



Tuesday, September 8, 2026

AGENDA

6:00 PM

The rules for conducting such public hearings are as follows:

In view of the many items appearing on the agenda, each Council Member will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes to express his or her views on any one subject without interruption from the other members upon initial consideration and five (5) minutes for rebuttal. Each Council Member will also be allowed two (2) minutes to express additional views and two (2) minutes for rebuttal during a final consideration period after the time for public comment has been closed. No Council Member will speak until recognized by the chair. In compliance with La. R.S. 42:14(D), members of the public will be allowed to speak for up to three (3) minutes following the period of initial consideration and rebuttal on any item included on the agenda on which the Council proposes to take action. A member of the public who wishes to speak on an agenda item on which the Council proposes to take action shall print his or her name and address on the register at the podium prior to addressing the Council. No member of the public shall address the Council until recognized by the chair. Each member of the public who addresses the Council shall state his or her name and address for the record prior to making any comment.

In lieu of speaking on an agenda item on which the Council proposes to take action, a member of the public may complete and submit a card evidencing whether he or she is a proponent (in favor) of the agenda item or an opponent of (against) the agenda item. The card to be completed and submitted will be made available prior to the meeting. A member of the public who wishes to submit such a card shall print his or her name and address on the card, indicate whether he is a proponent (in favor) of the agenda item or an opponent of (against) the agenda item, and submit the card to the City Clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting. After the time for public comment has been closed, the City Clerk shall read aloud and into the minutes of the meeting all such cards, including the name and address of the person submitting the card and whether the person is a proponent or opponent of the proposed action.

I. Preliminary Business

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Approval of the [minutes](#) from the August 25, 2026 Council Meeting.

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 Calone, 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.

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

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

VII. Other Business:

- 1) Public Comment

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- 2) Announcements

- 3) Adjournment

NOTE: Pursuant to the requirements of La. R.S. 42:19, no matter may be discussed by the Central City Council unless it appears on the agenda published at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. Additional matters may be discussed only if the members of the Council present vote unanimously to take up a matter.

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