

**THE COUNCIL
City of New Orleans**

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MINUTES - FINAL

Regular Meeting of the City Council
held in City Hall Council Chamber
on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 10:00 AM

**PRESIDENT
JP MORRELL
Councilmember-At-Large**



**VICE PRESIDENT
HELENA MORENO
Councilmember-At-Large**

ROLL CALL

**LORA W. JOHNSON
CLERK OF COUNCIL**

PRESENT: Giarrusso
Green
Harris
King
Moreno
Morrell
Thomas - 7

ABSENT: 0

INVOCATION

**BISHOP BRANDON BOUTIN
UNITED FELLOWSHIP FULL GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

FREDDIE KING III
COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT C

**PUBLIC E-COMMENT FORMS, RULES AND INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE AT
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- 1. E-COMMENTS
[DECEMBER 1, 2025 E-COMMENT FORM](#)

PLEASE SILENCE DEVICES DURING COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

- 1. COUNCIL DISCUSSION
- 2. POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 1. Meetings of - November 6, 2025, November 13, 2025 (Special), November 19, 2025 (Special), November 20, 2025 and November 25, 2025 (Special).

Annotation:
APPROVED.

MOVED BY: Giarrusso
SECONDED BY: Moreno
ACTION: APPROVED
YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Thomas - 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Morrell - 1
ABSTAIN: 0
RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

CONSENT AGENDA

*MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA AND REFER OTHER MATTERS TO THE PROPER AGENCY.
AND THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS ADOPTED.*

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT RULES

All public comment shall comply with the following Council Rules:

- *Each commenter must personally submit a comment card to the Clerk.*
- *All commenters must state their names and addresses and whether they are being paid to appear.*
- *One comment per speaker, per item.*
- *Each comment must be entirely germane to the agenda item.*
- *Comments may not exceed two minutes.*
- *Ceding of time is not permitted.*
- *Each item is limited to 30 minutes of public comment.*

DEFERRAL RULES

Any annotation of a request to defer an agenda item is purely tentative until confirmed during the meeting. A request to defer an agenda item may be withdrawn or overruled pursuant to Council Rules.

POSTPONEMENT RULES

Unless subject to an earlier deadline or deferred to a specific date, legislative instruments will be postponed indefinitely and removed from future agendas if not acted upon within 120 days of first reading or appearance on a Council agenda.

4. CAL. NO. 35,256 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO (BY REQUEST)

Brief:

An Ordinance relative to the levy of ad valorem taxes upon the assessed value of all property, real, personal, and mixed, subject to taxation in the City of New Orleans and relative to the levy of ad valorem taxes on property located in special development and security districts in the City of New Orleans for the year 2026, to levy millage rates for the year 2026, and to reallocate the tax receipts for a state millage; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Annotation:

(This matter was introduced 10/1/25).

[35256 - 30533 M.C.S.](#)

[Speaker Cards](#)

MOVED BY: Giarrusso

SECONDED BY: Green

ACTION: ADOPTED

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Thomas - 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Morrell - 1

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

5. CAL. NO. 35,257 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO (BY REQUEST)

Brief:

An Ordinance relative to the levy of fees on property located in special security and improvement taxing districts in the City of New Orleans for the year 2026; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Annotation:

(This matter was introduced 10/1/25).

[35257 - 36534 M.C.S.](#)

[STD-1 35257 AMD](#)

MOVED BY: Giarrusso

SECONDED BY: Green

ACTION: AMENDMENT

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Thomas - 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Morrell - 1

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

MOVED BY: Giarrusso

SECONDED BY: Green

ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Thomas - 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Morrell - 1

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

6. CAL. NO. 35,258 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO (BY REQUEST)

Brief:

An Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 2-1103 of the Code of the City of New Orleans, setting fees for notarial services and related costs; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Annotation:

(This matter was introduced 10/1/25).

[35258 - 30535 M.C.S.](#)

MOVED BY: Giarrusso

SECONDED BY: Harris

ACTION: ADOPTED

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0
AND THE MOTION PASSED.

1. CAL. NO. 35,253 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO (BY REQUEST)

Brief:

An Ordinance providing an Operating Budget of Revenues for the City of New Orleans for the Year 2026 in accordance with Sections 3-116, 4-206(1)(f), and 6-102 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Annotation:

(This matter was introduced 10/1/25).

[35253 - 30530 M.C.S.](#)

[RB-Omnibus - 35253 AMD](#)

[Speaker Cards](#)

MOVED BY: Giarrusso

SECONDED BY: Morrell

ACTION: AMENDMENT

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

MOVED BY: Giarrusso

SECONDED BY: Moreno

ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

2. CAL. NO. 35,254 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO (BY REQUEST)

Brief:

An Ordinance providing an Operating Budget of Expenditures for the City of New Orleans for the Year 2026 in accordance with Sections 3-115, 4-206(1)(f), and 6-102(3) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Annotation:

(This matter was introduced 10/1/25).

[35254 - 30531 M.C.S.](#)

[EB-Omnibus 35254 AMD](#)

[Speaker Cards](#)

MOVED BY: Giarrusso

SECONDED BY: Morrell

ACTION: AMENDMENT

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

MOVED BY: Giarrusso

SECONDED BY: Morrell

ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

3. CAL. NO. 35,255 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO (BY REQUEST)

Brief:

An Ordinance providing a Capital Budget for the year 2026 in accordance with the provisions of Section 3-117 and 4-206 (1) (f) of the City Charter; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Annotation:

(This matter was introduced 10/1/25).

[35255 - 30532 M.C.S.](#)

[Speaker Card](#)

MOVED BY: Giarrusso

SECONDED BY: Green

ACTION: ADOPTED

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

7. CAL. NO. 35,259 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO (BY REQUEST)

Brief:

An Ordinance to adopt the New Orleans Tourism and Cultural Foundation’s “Tourism and Cultural Economy Program,” “Proposed Grant Scoring Matrix,” and budget for the year 2026, to be administered by New Orleans Tourism and Cultural Foundation to: (1) provide services and financial support to the culture-bearers and cultural economy of New Orleans, including, without limitation, the people, enterprises, and communities that transform cultural skills, knowledge, and ideas into economically productive goods, services, and places, and (2) enhance tourism in New Orleans by strengthening the cultural economy, which attracts tourists to New Orleans, supporting events and festivals, for the year 2026; and to provide otherwise with respect thereto.

Annotation:

(This matter was introduced 10/1/25).

[35259 - 30536 M.C.S.](#)

[35259 AMD](#)

[Speaker Cards](#)

MOVED BY: Harris

SECONDED BY: Giarrusso

ACTION: AMENDMENT

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

MOVED BY: Giarrusso
SECONDED BY: Green
ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED
YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
RECUSED: 0
AND THE MOTION PASSED.

8. MOTION (LYING OVER) - NO. M-25-514 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO (BY REQUEST)

Brief:

Recommending projects to be funded for the remaining four years of the Five-Year Capital Program (2027-2030).

Annotation:

(This matter was introduced 10/1/25).

[LO M-25-514](#)

[Speaker Cards](#)

MOVED BY: Giarrusso
SECONDED BY: Green
ACTION: ADOPTED
YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
RECUSED: 0
AND THE MOTION PASSED.

9. MOTION (LYING OVER) - NO. M-25-515 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO (BY REQUEST)

Brief:

Approving the Operating Budget of the New Orleans Aviation Board for the Year 2026.

Annotation:

(This matter was introduced 10/1/25).

[LO M-25-515](#)

[Speaker Card](#)

MOVED BY: Giarrusso
SECONDED BY: Green
ACTION: ADOPTED
YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 6
NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Harris - 1

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

10. MOTION (LYING OVER) - NO. M-25-516 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO (BY REQUEST)

Brief:

Approving the Operating Budget of the Delgado-Albania Plantation Commission for the Year 2026.

Annotation:

(This matter was introduced 10/1/25).

[LO M-25-516](#)

[Speaker Card](#)

MOVED BY: Giarrusso

SECONDED BY: Morrell

ACTION: ADOPTED

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

11. MOTION (LYING OVER) - NO. M-25-517 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO (BY REQUEST)

Brief:

Approving the Operating Budget of the French Market Corporation for the Year 2026.

Annotation:

(This matter was introduced 10/1/25).

[LO M-25-517](#)

[Speaker Cards](#)

MOVED BY: Giarrusso

SECONDED BY: Green

ACTION: ADOPTED

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

12. MOTION (LYING OVER) - NO. M-25-518 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO (BY REQUEST)

Brief:

Approving the Operating Budget of the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation for the Year 2026.

Annotation:

(This matter was introduced 10/1/25).

[LO M-25-518](#)

MOVED BY: Giarrusso

SECONDED BY: Green

ACTION: ADOPTED

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Morrell, Thomas - 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Moreno - 1

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

13. MOTION (LYING OVER) - NO. M-25-519 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO (BY REQUEST)

Brief:

Approving the Operating Budget of the Orleans Parish Communication District for the Year 2026.

Annotation:

(This matter was introduced 10/1/25).

[LO M-25-519](#)

[Speaker Cards](#)

MOVED BY: Harris

SECONDED BY: Moreno

ACTION: ADOPTED

YEAS: Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Thomas - 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Giarrusso, Morrell - 2

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

14. MOTION (LYING OVER) - NO. M-25-520 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO (BY REQUEST)

Brief:

Approving the Operating Budget of the New Orleans Building Corporation for the Year 2026.

Annotation:

(This matter was introduced 10/1/25).

[LO M-25-520](#)

MOVED BY: Harris

SECONDED BY: Green

ACTION: ADOPTED

YEAS: Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Thomas - 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Giarrusso, Morrell - 2

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

16. MOTION - NO. M-25-593 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS

Brief:

Approving the budget and implementation plan of the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee for the Housing Trust Fund, as modified by the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee in its report received on November 20, 2025, pursuant to New Orleans City Code Sec. 70-415.342.

Annotation:

(This matter was introduced on 12/1/25).

[M-25-593](#)

[Speaker Cards](#)

MOVED BY: Harris

SECONDED BY: Giarrusso

ACTION: ADOPTED

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

18. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

19. POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

20. COUNCIL CLOSING REMARKS

15. MOTION (LYING OVER) - NO. M-25-521 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO (BY REQUEST)

Brief:

Authorizing the Clerk of Council staff to make any necessary technical, typographical, mathematical, and/or structural adjustments to any ordinances, motions, and amendments related to the adoption of the 2026 budget. This motion allows for the assurance of accuracy and the elimination of errors.

Annotation:

(This matter was introduced 10/1/25).

[LO M-25-521](#)

MOVED BY: Morrell

SECONDED BY: Green

ACTION: ADOPTED

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

17. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

CALENDAR NUMBER 35,319.

INTRODUCED AND LAID OVER AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

[35319](#)

MOVED BY: Giarrusso

SECONDED BY: Morrell

ACTION: ADOPTED

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

20. MEETING ADJOURNED @ 1:38 P.M.

MOVED BY: Harris

SECONDED BY: King

ACTION: ADJOURNED

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: King - 1

ABSTAIN: 0

RECUSED: 0

AND THE MOTION PASSED.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

1. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS
2. SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS
3. THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS