

Lafayette Consolidated Government

CITY-PARISH ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Large Council Briefing Room, 705 W. University Ave., Lafayette, LA 70506

Attendees: Committee members Bryan Tabor, Ken Stansbury, Kenneth Boudreaux, Thomas Hooks, Clerk of the Council Joseph Gordon-Wiltz, Mayor-President Monique Boulet, CAO Rachel Godeaux, Chief Financial Officer Karen Fontenot, Budget Manager Denise Deville, Chief Communications Officer Jamie Boudreaux, Senior Budget Analyst Jason Gilbert, & Financial Analyst Laura Grettner.

Absent: None

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 11:05.

2. Follow-up Discussion on City-Parish Allocation

A handout containing the agenda and three proposed versions of the City-Parish Allocation were distributed.

Mayor-President Boulet explained that there are three different options being presented. She expressed the importance in finding a methodology that both the City and Parish Councils can agree on and that is fair to both the City and Parish.

Fontenot discussed the format of the City-Parish Allocation proposed versions handouts. Yellow highlights indicate the revenue based allocation methods. The FY2025 Adopted allocation is on the left and the proposed allocation is on the right. The bottom right footer indicates the version number.

Fontenot explained the difference in the proposed versions of the City-Parish Allocation.

Proposed Version 1 used budgeted expenditures allocation. The allocation for IT is a combination of the number of users and number of transactions within the ERP system. This version would result in \$926,686 of costs being shifted from the City to the Parish.

Proposed Version 2 used budgeted expenditures and population allocations. The allocation for IT is number of transactions within the ERP system. This version would result in \$1,413,144 of costs being shifted from the City to the Parish.

Proposed Version 3 used budgeted expenditures and population allocations. The allocation for IT is number of users and number of transactions within the ERP system. This version would result in \$1,812,000 of costs being shifted from City to Parish.

Mayor-President stated to not only look at the dollars but also look at the allocation methods and the form and function of the government to determine the best method.

Councilman Stansbury wants the City-Parish Allocation to be fair. He stated that he would like to implement the changes over a time period.

Fontenot stated that there are some line items relating to the ERP system that will be removed from the allocation schedule in the future. The Innovation Services – ERP and Innovation Services – ERP Overtime line items will be removed once implementation is complete in December 2025. She also explained that the line item General Accounts-other: Governmental Relations was removed from the allocation schedule because this is already being allocated when the invoice is paid.

Councilman Stansbury asked for an explanation of Development & Planning line items. Fontenot explained these allocations were changed to population within City and Unincorporated Parish.

Councilman Boudreaux asked about the Council Office and Mayor-President allocation on proposed version 2. Godeaux stated that this was a typo. The proposed allocation method should change from 1 Budgeted Expenditures to 31 Population. Boudreaux explained that Council Office should be equally distributed. He stated that he agrees with Councilman Stansbury that the changes should not be applied all at one time. The City and the Parish both need to pay their bills and live within their means.

Councilman Tabor asked the CFO for her opinion on the City-Parish allocation schedule and the methods. Fontenot advised that the methods used within the City-Parish allocation schedule is for both the City and Parish Councils to determine what is fair and responsible.

Tabor asked how much of the millage collected for roads goes to municipalities versus the City. Fontenot distributed 2025 Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Increase and City & Parish Work Order hand outs. Fontenot explained that 61% of the property tax generated comes from the City of Lafayette.

An analysis of Parish Ad Valorem for roads and drainage shows that the City receives services proportionate to the dollars the City of Lafayette citizens contribute.

Stansbury asked if there was anything that could be done to simplify the process. Discussed the future and annexations.

Mayor-President asked the Councilmen to review the proposed versions by each line and let administration know of any changes that are needed.

Councilman Hooks questioned if all costs that need to be allocated are being allocated in this schedule. Fontenot confirmed that the entire allocation schedule was reviewed and all costs are being allocated.

3. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:25.