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NOTICE OF 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, July 28, 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 – JULY 28, 2026, 6:00PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL

I: ROLL CALL AND DECLARE QUORUM:

II: INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Pastor Fee Strickland, Senior Pastor
Mt. Pleasant MBC

III: COMMUNICATIONS & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mayor Ellis
2. Mr. Harvey
3. Mrs. Ezernack
4. Ms. Woods
5. Mr. McFarland
6. Mr. Muhammad

IV: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LEGAL AND REGULAR SESSION OF JULY 14, 2026:
(PUBLIC COMMENTS)

V: PRESENTATIONS:
NONE.

VI: PUBLIC HEARINGS:
NONE.

PROPOSED CONDEMNATIONS:

(Public Comment)

1. 4200 GAYTON ST (D3) – Owner: Dorothy R. Jackson

VII: ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF BIDS:
(Public Comment)
None.

VIII: RESOLUTIONS AND MINUTE ENTRIES:

1. Council:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City of Monroe to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Choices Mentoring for Families and Youth and further providing with respect thereto. Muhammad

(b) Adopt a Resolution granting an exception to the Open Container Ordinance to the Twin City Art Foundation for an Exhibition, Grounds for Departure: A Historic House, An Art Museum at the Masur Museum of Art pursuant to Monroe City Code Sec. 12-231 d. (Open Container Ordinance), and further providing with respect thereto.

(c) Adopt a Resolution granting an exception to the Open Container Ordinance for the Louisiana Municipal Association Block Party pursuant to Monroe City Code Section 12-231(d), authorizing associated street closures, and further providing with respect thereto.

2. Department of Administration:

Public Comment:

None.

3. Department of Planning & Urban Development:

Public Comment:

None.

4. Legal Department:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City retain Fishman Haygood, LLP for legal services relating to claims arising from the purchase of fire apparatus and further providing with respect thereto.

5. Mayor's office:

public comment:

None.

6. Department of Public Works:

Public Comment:

None.

7. Department of Community Affairs:

Public Comment:

None.

8. Police Department:

Public Comment:

None.

9. Fire Department:

Public Comment:

None.

10. Engineering Services:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City of Monroe to enter into a Master Professional Services Agreement with Lazenby & Associates, Inc. for engineering, surveying, and related professional services, and further providing with respect thereto.

(b) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City of Monroe to enter into a Master Professional Services Agreement with S. E. Huey Co. for engineering, surveying, and related professional services, and further providing with respect thereto.

(c) Adopt a Resolution authorizing a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

(d) Adopt a Resolution approving Task Order 26sew002 between the City of Monroe and Waggoner Engineering, Inc. for the WPCC Influent Pumps No. 3 & 4 and Effluent Pumps No. 3 & 4 Replacement Project.

(e) Adopt a Resolution approving Task Order 26sew001 between the City of Monroe and Waggoner Engineering, Inc. for the WPCC Influent and Effluent Pump Station Valve Replacement Project.

BREAK IF NEEDED:

IX: INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Public Comment:

(a) Introduce an Ordinance adopting the Authorized Millage Rate(s) and providing for the Levying of Special and General Taxes for the City of Monroe for the year 2025 and further providing with respect thereto.

(b) Introduce an Ordinance amending the City of Monroe Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to appropriate funds for cancer screenings for fire service employees and further providing with respect thereto.

(c) Introduce an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to take corporeal possession of and sell to Linda Faye Rucks all rights, title, and interest that the city may have acquired to Lot Six (6), Square fifty-five (55), Unit 10, Booker T. Washington Addition, 4010 Pippin St., Ouachita Parish, District 3, Monroe, La, by adjudication at tax sale dated July 25th 1996, and further providing with respect thereto.

(d) Introduce an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to take corporeal possession of and sell to Erica Thomas and Horace Wilson all rights, title, and interest that the City may have acquired to south 70', Lot Seven (7) & south 70' of west 10' of Lot Eight (8), Square 7, Bryant's south Highland Addition (no municipal address) Marx St., Ouachita Parish, District 5, Monroe, La, by adjudication at tax sale dated July 13th 1999, and further providing with respect thereto.

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

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing:

(a) Finally adopt an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to take corporeal possession of and sell to Tez Washington all rights, title, and interest that the city may have acquired to lot twelve (12) of block six (6) of Renwick's Addition bearing municipal address 303 S 23rd St., Ouachita Parish, district 3, Monroe, La, by adjudication at tax sale dated June 8, 2005, and further providing with respect thereto.

XI: CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

XII: ADJOURN.