

**BUDGET BRIEFING – PARISH  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021; 1:00 P.M.  
705 W. University Avenue, Council Auditorium  
Wrap-Up**

**Council members in attendance:** Kevin Naquin (Parish District 2 – Finance Chair), Josh Carlson (Parish District 3), John Guilbeau (Parish District 4), and AB Rubin (Parish District 5)

**Absent:** Bryan Tabor (Parish District 1)

**Administration staff members in attendance:** Mayor-President Josh Guillory, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Cydra Wingerter, City-Parish Attorney Gregory Logan, Chief of Staff Robert Benoit, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Lorrie Toups, Controller Melinda Felps, Budget Manager Kerney Simoneaux, Financial Analyst Laura Grettner, Fire Chief Robert Benoit, Community Development and Planning Director Mary Sliman, Lafayette Parish Correctional Center Warden/Major of Corrections Paula Smith, and staff members representing these and other departments/agencies

**Council staff members in attendance:** Veronica L. Williams (Clerk of the Council) and Joseph Gordon-Wiltz (Assistant Clerk)

**(Time 1:03)** Finance Chair Kevin Naquin called the budget briefing to order. He then asked AB Rubin to offer the invocation and John Guilbeau to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Naquin welcomed everyone to this budget briefing on the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 budget. Citizens were instructed that a speaker form should be filled out in order to address the Council and be submitted to Council Clerk Veronica L. Williams. He stated that the proposed budget document has been posted to the LCG website on the Finance page and that public comment would be held immediately following each department's budget review. Chair Naquin identified the two (2) possible actions that could be taken during the Wrap-Up briefing. A Council member may propose changing the budget by: (1) a general amendment, when the entire Council agrees on a recommendation/proposed amendment or (2) a separate amendment, when a Council member objects to a recommended budget change. He also announced that Bryan Tabor (Parish District 1) would not be in attendance.

Chair Naquin asked for any comments or remarks from Mayor-President Josh Guillory and CFO Lorrie Toups.

**NEW FINANCE “HOUSEKEEPING” AMENDMENTS:**

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

- None

CFO Toups referred to Amendment # 10 on the “ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION DURING 08/24/2021 WRAP-UP MEETING” document of “Housekeeping” amendments and noted that additional changes were needed and the item would be revisited at a future meeting.

## **GENERAL AMENDMENTS:**

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

[CHANGE] General Amendment #22 was eliminated, as it was deemed a duplicate and unnecessary amendment:

~~\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY K. NAQUIN — “Adjusting Accounts to Agree to VFD Funding Requirements” (amendment provided in advance by Finance)\*\*~~

Note: This item was reinstated at the following meeting, clarifying that it was not a duplicate and the amendment was needed to correct funding from 8 months to 12 months.

## **SEPARATE AMENDMENTS:**

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

- None

## **WRAP-UP ITEMS:**

Chair Naquin announced that the following Wrap-Up items have been pulled by request of the respective Council members: 17, 18, and 19. He then requested that Council members pull any remaining items for which they are satisfied with the response and no further action is needed. Alternatively, Chair Naquin provided the option to review remaining Wrap-Up items for which Council members will need to propose new amendments or for which more discussion will be needed (or additional questions).

### K. Naquin’s Wrap-Up Items

#16 – K. Naquin indicated his satisfaction with the information received. The item was pulled.

### **► Comments from the Public**

*No additional citizens signed in to address the Council.*

Chair Naquin declared the conclusion of today’s briefing and stated that final adoption of the proposed 2021-2022 budget will be held on Thursday, September 9, 2021 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 1:12 p.m.

**BUDGET BRIEFING – JOINT  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021; 2:00 P.M.  
705 W. University Avenue, Council Auditorium  
Wrap-Up**

**Council members in attendance:** Liz Hebert (City District 3 – Finance Chair), Kevin Naquin (Parish District 2 – Finance Chair), Pat Lewis (City District 1), Andy Naquin (City District 2), Nanette Cook (City District 4), Glenn Lazard (City District 5), Josh Carlson (Parish District 3), and AB Rubin (Parish District 5)

**Absent:** Bryan Tabor (Parish District 1) and John Guilbeau (Parish District 4)

**Administration staff members in attendance:** Mayor-President Josh Guillory, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Cydra Wingerter, City-Parish Attorney Gregory Logan, Chief of Staff Robert Benoit, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Lorrie Toups, Controller Melinda Felps, Budget Manager Kerney Simoneaux, Financial Analyst Laura Grettner, Fire Chief Robert Benoit, Chief Information Officer (CIO) Randy Gray, Community Development and Planning Director Mary Sliman, Lafayette City Court Judge Doug Saloom, and staff members representing these and other departments/agencies

**Council staff members in attendance:** Veronica L. Williams (Clerk of the Council) and Joseph Gordon-Wiltz (Assistant Clerk)

**(Time 2:04)** Finance Chair Liz Hebert called the budget briefing to order. She then asked Nanette Cook to offer the invocation and Andy Naquin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Hebert welcomed everyone to this budget briefing on the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 budget. Citizens were instructed that a speaker form should be filled out in order to address the Council and be submitted to Council Clerk Veronica L. Williams. She stated that the proposed budget document has been posted to the LCG website on the Finance page and that public comment would be held immediately following each department’s budget review. Chair Hebert identified the two (2) possible actions that could be taken during the Wrap-Up briefing. A Council member may propose changing the budget by: (1) a general amendment, when the entire Council agrees on a recommendation/proposed amendment or (2) a separate amendment, when a Council member objects to a recommended budget change. She also announced that Bryan Tabor (Parish District 1) and John Guilbeau (Parish District 4) would not be in attendance.

Chair Hebert asked for any comments or remarks from Mayor-President Josh Guillory and CFO Lorrie Toups.

[CHANGE] General Amendment #22 was eliminated in error during the previously-held Parish Wrap-Up budget review, but was herein reinstated:

**\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY K. NAQUIN – “Adjusting Accounts to Agree to VFD Funding Requirements,” providing for a full 12 months of funding (amendment provided in advance by Finance)\*\***

**NEW FINANCE “HOUSEKEEPING” AMENDMENTS:**

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

**\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY K. NAQUIN & A. NAQUIN – “Adjusting Fire 2% State Insurance Rebate based upon updated State Figures,” as provided by Finance\*\***

- This becomes General Amendment #26

**\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY COOK & RUBIN – “Allocation of City Hall Security Cost,” as provided by Finance\*\***

- This becomes General Amendment #27

**\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY K. NAQUIN & COOK – “Move Parish Project (Parish Zoning) from City Funding to Parish Funding,” as provided by Finance\*\***

- This becomes General Amendment #28

**\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY A. NAQUIN & CARLSON – “Adjusting City Judges’ Salaries per State Statute – Schedule B,” as provided by Finance (with corrected Parish account numbers)\*\***

- This becomes General Amendment #29

### **GENERAL AMENDMENTS:**

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

- None

### **SEPARATE AMENDMENTS:**

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

[CHANGE] Chair Hebert removed her objection from Separate Amendment #1.

**\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY HEBERT – “Funding for North Lafayette Redevelopment Authority” in the amount of \$250,000 (amendment provided in advance by Finance)\*\***

- This becomes General Amendment #30

### **WRAP-UP ITEMS:**

Chair Hebert announced that the following Wrap-Up items have been pulled by request of the respective Council members: 2, 3, 5, and 8 (#4 was reidentified as a City item). She then requested that Council members pull any remaining items for which they are satisfied with the response and no further action is needed. Alternatively, Chair Hebert provided the option to review remaining Wrap-Up items for which Council members will need to propose new amendments or for which more discussion will be needed (or additional questions).

Hebert’s Wrap-Up Items

#6 – Chair Hebert indicated her satisfaction with the information received. The item was pulled

**NEW COUNCIL AMENDMENTS:**

Chair Hebert gave Council members an opportunity to offer new budget amendments;

- None

**► Comments from the Public**

*No citizens signed in to address the Council.*

Chair Hebert declared the conclusion of today’s briefing and stated that final adoption of the proposed 2021-2022 budget will be held on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. during a special joint Council meeting, with a special LPPA meeting immediately following. She 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 2:30 p.m.

**BUDGET BRIEFING – CITY  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021; 3:00 P.M.  
705 W. University Avenue, Council Auditorium  
Wrap-Up**

**Council members in attendance:** Liz Hebert (City District 3 – Finance Chair), Pat Lewis (City District 1), Andy Naquin (City District 2), Nanette Cook (City District 4), and Glenn Lazard (City District 5)

**Absent:** None

**Administration staff members in attendance:** Mayor-President Josh Guillory, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Cydra Wingerter, City-Parish Attorney Gregory Logan, Chief of Staff Robert Benoit, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Lorrie Toups, Controller Melinda Felps, Budget Manager Kerney Simoneaux, Financial Analyst Laura Grettner, Fire Chief Robert Benoit, Chief Information Officer (CIO) Randy Gray, Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture Director Hollis Conway, Community Development and Planning Director Mary Sliman, Lafayette City Court Judge Doug Saloom, and staff members representing these and other departments/agencies

**Council staff members in attendance:** Veronica L. Williams (Clerk of the Council) and Joseph Gordon-Wiltz (Assistant Clerk)

**(Time 3:00)** Finance Chair Liz Hebert called the budget briefing to order.

Chair Hebert welcomed everyone to this budget briefing on the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 budget. Citizens were instructed that a speaker form should be filled out in order to address the Council and be submitted to Council Clerk Veronica L. Williams. She stated that the proposed budget document has been posted to the LCG website on the Finance page and that public comment would be held immediately following each department’s budget review. Chair Hebert identified the two (2) possible actions that could be taken during the Wrap-Up briefing. A Council member may propose changing the budget by: (1) a general amendment, when the entire Council agrees on a recommendation/proposed amendment or (2) a separate amendment, when a Council member objects to a recommended budget change.

Chair Hebert asked for any comments or remarks from Mayor-President Josh Guillory and CFO Lorrie Toups.

**NEW FINANCE “HOUSEKEEPING” AMENDMENTS:**

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

**\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY COOK – “Adjust SRO Revenue Accounts based upon updated Calculations,” as provided by Finance\*\***

- This becomes General Amendment #31

**\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY A. NAQUIN – “Creation of New Accounts for LUS Backflow Monitoring Program,” as provided by Finance\*\***

- This becomes General Amendment #32

**\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY A. NAQUIN – “Reclassification of Annual Software as a Service**

(SaaS) Cost,” as provided by Finance\*\*

- This becomes General Amendment #33

**\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY A. NAQUIN** – “Increase Funding for Acadiana Crime Lab,” as provided by Finance\*\*

- This becomes General Amendment #34

**\*\*GENERAL AMENDMENT BY COOK** – “Adjusting Various City Court Employees’ Salaries – Requested by Judge Saloom – Schedule A,” as provided by Finance\*\*

- This becomes General Amendment #35

### **GENERAL AMENDMENTS:**

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

- None

### **SEPARATE AMENDMENTS:**

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

[CHANGE] Chair Hebert removed her objection to Separate Amendment #3, which was further corrected under New Finance “Housekeeping” Amendments for the City (see page 1 of this document) and is recorded as General Amendment #32 (New General Amendment #7).

### **WRAP-UP ITEMS:**

Chair Hebert announced that the following Wrap-Up items have been pulled by request of the respective Council members: 1, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15. She then requested that Council members pull any remaining items for which they are satisfied with the response and no further action is needed. Alternatively, Chair Hebert provided the option to review remaining Wrap-Up items for which Council members will need to propose new amendments or for which more discussion will be needed (or additional questions).

#### **A. Naquin’s Wrap-Up Items**

#4 – Lafayette City Judge Doug Saloom addressed the Council to request that the administrations proposed budget for City Court be approved and the administration and City Court could work together for consensus and possible adjustments after the new fiscal year. A. Naquin indicated his satisfaction with the information received.

## **NEW COUNCIL AMENDMENTS:**

Chair Hebert gave Council members an opportunity to offer new budget amendments:

[NEW] **\*\*SEPARATE AMENDMENT BY HEBERT – Appropriate a total of \$200,000 to Citywide Traffic Calming with \$60,000 coming from Fund 401 and \$140,000 coming from the City General Fund (with the intention to work with the Administration to identify alternative funding source(s) for the \$140,000 appropriation from the City General Fund)\*\* A. Naquin objected.**

Glenn Lazard requested a list with the status of all capital projects that are currently identified and have been previously funded, the age of the projects, and amount of funding appropriated to those projects. CFO Toups reminded Lazard that capital projects could only remain with funding appropriated to them for no more than three (3) years if there is no project activity. CFO Toups also identified the five-year capital projects for Lazard's review.

Pat Lewis requested that \$16,000 of line item 169 PARK IMPROVEMENTS-CITYWIDE on page 290 be used for memorial park complex signage, as named by City-Parish Council resolution(s).

[NEW] **\*\*SEPARATE AMENDMENT BY LEWIS – Reduce Cajundome capital subsidy (Fund 401) from \$100,000 to \$0, reduce Cajundome external agency subsidy (Fund 101) from \$500,000 to \$250,000, and appropriate \$20,000 to Clifton Chenier Center Audio Upgrade (Fund 401)\*\* Hebert objected.**

[NEW] **\*\*SEPARATE AMENDMENT BY COOK – “Cut spending in the Capital Improvement Project (line items 401IS001, 401IS002, 401IS003, 401IS004, 401IS005, 401IS006 & 401IS007 on page 305; line item 401PW038 on page 309; and line item 401CP010 on page 317) for joint or parish items paid for solely with city capital dollars where the costs are not being allocated. These cuts will continue until the parish puts up its share in line with the existing allocation formula for related departmental expenses.”\*\* A. Naquin objected.**

[NEW] **\*\*SEPARATE AMENDMENT BY COOK – “Amend the proposed budget (to \$0) for Capital Projects that lack specificity (line items 59, 60, 61, 69, 70, 77, & 78 on page 288 and line item 206 on page 291). Request that the administration, in order to restore funding, must come back with named projects so that the council can tell where the work is happening.”\*\* A. Naquin objected.**

[NEW] **\*\*SEPARATE AMENDMENT BY COOK – “Amend the proposed budget (to \$0) for bond-financed parks projects (line items 227, 228 & 232 on page 292). Request that the administration first present a proposal to request funding for design work to be done before funding is approved for construction.”\*\* A. Naquin objected.**

[NEW] **\*\* WRAP-UP REQUEST BY COOK - Administration to provide more details on projects in line items 59, 60, 61, 69, 70, 77 & 78 on page 288; line item 206 on page 291; and line items 227, 228 & 232 on page 292\*\***

[NEW] **\*\* WRAP-UP REQUEST BY LAZARD - Administration to provide more details on the projects in line items 66, 71, 73, 76 & 79 on page 288, particularly whether new funding was appropriated\*\***



Chair Hebert requested that a status update be provided at the next City Council meeting on the \$20 million in emergency drainage funding.

Lazard recommended that an additional Wrap-Up session is scheduled between now and final adoption of the proposed budget. The Council agreed to meet at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

► **Comments from the Public**

*No additional citizens signed in to address the Council.*

Chair Hebert declared the conclusion of today's briefing and stated that final adoption of the proposed 2021-2022 budget will be held on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. during a special joint Council meeting, with a special LPPA meeting immediately following. She reminded everyone of the additional joint Wrap-Up budget review tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the briefing was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.