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NOTICE OF AMENDED AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Monroe, Louisiana will meet in Legal and Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the Council Chamber, City Hall Building, Monroe, Louisiana, Tuesday, May 12, 2026 beginning at 6:00 p.m., for the following purpose:

1. To consider and act on all items listed on the attached agenda.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Council reserves the right to change, add to or delete, any item listed on the attached agenda.

All interested persons are urged to attend these meetings.

Carolus S. Riley, CMC/MMC
Council Clerk

Please be advised that the City Council will embrace public participation to the maximum extent while still adhering to the occupancy limitation, social distancing guidance and the Open Meetings Law.

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AGENDA

City of Monroe

LEGAL & REGULAR SESSION – TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026, 6:00PM **CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL**

I: ROLL CALL AND DECLARE QUORUM:

II: INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Rev. Joshua L. Wilhite, Sr.

III: PRELIMINARY AGENDA MATTERS:

1. Rules of the Day.

IV: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LEGAL AND REGULAR SESSION OF APRIL 14, 2026:

V: RESOLUTIONS AND MINUTE ENTRIES:

1. Council:

(a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City of Monroe to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Northeast Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation and further providing with respect thereto.

(b) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the retention of JDS Consulting & International Partners, LLC for procurement analysis and review consulting services.

(c) Adopt a Resolution, affirming the validity of the economic development framework established by ordinance No. 9553, ratifying the actions of the Interstate 20 Economic Development Corporation within that framework, formally notifying Mayor Friday Ellis that the continued withholding of payment on a lawfully executed contract may expose the city to compounding statutory liability under LA. R.S. 38:2191, and calling upon the Mayor to fulfill his obligations under charter section 3-09(A)(1) and Louisiana Law.

(d) Adopt a Resolution granting an exception to the Open Container Ordinance to Tyrone Dickins (K9 Outreach Stop the Violence Car, Truck & Bike Show: “Coming Together” Chennault Park) (pursuant to Monroe City Code Sec. 12-231 D (Open Container Ordinance) and further providing with respect thereto.

(e) Adopt a Resolution granting an exception to the Open Container Ordinance to the Fleet Feet of Monroe for (The Big Run) at the Forsythe Park pursuant to Monroe City Code Sec. 12-231 D. (Open Container Ordinance) and further providing with respect thereto.

2. Planning & Urban Dev.:

(a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing a Home American Rescue Plan Program between the City of Monroe and AHAYAH Community Development Corporation, Inc. (CHDO) for the rehabilitation of a residential property located at 3805 Spurgeon Street.

(b) Adopt a Resolution authorizing a Home Investment Partnerships Program the City of Monroe and Quest 4 Success (CHDO) for the rehabilitation of a residential property located at 1807 Ruth Street.

(c) Adopt a Resolution authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Mid City Redevelopment Alliance, Inc. for housing counseling, financial coaching, and homeownership support services for the HOME in Monroe Program and related initiatives.

(d) Adopt a Resolution authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with United Way of Northeast Louisiana for financial education and financial empowerment services.

3. Department of Administration:

(a) Consider an Application by Lamario Looney dba Roxie Southern Bistro, 436 DeSiard Street, Monroe LA 71201 for a New 2026 Class A Alcoholic Beverage Permit. The Monroe Police Department has no disqualifying records and Sales Tax has been approved. (Distance Report Cleared, Cert. of Occupy Cleared)

(b) Consider request from the Purchasing Division for authorization for an authorized City representative to advertise for bid WTP Control Room HVAC Modifications Project. The estimate for the WTP Control Room HVAC Modifications Project is \$200,000.00.

Public Work Department:

(a) Adopt a Resolution accepting the proposal of Gillig, LLC for the Transit Capital Bus Purchase Project and authorizing a five-year contract for the purchase of diesel and electric transit buses and providing for related matters.

Police Department:

(a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the purchase of equipment for ten leased Ford Explorer police vehicles from Dana Safety Supply, Inc. under Louisiana State Contract No. 4400027721.

(b) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the purchase of twenty-four Swat Vests and related equipment from Caplan's under Louisiana State Contract No. 4400034186/NASPO 198469.

4. Engineering Department:

(a) Adopt a Resolution accepting the bid of Amethyst Construction, Inc for the Powell Avenue Community Center – Parking Lot Improvements Project and providing for related matters.

(b) Adopt a Resolution accepting the work done by Phantom Construction, LLC for the WPCC Headworks Screen Improvements Project as substantially complete and providing for related matters.

(c) Adopt a Resolution approving Work Authorization No. 8 with Garver, LLC for resident project representative services for the Runway 04 MALSR Modifications Project, a component of the Kansas Lane – Garrett Road Connector and I-20 Improvements Project.

VI: INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

(a) Introduce an Ordinance establishing zero tolerance for racial discrimination, racist remarks, and hostile work environment conduct by city employees; providing for investigation, disciplinary action, mandatory training, and reporting requirements; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

(b) Introduce an Ordinance approving the Annexation of ±26 acres, extending and enlarging the boundaries of the City of Monroe, Louisiana; providing for recordation of the revised boundary; establishing an effective date; and otherwise providing for related matters.

(c) Introduce an Ordinance amending and re-enacting Chapter 5 (Ambulance Services) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Monroe to establish a uniform ambulance service system and to provide for the licensing and regulation of a sole provider of ambulance services.

(d) Introduce an Ordinance amending and supplementing the City of Monroe Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and further providing with respect thereto.

VII: RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION AND SUBJECT TO PUBLIC HEARING:

(a) Finally adopt an Ordinance adopting a Reapportionment Plan for Monroe City Council Districts and providing for related matters.

(b) Finally adopt an Ordinance authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for the use of certain real property at Monroe Regional Airport and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

(c) Finally adopt an Ordinance authorizing the grant of a utility servitude and right-of-way across certain property owned by the City of Monroe in favor of Entergy Louisiana, LLC, and further providing with respect thereto.

(d) Finally adopt an Ordinance revoking a portion of Reese Street (53' wide by 215' long) between Booth Street and Rogers Street.

VIII: CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

IX: COMMUNICATIONS & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mr. Harvey
2. Mrs. Ezernack
3. Ms. Woods
4. Mr. Muhammad - **Vice-Chairman**
5. Mr. McFarland - **Chairman**

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