

RESOLUTION

NO. R-26-313

CITY HALL: August 6, 2026

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MORRELL AND MCCARRON

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) is responsible for auditing financial records; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. § 24:513 authorizes the LLA “to examine, audit, or review the books and accounts of the state treasurer, all public boards, commissions, agencies, departments, political subdivisions of the state, public officials and employees, public retirement systems enumerated in R.S. 11:173(A), municipalities, and all other public or quasi-public agencies or bodies The scope of the examinations may include financial accountability, legal compliance and evaluations of the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of the auditee’s programs or any combination of the foregoing.”; and

WHEREAS, LLA’s purpose is to provide a government that is accountable, efficient, and effective by providing independent assessment and proactive guidance, resulting in accurate reporting of the fiscal condition and performance of government; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:4159.2, as amended by Act No. 938, the Council may exercise regulatory authority and oversight over the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (“SWBNO”); and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2026, the Councilmembers McCarron and Hughes introduced Ordinance Calendar Number 35,521, which provides that the Council shall be responsible for approving SWBNO “finance[s], operations, and governance policies, including review and approval of operating budgets, capital budgets, and the capital improvement plan”; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes further insight into SWBNO’s financial health is vital to the Council’s ability to exercise its regulatory authority; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the Council requests the LLA conduct an audit of SWBNO.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

