

Lafayette Consolidated Government

CITY-PARISH ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, January 31, 2025

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Attendees: Committee members Bryan Tabor, Kenneth Boudreaux, Thomas Hooks, Clerk of the Council Veronica Arceneaux, Assistant Clerk of Council Joseph Gordon-Wiltz, Mayor-President Monique Boulet, CAO Rachel Godeaux, Chief of Staff Christina Dayries, Chief Financial Officer Karen Fontenot, Budget Manager Denise Deville, Chief Communications Officer Jamie Boudreaux, & Financial Analyst Laura Grettner. Controller Spencer Lormand and Consultant Bret Schlyer joined virtually.

Absent: Committee member Ken Stansbury

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 2:00pm.

2. Discussion on City-Parish Allocation

A handout containing the agenda and the FY2025 Adopted City-Parish Allocation with revenue-based allocations highlighted were distributed.

Fontenot introduced Bret Schlyer with MGT. Schlyer discussed his background and his relationship with LCG. He explained that the City-Parish allocation is not done every year by MGT; however, it is included in the contract on an as needed basis. MGT's involvement as it relates to the City-Parish Allocation is advisory. They review the allocation methods used and make suggestions.

Schlyer mentioned that some of the considerations when deciding on an allocation method include level of detail that needs to occur, limitations on types of data, data availability, fair/appropriate, time spent/benefit.

Schlyer discussed the pros and cons of the revenue-based allocation methods specifically the Non-dedicated property and sales taxes method. Schlyer discussed alternative methods for the revenue based allocation methods. Some suggestions were FTEs, budget and/or actual expenditures, and population.

The committee went through the adopted allocation schedule and discussed certain line items and the allocation method.

Boudreaux asked for council office breakdown. Schlyer stated an alternative method would be to allocate Council Office based on population, budgeted expenditures or a combination of both.

Tabor discussed research he had previously done on Council Office allocation. He allocated the Council Office based on ordinances, resolutions, minutes, service requests, and town hall meetings. He stated that this allocation was about Parish 30% and City 70%.

Mayor-President Boulet asked what allocation methods should be reviewed and what is a fair allocation method. Hooks stated the allocation methods that are revenue-based should be reviewed and population or employees excluding LUS would be fair allocation method.

Mayor-President stated that any changes to the City-Parish Allocation have to be fair and reasonable to both the City & Parish. Both the City and Parish Councils will have to agree and vote on the changes.

Fontenot discussed that Finance has been analyzing the different revenue-based allocations and looking at alternate ways to allocate based on suggestions/guidance from MGT. She provided example of allocating Grant Administration by the amount of grant dollars received.

The committee discussed alternative allocation methods that could be used instead of the revenue-based allocations. The ability and inability to pay should not be a driver.

Boudreaux and Hooks requested that Finance provide feedback on its ongoing analysis of individual City-Parish allocation methods as applied to the various cost pools after conferring with Departments for input in order for Councilmembers to compare that feedback with any individual or collective allocation method concerns.

Boudreaux requested the portion of Lafayette Parish property tax collections that come from the City of Lafayette.

3. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.