



MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2025 MEETING – CITY OF SCOTT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jan-Scott Richard, COG President & Scott Mayor, called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. SILENT PRAYER & PLEDGE

Mayor Richard offered a silent prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

All in attendance were introduced. All COG entities were in attendance, with the exception of the City of Carencro.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

A motion was offered and seconded to approve the minutes of the last COG meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. APPROVAL OF TRESURER'S REPORT

A motion was offered and seconded to adopt the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$1,203.92. The motion was unanimously approved.

Additionally, a motion was offered and seconded to approve the proposal to replace Veronica L. Williams (Arceneaux), retired Lafayette Clerk of the Council, with Jeremy J. Swiney, LCG Associate Clerk for Legislative Affairs, as an authorized signer on COG's Gulf Coast Bank checking account. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

a. DISCUSSION: Lafayette International Center's (LIC) Service Offerings to Lafayette Parish – Dave Domingue, LCG Director of International Trade & Development

Mr. Domingue led a discussion of the Lafayette International Center's (LIC) mission and goals, providing an overview of its services, resources, and expertise with emphasis on trade and cultural initiatives. He and his team described how LIC helps local companies gain global reach, supports Lafayette's culture, and promotes the region internationally. They emphasized LIC's objectives to grow local companies globally, create jobs, build a stronger economy, and foster a thriving creative community that highlights what makes Lafayette Parish unique.

b. **UPDATES: State Officials / Parish Elected Officials**

i. **Sarah Boudreaux – Office of Governor Jeff Landry**

Ms. Boudreaux emphasized the importance of LIC's work and offered support from the Governor's Office for local projects.

ii. **Lee Turner – Office of U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy**

Ms. Turner reported on technological advancements in Acadiana and funding secured at the federal level.

iii. **Chris Craton – Lafayette Parish Assessor's Office**

Chief Deputy Assessor Craton reported that the office is on track to submit the tax roll by October 1 to set millages. Current projects include an audit of homestead exemptions and the implementation of a computer-assisted mass appraisal system for improved accuracy

c. **MUNICIPALITY UPDATES**

i. **Broussard** – No comments from administration; Chief of Police Vance Olivier gave updates on infrastructure and noted the Broussard Chamber of Commerce's upcoming July 4th celebration.

ii. **Carencro** – Chief of Police David Anderson reported the final phases of replacing cast iron pipes and invited all to the grand opening of the new police station on May 15, 2025.

iii. **Duson** – Mayor Johnny Thibodeaux offered condolences on the passing of former Scott Mayor Hazel Myers. He highlighted Duson's water improvement project, a forthcoming roundabout project, the May 19 bid opening for a blighted property program, and culvert work near schools. He reported that sales tax revenues are up.

iv. **Scott** – Mayor Richard discussed a bridge replacement project near Acadiana High School, a 4–6 week overlay project on Lebesque Road, and the City's decision to maintain a private roadway to assist residents. He provided updates on the recreational trails program, the success of the Boudin Festival, the Master Transportation Plan under review by the Scott City Council (expected to be adopted by July 1), and increased sales tax revenues.

v. **Youngsville** – Haley Leatherwood, on behalf of Mayor Kenn Ritter, reported that the Fortune Road project is nearing completion, provided detour information for Youngsville Highway closures, and gave updates on Larriviere Road near Southside High School. She noted that the water plant is approximately 60% complete with a projected September 2025 opening. Upcoming events include the Guns & Hoses Beach Volleyball Tournament (May 31, 6–9 p.m.), July 3rd Independence Day Celebration, Pony Mustang World Series (August 1–4), Foster Park's monthly Farmer's Market, and a Lauren Daigle concert at Youngsville Sports Complex on September 13.

vi. **Lafayette Consolidated Government** – Vincent Pierre, Municipal & Constituent Services Advisor to Mayor-President Monique Boulet, reported on mapping of all water districts to identify issues, developments in parishwide fire protection, and efforts to place failed millage renewals back on the November ballot.

vii. **Lafayette Parish School System** – Superintendent Francis Touchet updated attendees on Lafayette High School construction, the issuance of \$89 million in bonds to eliminate portable buildings (e.g., at Acadiana High School), and improvements at LJ Alleman Middle School. He discussed plans for a \$7 million project to raise starting teacher salaries to \$50,000, a performance-based teacher pay model, and efforts to determine future school locations while identifying cost reductions.

7. OTHER MATTERS

- a. Scott Tourist/Welcome Center – Representatives announced cultural events, including a 4th of July celebration on June 27, 2025.
- b. Mayor Richard announced that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, and hosted by the City of Carencro (later adjusted to Thursday, August 21, 2025, and hosted by LEDA). He thanked the City of Scott officials and staff, as well as C'est Bon Pavilion, for hosting the meeting and providing the meal. He reminded attendees to complete the sign-in sheet.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.