

**For the Meeting of Mayor and Council
City of Zachary, LA
Council Chambers, 4700 Main Street
Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 6:30 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amrhein called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at the Zachary City Hall located at 4700 Main Street, Zachary, LA

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by Councilman Thornton

Pledge of Allegiance by Councilwoman O'Brien

C. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. ROLL CALL

MAYOR

David Amrhein

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Francis Neziyana – District 1

John LeBlanc– District 2

Laura O'Brien – District 3

Bruce Thornton – District 4

Lael Montgomery – District 5

2. READING OF CITY POLICY RELATIVE TO OPEN MEETINGS

Before proceeding with the meeting, Mayor Amrhein read a statement into the record regarding the Open Meetings Law, and citizens' right to participate in public meetings. The statement set forth general rules of conduct of the public meeting and outlined the process through which a citizen can have items placed on the Council agenda. A copy of the rules is available at City Hall, Mayor's Office or by calling the Clerk of the City Council. The rules will also be available at every Council meeting.

3. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

D. READING OF THE MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes of the June 28, 2022, regular meeting and approve them as written.

The motion was made by Councilman Neziyana

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman O'Brien

To approve the Minutes of the June 28, 2022, regular meeting and approve them as written.

YEAS: Neziyana, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Thornton, Montgomery

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

E. HONORS, RECOGNITIONS, AND INTRODUCTIONS

1. Zachary High School Wrestler, Matt Umali, academic performance, and Jujitsu medalist. (No one was present to receive the award.)

F. CONTRACT ITEMS/CONTRACTS OR ITEMS RELATING TO PROJECTS

1. **Street/Road Projects**
2. **Sewer**
3. **Subdivision Inspections**
4. **Water and Gas Projects**
5. **Other Projects**

- a. East Meadow Drainage Substantial Completion

The motion was made by Councilwoman O'Brien

The motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton

To approve the East Meadow Drainage Substantial Completion.

YEAS: Nezianya, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Thornton, Montgomery

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b. East Meadow Drainage Final Adjustment Change Order in the amount of \$14,500.00.

The motion was made by Councilman Nezianya

The motion was seconded by Councilman Montgomery

To approve the East Meadow Drainage Final Adjustment Change Order in the amount of \$14,500.00.

YEAS: Nezianya, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Thornton, Montgomery

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c. East Meadow Drainage Pay Request #2

The motion was made by Councilwoman O'Brien

The motion was seconded by Councilman Montgomery

To approve the East Meadow Drainage Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$123,262.10.

YEAS: Nezianya, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Thornton, Montgomery

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

G. PRESENTATION OF DELEGATIONS

1. Requests to Speak

- a. Discussion of Fence like structure in servitude that is causing a safety concern for residents going to and from their property

Charles Vaccaro, Hancock Street, Zachary, was present to speak on an item that was not on the agenda. Mr. Vaccaro asked council members why there is not a noise ordinance. Mr. Vaccaro spoke regarding a “no response” from the council member he emailed. Councilman Montgomery apologized to Mr. Vaccaro for noise in the area. After council discussion of needing a noise ordinance and how the noise could be measured, the council agreed to research the issue and continue to discuss the issue until it is resolved.

Councilman Montgomery spoke to the audience and council members regarding the safety issue that the poles and wire bring in the servitude on Cherry Court. After discussion it was deemed that the City of Zachary had the right to remove the poles and wire out of the servitude. Therefore, the council voted as follows:

The motion was made by Councilman Montgomery
 The motion was seconded by Councilman LeBlanc
 To approve to remove the poles and wire from the servitude on Cherry Court.
 YEAS: LeBlanc, O’Brien, Thornton, Montgomery
 NAYS: Nezianya
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAINED: None

- b. Smithfield Subdivision Residents – regarding issues they are having with the residents located at 4496 Cherry Court

Mayor Amrhein spoke to the audience and council members regarding the tenant that lives at 4496 Cherry Court. Mayor Amrhein explained that the owner of the property and the tenant have been served with documents regarding the complaints that residents have been speaking of. Mr. Smith was then escorted out of the meeting for inappropriate comments. Chief McDavid also explained that he had spoken to the owner of the property and the tenant regarding the issues.

- 2. Hardship Waivers**
- 3. Other Variances**
- 4. Exceptions to Regulations**

H. ACTION MANDATED BY HOME RULE CHARTER

I. PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS

- 1. Receive Minutes of the Regular meeting of _____ of the Planning Commission and the Minutes of the Regular meeting of _____ of**

the Zoning Commission.

- 2. Planning Matters REQUIRING a Public Hearing**
- 3. Planning Matters NOT requiring a Public Meeting**
- 4. Zoning Matters REQUIRING a Public Hearing**
- 5. Zoning Matters NOT Requiring Public Hearing**
- 6. Other Matters**

J. RECEIVE RECORD OF PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

1. Receive accounts payable for June 2022 and the natural gas bill when it is received.

The motion was made by Councilman Nezianya

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman O'Brien

To Receive accounts payable for June 2022 and the natural gas bill when it is received.

YEAS: Nezianya, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Thornton, Montgomery

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

K. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

L. OLD BUSINESS PENDING FOR FINAL ACTION

M. OLD BUSINESS PENDING

N. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and approval of the removal of the constructive fence like structure in the Cherry Ct right away, and issue Subpoenas for all parties involved in the construction of the structure in the Cherry Ct right away.

No action was taken on this item.

2. Discussion and approval to Advertise for Bids for the new Zachary Police Department Complex.

The motion was made by Councilman Nezianya

The motion was seconded by Councilman LeBlanc

To approve to Advertise for Bids for the new Zachary Police Department Complex.

YEAS: Nezianya, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Thornton, Montgomery
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

3. Discussion of bids on the new Zachary Municipal building.
The motion was made by Councilwoman O'Brien
The motion was seconded by Councilman LeBlanc
To reject the bids on the new Zachary Municipal building.

YEAS: Nezianya, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Thornton
NAYS: Montgomery
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

O. CONDEMNED BUILDINGS - PUBLIC HEARINGS OR OTHER ACTION REGARDING BUILDINGS BEING CONSIDERED FOR CONDEMNATION

1. Review/Reports relative to Proposed/Active Condemnations

- a. Update to owners located at 4420 New Weis Road to provide status of condemnation (Tabled until the September 13, 2022 meeting)
(John Hopewell)

P. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

**Q. DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS NOT ON AGENDA
(No Action May Be Taken Unless Declared an Emergency)**

Councilman LeBlanc asks if the flower beds could be trimmed so that they would not block drivers from being able to see. Councilman Montgomery requested an update on all condemned houses on the condemnation list. Mayor Amrhein said an update will be emailed to each council member.

R. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

**Dana LeJeune, Clerk of City Council
CITY OF ZACHARY
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE**

David Amrhein, Mayor

STATE OF LOUISIANA

I, Dana LeJeune, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Clerk of the City Council for the City of Zachary, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I further certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Zachary, Louisiana, held on Thursday, July 12, 2022, a proper quorum being there and then present.

Dana LeJeune, Clerk of the City Council