



Tuesday, September 8, 2026

MINUTES

6:00 PM

I. Preliminary Business

- 1) Call to Order - *Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*
- 2) Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – *By Pastor Jeff Stanfill from Covenant Community Church*
- 3) Roll Call

Present: Fralick, Lavergne, Lazaroe, McKinney, Myer and Wells

Absent: Roy

- 4) Approval of the [minutes](#) from the August 25, 2026 Council Meeting.

Council Member Myer moved to approve the August 25, 2026 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wells. There were no objections. The August 25, 2026 minutes are approved as written.

II. Zoning Cases

- 1) Discussion and action regarding the following P&Z case(s):
None
- 2) Introduction of the following P&Z item(s) (with public hearing to be held at the September 22, 2026, Council meeting).

- a) **PD-26-0002: Illumination Park Planned Unit Development (PUD) Preliminary and Final Development Plans.** An ordinance approving the Preliminary and Final Development Plans for PD-26-0002, an outdoor drive-thru light show on 21.87 acres of property at the northeast corner of Central Thruway and A. J. LeBlanc Road, on Tracts 2-A-1 and 2-A-2, Emile Lesage, Sr. Property, in the R/A (Rural/Agricultural) & ORD (Office, Research and Development) zoning districts, Central Thruway Overlay. (Applicant: James Hohensee)

Commission action (August 27, 2026): Mr. Sheridan moved to approve with these stipulations: business hours are restricted to 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.; existing mature trees must not be disturbed; add a flashing caution light near the property's entrance that will be turned off during non-business hours; require a traffic and security plan to be filed with the Central police department and City Hall staff. Mr. Pino seconded. Public comment: Rebecca Austin. Vote: 6 yeas (Firmin, Freneaux, Pino, Sharafkhani, Sheridan, Johnson), 0 nays, 1 absent (Harper). Motion passed, and PD-26-0002 was recommended for approval with stipulations.

- b) **T-26-0005: Zoning Overlay Districts.** An ordinance amending Title 7 Unified Development Code (UDC) and Appendix 1 Comprehensive Zoning Code (CZC) to move zoning overlay districts from the CZC to the UDC, make minor adjustments, and provide for related matters.

Commission action (August 27, 2026): Mr. Freneaux moved to approve with the condition that the term "substantial" in Sec. 7:2.41(c)(3) be defined like the other overlay districts. Mr. Firmin seconded. Public comment: none. Vote: 6 yeas (Firmin, Freneaux, Pino, Sharafkhani, Sheridan, Johnson), 0 nays, 1 absent (Harper). Motion passed and T-26-0005 was recommended for approval with a condition.

III. Old Business (Public Hearing and Action regarding the following instrument(s)):**1) An ordinance to amend Title 13 of the Central Code of Ordinances**

An [ordinance](#) amending Title 13 of the code of ordinances of the City of Central to incorporate, with modifications, the criminal provisions of Title 13 (Sections 13:1 through 13:1056.6) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge (By Council Member Myer).

Council Action (August 25, 2026): Council Member Myer moved to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lazaro. Council Member Myer offered an amendment to add the underlined words below to Sec. 13:93(b) of Title 13:

“The prohibition of this section shall not apply to the shooting or discharging of a pistol, revolver, rifle or shotgun or other firearm within five hundred (500) feet of a house, dwelling, or other structures, with the permission of the resident/occupant of any such house, dwelling, or other occupied structure.”

The motion was seconded by Council Member Lazaro. Public comment: Terry Summers, Michelle Lewis. Additional Council discussion. Council Member Wells made a motion to defer this item to the second meeting in October. The motion was seconded by Council Member Roy. Public comment: Steven Caloni, Terry Summers. Vote on deferral: 3 yeas (Fralick, Roy and Wells), 4 nays (Laverne, Lazaro, McKinney and Myer), 0 absent. Motion failed. Vote on the amendment: 7 yeas (Fralick, Laverne, Lazaro, McKinney, Myer, Roy and Wells), 0 nays, 0 absent. Vote on the motion as amended: 5 yeas (Fralick, Laverne, Lazaro, McKinney and Myer), 1 nay (Wells), 0 absent, 1 abstained (Roy). The amended motion passed.

City Attorney (September 8, 2026): City Attorney Celestin announced that this item was approved by Council at the August 25, 2026 meeting, however, Mayor Evans used his authority under the Lawrason Act to veto it. Per the Lawrason Act: An ordinance vetoed by the Mayor shall be considered again by the Council at its next regular meeting after the veto. City Attorney Celestin announced that five affirmative votes are needed to override the Mayor's veto.

Council Action (September 8, 2026): Council Member Myer moved to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Council Member Laverne. Council Member Myer stated that, after some discussion, he has decided to work with the administration and the City Attorney on a new, revised set of criminal provisions. He stated that he intends to bring a revised version back to Council at a future meeting. Public comment: Roger Corcoran, Aaron Moak, Dwayne Rogers, Steven Caloni. Vote: 1 yeas (Fralick), 5 nays (Laverne, Lazaro, McKinney, Myer and Wells), 1 absent (Roy). Motion failed. The proposed Ordinance is denied.

IV. New Business (Public Hearing and Action regarding the following instrument(s)):**1) A resolution to approve a CEA with the EBRSO to establish cooperative law enforcement in Central**
A [resolution](#) to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office to establish a cooperative law enforcement delivery model, to authorize the Mayor to sign the CEA and to provide for related matters (By Council Members Myer and Roy)

Council Member Myer moved to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Council Member McKinney. Public comment: Roger Corcoran, Jason Demoulin, Steven Caloni. Vote: 6 yeas (Fralick, Laverne, Lazaro, McKinney, Myer and Wells), 0 nays, 1 absent (Roy). Motion passed. The proposed resolution is approved.

2) A resolution to concur with the newly adopted Comprehensive Master Plan

A [resolution](#) to concur with the Master Plan entitled “Central 2045: A Plan for the Future” and to provide for related matters (By Council Member Laverne)

Council Member Laverne moved to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Council Member Myer. Council Member Laverne provided a summary for this item. Public comment: None. Vote: 3 yeas (Laverne, McKinney and Myer), 3 nays (Fralick, Lazaro and Wells), 1 absent (Roy). Motion passed. The proposed resolution is approved.

- 3) **Non-action item** – Discussion regarding capital outlay project 50-MW8-23-01 related to the multi-use arena and funding.

Mayor Evans presented a timeline of the project's funding. Council discussion. Public comment: Bodi White, Lauren Ventrella and Steven Caloni. Additional Council discussion. No action was taken.

V. New Business (Non-Public Hearing):

- 1) Introduction of the following item(s) (with public hearing to be held at the September 22, 2026, Council meeting):

None

VI. Reports and Presentations:

- 1) Mayor's Reports and Presentations

- *Mayor Evans gave an update on the DOTD roundabout project at Hooper Road and Sullivan Road.*
- *Mayor Evans thanked City Council and the FLECC Committee and said that he is happy that the City is moving forward with the Hybrid Model for law enforcement.*

VII. Other Business:

- 1) Public Comment

None

- 2) Announcements

None

- 3) Adjournment

Council Member Myer moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wells. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Wade Evans, Mayor

Mark Miley, Clerk