

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Thibodaux assembled in regular session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 310 West 2nd Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.

There were present: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

There were also present: Kevin Clement and Beau Brooks

Absent: None

On motion of Councilman Harang, seconded by Councilman Mire, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2026, City Council Meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

In accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the Thibodaux City Charter, whenever a vacancy occurs on the Civil Service Board, the nominating authority for that seat must make a nomination to the City Council for appointment to fill the vacancy on the board.

Greg Cook's term expired on the Civil Service Board, so it was necessary for the City to contact the Superintendent of the Lafourche Parish School District in order to request a nomination for an appointment to fill the vacancy on the board. Mr. Martin has nominated Mr. Greg Cook for re-appointment to the Board for a four-year term.

On a motion of Councilwoman Crochet, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted on a resolution approving the nomination of Mr. Gregory Cook, by Lafourche Parish School District, for appointment to the Thibodaux Civil Service Board. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2738

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

WHEREAS, the Thibodaux Municipal Civil Service Board is comprised of five regular members; and

WHEREAS, due to the expiration of the term of Mr. Gregory Cook on the said board, the appointing agency has to present a nomination to the City Council to fill the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the method of nomination employed in the City Charter, the Superintendent of the Lafourche Parish School District was contacted for

a nomination, and has nominated Mr. Greg Cook for re-appointment to the Thibodaux Civil Service Board for a four-year term.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 6 of the Thibodaux City Charter, that the appointment of Mr. Greg Cook to the Thibodaux Civil Service Board is hereby approved effective September 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of Mr. Cook will expire September 1, 2030.

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

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 1 day of September 2026.

/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

The Project Engineer, DDG, has submitted Change Order No. 1 for the Bowie Road Sidewalk Project to the City for approval.

Change Order No. 1 balances the quantities in the contract with the actual quantities used in the project, and provides for the reimbursement of premiums paid by the contractor for owner and contractor liability insurance. The change order increases the contract amount by \$6,169.00; thereby making the total contract amount \$215,995.80.

On a motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution approving Change Order No. 1 with Byron E. Talbot, Inc. for the Bowie Road Sidewalk Project – State Project No. H.015856 and authorizing the execution of the documents therewith. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2739

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH BYRON E. TALBOT CONTRACTOR, INC. FOR THE BOWIE ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT - STATE PROJECT NO. H.015856 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE DOCUMENTS THEREWITH

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

WHEREAS, the City entered into a contract with Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. for the Bowie Road Sidewalk Project which is LA DOTD Project No. H.015856; and

WHEREAS, due to balancing the quantities in the contract with actual quantities used in the project and to reimburse the contractor for premiums paid on owner and contractor protective liability, Change Order No. 1 is being proposed; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 increases the contract amount by \$6,169.00 thereby making the total contract amount \$215,995.80.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that Change Order No. 1 with Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc., as mentioned above, is hereby approved, and authorize the execution of the related documents on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the said change orders is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and thereby made a part hereof.

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

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 1 day of September 2026.

/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 21-12 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances – Sewer Service Charges. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on September 15, 2026.

Councilman Taylor introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 21-26 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances – Natural Gas Rates. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on September 15, 2026.

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 21-43 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances – Water Rates. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on September 15, 2026.

Councilwoman Crochet introduced an ordinance ratifying the mayor's execution of an agreement with Keep Louisiana Beautiful for a Beautification Grant Award. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on September 15, 2026.

The Grants Director has informed the Council Administrator that the City has received a Sponsor/State Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the Master Plan and Airport Geographic System at the Thibodaux Municipal Airport.

On a motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Mire, the Council voted on an ordinance ratifying the Mayor's execution of an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the Master Plan & Airport Geographic System at the Thibodaux Municipal Airport. Upon roll call, vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: ~~Crochet~~None

ORDINANCE NO. 3465

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE MAYOR'S EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE MASTER PLAN & AIRPORT GEOGRAPHIC SYSTEM AT THE THIBODAUX MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

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

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux has requested funding assistance from LA DOTD for Master Plan and Geographic Information System at the Thibodaux Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the City of Thibodaux according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the Master Plan & Airport Geographic System and reimburse the sponsor up to \$25,274.00 of the project cost.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that it does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement for the project identified as AIP No. 3-22-0072-014-2026, AIG No. 3-22-0072-015-2026 & State Project No. H.016948, more fully identified in the agreement attached hereto and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

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

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 1 day of September 2026.

/s/Jennifer Morvant

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/Mike Naquin

Mike Naquin, President

The Grants Director has informed the Council Administrator that the City wishes to apply for funding through the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for General Aviation Maintenance at the Thibodaux Municipal Airport for FY 2026.

On a motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Harang, the Council voted on an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for Improvements at the Thibodaux Municipal Airport – GA Maintenance 2026. Upon roll call, vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Crochet

ORDINANCE NO. 3466

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE THIBODAUX MUNICIPAL AIRPORT – GA MAINTENANCE 2026

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

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux has requested funding assistance from LA DOTD for General Aviation Maintenance Expenses at the Thibodaux Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the City of Thibodaux according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the GA Maintenance 2026 and reimburse the sponsor up to \$412.04 of project cost.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that it does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement for the project identified as SPN H.016951, more fully identified in the agreement attached hereto, and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

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

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 1 day of September 2026.

/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

The Public Works Director has informed the Council Administrator that the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended that the City Council consider the introduction of an ordinance to approve the sketch and final plat of the re-division of Lot 2-A into Lots 2-A-1 and 2-A-2 located in Levert Business and Industrial Park. The lots are located on the east side of St. Patrick Street approximately 25 feet south of its intersection with Kearny Drive.

Shane Guin, 700 Canal Boulevard, representing High Tide Consultants, addressed the Council regarding the proposed development and advised that the proposed lot sizes meet the applicable requirements.

On a motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Harang, the Council voted on approving the sketch, preliminary, and final plat of the re-division of property located in Levert Business and Industrial Park. Upon roll call, vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3467

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SKETCH, PRELIMINARY, AND FINAL PLAT OF THE RE-DIVISION OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN LEVERT BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL PARK

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

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Thibodaux has reviewed a request by High Tide Consultants, LLC on behalf of J.B. Levert Land Company for the approval of the sketch, preliminary, and final plat of the re-division of property located on the East side of St. Patrick Street approximately 25 feet South of the intersection of Kearny Drive within Levert Business and Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS, the proposed request involves the division of Lot 2-A into Lots 2-A-1 and 2-A-2; and

WHEREAS, the said commission has approved the aforesaid request at their meeting on August 5, 2026, and is recommending that the City Council concur with their recommendation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-53 of the Thibodaux Subdivision Regulations, this division should be accepted by the adoption of an appropriate ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that the sketch, preliminary, and final plat of the re-division of property located in Levert Business and Industrial Park located on St. Patrick Street as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission is hereby accepted and approved as requested.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of the plat illustrating the said re-division is attached hereto and thereby made a part hereof.

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

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 1 day of September 2026.

/s/Jennifer Morvant	/s/Mike Naquin
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.	Mike Naquin, President

The Mayor has informed the Council Administrator that the City wishes to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the State of Louisiana, Office of Louisiana Highway Construction (OLHC), for the Canal Blvd. Bridge Replacement Project. OLHC will oversee the construction and the state will contribute \$5,929,963.00 towards the \$8,992,955.00 total cost of the project. The city’s portion will be \$3,062,992.00.

Representative Bryan Fontenot, 406 W. 3rd Street, addressed the Council regarding the Canal Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project. Representative Fontenot acknowledged the concerns surrounding the project and clarified that the partnership is with the Office of Louisiana Highway Construction (OLHC), rather than the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD). He explained that OLHC has emergency procurement authority, which has allowed the project to secure \$5.92 million in funding. Representative Fontenot stated that the Canal Boulevard Bridge is the highest-traveled wood-pile bridge in the state and that DOTD is nearing condemnation of the bridge if action is not taken. He further explained that OLHC has the knowledge, authority, and emergency procurement capabilities necessary to expedite the project.

Councilman Naquin opened the floor for questions for Representative Fontenot.

Hugh Caffery, 129 Valentine Street, thanked the Mayor and Council and inquired as to what studies had been conducted to forecast traffic flow during the bridge closure. Mayor Clement advised that Neel-Schaffer had completed a traffic study for the project and recommended closing both lanes of the bridge. He stated that Neel-Schaffer is an experienced and reputable firm with expertise in traffic analysis.

Mr. Caffery also inquired about the anticipated timeframe for completion of the project. Councilman Naquin referred the question to the next speaker, Archie Chaisson of the Office of Louisiana Highway Construction.

Councilman Harang referenced comments made by Matthew Rodrigue of Duplantis Design Group at the previous meeting and stated that he believed the traffic study was flawed. He expressed concern that the study's estimated travel times appeared significantly longer than the existing travel time and questioned whether it was appropriate to make a decision based on a study that he believed was flawed.~~questioned whether it was appropriate to make a decision based on a study that he found as flawed.~~

Councilman Taylor stated that while Council members may have differing opinions, the professionals involved are the experts and that the priority should be completing the project correctly, safely, and in a timely manner.

Anna Theiss, 1035 Ridgefield Road, asked Representative Fontenot for examples of projects previously completed by the Office of Louisiana Highway Construction. Representative Fontenot stated that he believed OLHC had completed approximately 71 bridge projects and had received more than \$100 million in funding in the previous fiscal year and an additional \$100 million in the current fiscal year. He explained that local governments throughout the state are utilizing the same process and referred the question to Mr. Chaisson for additional information regarding the scope of OLHC's completed projects.

Archie Chaisson, 1201 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, Head of the Office of Louisiana Highway Construction, addressed the Council and explained the manner in which OLHC operates. He stated that OLHC has greater flexibility to construct projects in a manner similar to private-sector projects because the emergency procurement process eliminates the time associated with the traditional bidding process. He stated that the proposed process is appropriate for the Canal Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project because OLHC considers both cost and project duration when selecting a contractor. Mr. Chaisson advised that the current project schedule is five (5) months and twenty-six (26) days.

Mr. Chaisson credited Duplantis Design Group and SeaLevel Construction with developing a plan intended to expedite the project. He acknowledged concerns regarding emergency services during the bridge closure but stated that OLHC has successfully coordinated emergency access on other projects and that, based on the City's emergency services operations, he does not anticipate access to be a significant

issue. He explained that keeping one side of the bridge open during construction would approximately double the project cost and could triple the project duration. He also addressed safety concerns associated with maintaining traffic beneath active construction operations, including the movement of 90-foot concrete piles over the roadway. Mr. Chaisson further explained that the procurement process provides flexibility in selecting a contractor familiar with the local area and the importance of the Canal Boulevard Bridge to the community.

Councilman Naquin asked about the possibility of obtaining additional state funding if one side of the bridge were maintained for traffic during construction. Representative Fontenot stated that it had taken approximately six years to reach the current stage of the project and estimated that there would be approximately a 50/50 chance of obtaining additional funding. He explained that additional funding could require the reallocation of funds from other planned projects, including drainage, levee improvements, and the proposed nursing facility at Nicholls State University. He further stated that obtaining additional funding could extend the project into the next fiscal year, during which time DOTD could potentially condemn the Canal Boulevard Bridge.

Matthew Rodrigue, 314 E. Bayou Road, representing Duplantis Design Group, addressed the Council and explained that incorporating input from the contractor has helped develop a plan intended to make the project both efficient and cost-effective. He advised that the traffic control plan had been submitted to DOTD and that comments regarding traffic control had been received. He stated that the project team is working with the Police and Fire Chiefs to develop a traffic management plan. Mr. Rodrigue advised that temporary traffic signals and police-manned intersections may be utilized on a 24-hour basis, as necessary. He also explained that equipment is expected to be staged at the Civic Center and moved during nighttime hours to minimize impacts on traffic. Mr. Rodrigue stated that certain portions of the project cannot be completed while maintaining one side of the bridge open to traffic.

Councilwoman Crochet asked Mr. Rodrigue whether Duplantis Design Group had previously worked with Neel-Schaffer. Mr. Rodrigue confirmed that they had and stated that Neel-Schaffer is a reputable firm with experience in multiple states.

Mr. Caffery asked Mr. Rodrigue whether the condition of the existing culverts had been evaluated and expressed his confidence in SeaLevel Construction as the contractor for the project. Mr. Rodrigue advised that the existing flap gates are inoperable and will be replaced with fully operational sluice gates as part of the project.

Councilman Harang asked how the original ten-month timeframe was determined and how the project duration was reduced to five months and twenty-six days. Mr. Chaisson explained that OLHC worked with SeaLevel Construction and allowed flexibility regarding construction hours. He stated that the contractor developed a schedule utilizing multiple crews and construction operations, resulting in a five-month and twenty-six-day timeframe that OLHC believes is achievable.

Councilman Taylor asked what steps would be necessary to begin the project. Mr. Chaisson advised that, following Council approval, the necessary paperwork and procedures could begin immediately, with construction anticipated to begin in January.

Councilman Naquin asked about the anticipated impact of the bridge closure on LA-1 and Highway 308 and whether those roadways would remain accessible. Mr. Chaisson confirmed that both roadways would remain open and accessible and stated that traffic would continue to travel into the City. He noted that local residents would likely utilize alternate routes with which they are familiar and acknowledged that there would be an initial adjustment period as motorists become accustomed to the new traffic patterns.

Marguerite Knight Erwin, 840 E. 1st Street, asked whether all available measures had been considered to expedite the project as much as possible. Mr. Chaisson assured her that the project team had considered the necessary measures to expedite construction. Ms. Erwin stated that she would support extended construction hours, including 24-hour pile driving, if doing so would shorten the project duration.

Ron Bourgeois, 410 Hale Drive, asked whether OLHC was responsible for the Talbot Street Bridge project and stated that having the bridge reopened prior to the Canal Boulevard Bridge closure would be beneficial. Mr. Chaisson advised that OLHC is not responsible for the Talbot Street Bridge project but believed a contractor was already working on the project and that it was expected to be completed within a short timeframe and potentially reopened prior to the commencement of the Canal Boulevard Bridge project.

Lea Rutter, 206 Creole Lane, thanked the Council for allowing the professionals involved with the project to address questions. She requested that the traffic study be made available on the City's website and asked who would be responsible for controlling traffic signals and managing traffic during construction. Mayor Clement advised that the Police Department's traffic management strategy would remain flexible and would be adjusted as conditions warranted. He stated that the City and state agencies are working collaboratively and that he was confident the traffic management plan could be adjusted as necessary.

Ms. Rutter also inquired about left-turn movements in the area. Mr. Rodrigue advised that the project team had evaluated the left turn toward Burger King and determined that the existing configuration is adequate.

Ms. Rutter also requested that the Council consider the City's couplet system as a separate matter.

Donavan Fremin, 532 Goode Street, stated that he had already begun considering adjustments to his normal driving routes during construction. He noted that businesses are located on both sides of the bayou and expressed his belief that residents would continue to access local businesses and services without significant difficulty.

Councilman Harang stated that he remained concerned about the potential for unforeseen issues during construction but acknowledged that he agreed utilizing the Office of Louisiana Highway Construction to manage the project was preferable to having the project handled through DOTD.

Mr. Chaisson explained that projects involving the replacement of an individual component can sometimes encounter additional issues; however, because the Canal Boulevard Bridge project involves removing the existing components and replacing them with new construction, OLHC does not anticipate the same level of complications.

Councilman Harang stated that he did not believe the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) before the Council accurately reflected the process that had been discussed and noted that the agreement appeared to require the City to conduct the bidding process. Mr. Chaisson explained that much of the language in the CEA is standard legal language and that OLHC would manage the technical aspects of the project. He clarified that the City would retain the project funds and referenced Act 398, which he stated supersedes certain provisions of the CEA.

Councilman Harang asked about the funding source for engineering costs and whether those costs would be in addition to the funds already provided to the City. Jessica Hebert, Finance Director, advised that the State provided the City with funding for the engineering costs.

Councilman Taylor thanked Representative Fontenot, Mr. Chaisson, and Mr. Rodrigue for attending the meeting and providing information to the Council. He expressed appreciation for the involvement of local professionals in the project.

Councilwoman Crochet also thanked the representatives for their participation and stated that the Canal Boulevard Bridge is currently in poor condition and needs to be replaced. She advised that the Administration would make additional efforts to communicate project information and updates to residents. Councilwoman Crochet also noted that, due to the current weight restrictions on the bridge, the City's fire trucks are presently unable to cross the bridge.

Councilman Naquin thanked the representatives and members of the public for providing information and participating in the discussion.

Councilman Harang reiterated that he had previously expressed his concerns regarding the bridge project and stated that he appreciated the additional information provided. He expressed hope that the project team is correct in its assessment of the project and that his concerns would prove unfounded.

On a motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Office of Louisiana Highway Construction for the Canal Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project. Upon roll call, vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Taylor, Naquin and Mire
NAYS: Harang
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3468

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CANAL BOULEVARD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the City and the Office of Louisiana Highway Construction (OLHC) wish to partner in order for OLHC to administer Project No. OLHC 26-003, the Canal Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, the estimated project cost is \$8,992,955.00 with the State providing \$5,929,963.00 towards the cost, and the City providing \$3,062,992.00; and

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with the construction of this project, it is necessary for the City to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the State of Louisiana, Office of Louisiana Highway Construction outlining the terms and purpose of the cooperative effort between the two public agencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Office of Louisiana Highway Construction under the conditions mentioned hereinabove.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the City of Thibodaux in all manners pertaining to this project, including certifying requests for State disbursements.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of the said agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and thereby made a part hereof.

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

YEAS: Crochet, Taylor, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: Harang
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 1 day of September 2026.

/s/Jennifer Morvant Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.	/s/Mike Naquin Mike Naquin, President
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The Mayor informed the Council of issues and projects going on throughout the City:

- The Mayor clarified that the contract time for the Canal Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project is five (5) months and twenty-six (26) days. He advised that ~~several projects are being coordinated and addressed prior to the~~ several projects are being coordinated and scheduled prior to the commencement ~~commencement of the bridge replacement project.~~ The Mayor noted that there are multiple moving parts and schedules are being adjusted to ensure the project proceeds as smoothly as possible.
- The Mayor advised that the drainage ditches at Andolsek Park have been swept and that ditch sweeping operations are continuing behind Coulon Road.
- The Mayor advised that the lights at Andolsek Park have been installed.
- The Mayor advised that the Human Resources Department continues to communicate with the City's insurance providers in an effort to obtain the best available pricing.
- The Mayor announced that the City's Hazardous Household Take-Back Day will be held on Saturday, October 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Harang Auditorium.

Councilman Harang requested a status update from Mayor Clement regarding the no-left-turn restriction from Acadia. Mayor Clement advised that he has a meeting scheduled for the following day at 1:30 p.m. with DDG, the Police Chief, the Public Works Director, and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to discuss the matter.

Councilman Harang then inquired about the status of the former Holiday Inn property and the Police Department's efforts to prevent vagrancy on the property. Mayor Clement advised that the property was cleaned out approximately eight to ten months ago and that there have been no issues reported since that time. He further advised that the property is currently involved in succession litigation; however, he has been informed that two parties are interested in purchasing and rehabilitating the property.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 P.M.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.	Mike Naquin, President
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