make any changes, which were made as follows

****GENERAL AMENDMENT BY TABOR – To provide capital appropriation to Adult Correction in the amount of \$1 million from the Courthouse Complex Fund in order to balance Fund 2620 as a result of the City's elimination of appropriation to Correctional Center****

****GENERAL AMENDMENT BY RUBIN – To increase Jailer Services Overflow by \$500,000 and adding external appropriation for LPSO maintenance salaries; 08-28-2025 Amendment #S, as provided by Finance****

SEPARATE AMENDMENTS:

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

- Separate Amendments #1 and #2 were withdrawn earlier in the meeting.

WRAP-UP ITEMS:

Chair Rubin 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 Parish Wrap-Up items were withdrawn, with the exception of #33 (Guilbeau).**

► Comments from the Public

- No citizens signed in to address the Council.

Chair Rubin 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 joint Council items is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. today and 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 1:42 p.m.