

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
THIBODAUX CITY COUNCIL
WARREN J. HARANG, JR. MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM
PLANTATION ROOM, 310 N. CANAL BLVD.
JANUARY 9, 2023
10:00 AM**

The City Council of the City of Thibodaux assembled in special session at Warren J. Harang, Jr. Municipal Auditorium Plantation Room, 310 N. Canal Blvd Thibodaux, Louisiana, on Tuesday, January 9, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

There were present: Councilwoman Crochet, Councilmen Richard, Taylor, Naquin and Mire.

There were also present: Mayor Kevin Clement.

Absent: None

In accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 2(G) of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances, the Council must elect from its at-large members, a President and Vice-President for the upcoming year, as well as, meeting dates, time and location of the regular Council meetings for this year.

The Charter does not specifically require an established voting order for the Council, but Section 2 (G) (4) states that the Council shall determine its own rules of order relative to conducting official Council business.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted on a resolution designating the Council President as Chad Mire and Vice-President as Mike Naquin, meeting dates, location and time, and rules of order for the City Council for the year 2023. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2438

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section G of the City Charter, the Council must establish its meeting dates, times and location for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Council must also establish a voting order and Rules of Order for its meetings for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Council must also select a President and Vice-President to serve in that capacity for the year 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby establish that its meetings for the year 2023 will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 310 West 2nd Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council will utilize the attached rules of order for its meetings for the year 2023, and should a voice vote be taken at any time, the voting order will be District A, District B, District C, Vice-President,

President.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Councilman Mire will serve in the capacity of President of the Council and Councilman Naquin will serve in the capacity of Vice-President of the Council for the year 2023.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of January 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

In accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 3 (E) (7) of the Thibodaux Home Rule Charter, the Mayor must submit his nominees and the requested salary for each appointment to the Council within sixty (60) days of taking office. The Mayor has submitted ten (10) Department Heads to the Council for their approval.

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Jessica Hebert as the Director of the Department of Finance. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2439

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in special session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter states that within sixty days after assuming office, a newly elected Mayor shall submit his/her nominations for the heads of all departments to the Council for confirmation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid section of the City Charter, the Mayor has submitted his nomination for the Director of the Department of Finance for confirmation by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor wishes to appoint Ms. Jessica Hebert to the position of Finance Director at an annual salary of \$93,754.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby confirm the appointment of Ms. Jessica Hebert as the Finance Director in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of January 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Bryan Zeringue as the Chief of Police. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2440

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in special session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter states that within sixty days after assuming office, a newly elected Mayor shall submit his/her nominations for the heads of all departments to the Council for confirmation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid section of the City Charter, the Mayor has submitted his nomination for the Chief of Police for confirmation by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor wishes to appoint Mr. Bryan Zeringue to the position of Chief of Police at an annual salary of \$93,147.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby confirm the appointment of Bryan Zeringue as the Chief of Police in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of January 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Beau Brooks as the City Attorney. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2441

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in special session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter states that within sixty days after assuming office, a newly elected Mayor

shall submit his/her nominations for the heads of all departments to the Council for confirmation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid section of the City Charter, the Mayor has submitted his nomination for the City Attorney for confirmation by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor wishes to appoint Mr. Beau Brooks to the position of City Attorney at an annual salary of \$53,803.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby confirm the appointment of Mr. Beau Brooks as the City Attorney in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of January 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

On motion of Councilwoman Crochet, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Sarah Arceneaux as the Director of the Grants Department. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2442

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in special session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter states that within sixty days after assuming office, a newly elected Mayor shall submit his/her nominations for the heads of all departments to the Council for confirmation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid section of the City Charter, the Mayor has submitted his nomination for the Director of the Department of Grants for confirmation by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor wishes to appoint Ms. Sarah Arceneaux to the position of Grants Director at an annual salary of \$45,447.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby confirm the appointment of Ms. Sarah Arceneaux as the Grants Director in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of January 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

On motion of Councilwoman Crochet, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Guy Fanguy as the Director of the Department of Information Technology. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2443

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in special session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter states that within sixty days after assuming office, a newly elected Mayor shall submit his/her nominations for the heads of all departments to the Council for confirmation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid section of the City Charter, the Mayor has submitted his nomination for the Director of the Department of Information Technology for confirmation by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor wishes to appoint Mr. Guy Fanguy to the position of Information Technology Director at an annual salary of \$78,159.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby confirm the appointment of Mr. Guy Fanguy as the Information Technology Director in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of January 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Jacques Thibodeaux as the Director of the Department of Emergency Preparedness. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2444

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in special session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter states that within sixty days after assuming office, a newly elected Mayor shall submit his/her nominations for the heads of all departments to the Council for confirmation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid section of the City Charter, the Mayor has submitted his nomination for the Director of the Department of Emergency Preparedness for confirmation by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor wishes to appoint Mr. Jacques Thibodeaux to the position of Emergency Preparedness Director at an annual salary of \$75,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby confirm the appointment of Mr. Jacques Thibodeaux as the Emergency Preparedness Director in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of January 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

On motion of Councilwoman Crochet, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Gilberto Burbante as the Director of the Department of Public Works. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2445

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in special session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter states that within sixty days after assuming office, a newly elected Mayor shall submit his/her nominations for the heads of all departments to the Council for confirmation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid section of the City Charter, the Mayor has submitted his nomination for the Director of the Department of Public Works for confirmation by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor wishes to appoint Mr. Gilberto Burbante to the position of Public Works Director at an annual salary of \$80,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby confirm the appointment of Mr. Gilberto Burbante as the

Public Works Director in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None**

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of January 2023.

**/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.**

**/s/ Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President**

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Jared Shanklin as the Director of the Warren J. Harang Jr. Municipal Auditorium. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None**

RESOLUTION NO. 2446

***BE IT RESOLVED* by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in special session assembled, that:**

***WHEREAS*, Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter states that within sixty days after assuming office, a newly elected Mayor shall submit his/her nominations for the heads of all departments to the Council for confirmation; and**

***WHEREAS*, in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid section of the City Charter, the Mayor has submitted his nomination for the Director of the Warren J. Harang Jr. Municipal Auditorium for confirmation by the City Council; and**

***WHEREAS*, the Mayor wishes to appoint Mr. Jared Shanklin to the position of Harang Auditorium Director at an annual salary of \$70,000.00.**

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby confirm the appointment of Mr. Jared Shanklin as the Harang Auditorium Director in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter.**

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None**

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of January 2023.

**/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.**

**/s/ Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President**

On motion of Councilwoman Crochet, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Amanda Matis as the Director of the Department of Human Resources. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2447

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in special session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter states that within sixty days after assuming office, a newly elected Mayor shall submit his/her nominations for the heads of all departments to the Council for confirmation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid section of the City Charter, the Mayor has submitted his nomination for the Director of the Department of Human Resources for confirmation by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor wishes to appoint Ms. Amanda Matis to the position of Human Resources Director at an annual salary of \$75,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby confirm the appointment of Ms. Amanda Matis as the Human Resources Director in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of January 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Lenny Ford as the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2448

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in special session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter states that within sixty days after assuming office, a newly elected Mayor shall submit his/her nominations for the heads of all departments to the Council for confirmation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid section of the City Charter, the Mayor has submitted his nomination for the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation for confirmation by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor wishes to appoint Mr. Lenny Ford to the position of Parks and Recreation Director at an annual salary of \$75,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby confirm the appointment of Mr. Lenny Ford as the Parks and Recreation Director in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 3E(7) of the Thibodaux City Charter.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of January 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Chad Mire, President