

**BUDGET BRIEFING – JOINT
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2024; 2:00 P.M.
705 W. University Avenue, Council Auditorium
Wrap-Up**

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

Absent: Bryan Tabor (Parish District 1)

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, Lafayette Fire Chief Robert Benoit, and staff members representing these and other departments/agencies

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

(Time 2:00) City Finance Chair Kenneth Boudreaux called the budget briefing to order. He then asked Andy Naquin to offer the invocation and AB Rubin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Boudreaux welcomed everyone to this budget briefing on the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 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. Arceneaux. 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 Boudreaux 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 Boudreaux announced that Parish Councilman Bryan Tabor 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:

- ****GENERAL AMENDMENT BY STANSBURY** – To adjust Group Health Retiree accounts, 8/29/2024 Amendment #38 (Joint), as provided by Finance**
- ****GENERAL AMENDMENT BY NAQUIN** – To transfer Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee funding to a new fund (285) and section (1204) within the Mayor-President’s Office, 8/29/2024 Amendment #39 (Joint), as provided by Finance**
- ****GENERAL AMENDMENT BY BROUSSARD** – To Adjust the Salary and Benefits of Executive

Secretary within the CAO's Office by 2%, 8/29/2024 Amendment #40 (Joint), as provided by Finance**

- ****GENERAL AMENDMENT BY NAQUIN** – To allocate MERS uninsured losses claims to appropriate departments, 8/29/2024 Amendment #41 (Joint), as provided by Finance**
- ****GENERAL AMENDMENT BY STANSBURY** – To adjust vehicle capital item to Environmental Quality from purchase to lease, 8/29/2024 Amendment #42 (Joint), as provided by Finance**
- ****GENERAL AMENDMENT BY GUILBEAU** – To adjust vehicle capital items in Vehicle Maintenance from purchase to lease, 8/29/2024 Amendment #43 (Joint), as provided by Finance**
- ****GENERAL AMENDMENT BY HEBERT** – To correctly budget Prescription Premium expense and Prescription Rebate revenue, 8/29/2024 Amendment #44 (Joint), as provided by Finance**

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:

- N/A

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:

- N/A

WRAP-UP ITEMS:

Chair Boudreaux announced that the following Wrap-Up items have been requested to be pulled by the respective Council members: **4, 11 & 15**. He then provided 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): N/A. All other Joint Wrap-Up items had already been addressed.

****SEPARATE AMENDMENT BY STANSBURY** – Adjust the third- and fifth-line items on the Allocation Schedule Summary under the INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT heading on page 71 from proposed allocation percentages of 84% City/16% Parish to 78% City/22% Parish. This is related to the SaaS program implementation and the overtime line items on page 167. Thomas Hooks originally offered this as a general amendment.**

In follow-up to Wrap-Up item #3, Hooks requested further analysis of a breakdown between City assets versus Parish assets as it relates to line item 4012910 89000-0 CAPITAL OUTLAY on page 167, so this specificity will be added to Wrap-Up item #3, so that item will remain in place until such time that the administration produces this information to the Councils.

► Comments from the Public

- No citizens signed in the address the Council.

Chair Boudreaux declared the conclusion of today's briefing and stated that final adoption of the proposed 2024-2025 budget will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2024 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 2:29 p.m.