

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

The Mayor and City Council of Morgan City, Louisiana, met at 6:00 pm (local time) in regular session, this date, in the City Court Building, Highway 182 East, Morgan City, Louisiana.

There were present: Honorable Lee Dragna, Mayor; and Council Members Ron Bias, Steve Domangue, Thomas Hutchinson, Jr., Tim Hymel, and Bonnie Leonard.

Absent: None

Also present were Mr. Charlie Solar, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer and Mr. Paul Landry, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Reverend Marty Harden.

Mayor Dragna said that there was not a positive image recipient this month, but he did want to mention a lady who worked at McDonald's in Morgan City. This person had always had a wonderful attitude and was a great worker. She did not want recognition at a council meeting, but he was planning to bring her a positive image certificate in the upcoming weeks.

Ms. Emerika Thomas with Chez Hope said that it was Domestic Violence Awareness Month and presented a proclamation for Mayor Dragna's signature. A motion to approve the proclamation was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Kolin Leonard requested permission to hold the 5th annual Swamp Pop Fest in the Mama G's parking lot to benefit NICS organization. It would take place on Saturday May 1, 2027 from 10 AM to 10 PM. A motion to approve the Swamp Pop Festival was made by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and voted unanimously in favor. He invited the Mayor and Council to attend the second trunk or treat in Lawrence Park that would be held on October 18, 2026.

Tracy Landry, Phyllis Glover, and Coach Theriot with the Roots & Ribbons Foundation invited the Mayor and Council to attend the annual Puttin' on the Pink - 2026 5K race and two-mile fun walk on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 4:00 PM at Morey Park in Patterson.

Mayor Dragna said a nursing student was present at tonight's meeting to observe for one of her classes, but she did not want to be introduced.

Mayor Dragna read the 2027 Budget Message into the record (copy on file). Mayor Dragna said that the Budget Workshop needed to be scheduled. Pastor Bias offered to meet on October 14, 2026, at 4 PM at City Hall. Mr. Solar said that Chief Adams would be out at a conference and asked if it could be done on October 21, 2026. A motion to hold the budget workshop on either October 14, 2026 or October 21, 2026 at 4 PM at City Hall was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and voted unanimously in favor.

The minutes of the August 25, 2026 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Dragna submitted the following financial statement for the period ending August 31, 2026.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
DATE:	September 22, 2026
TO:	Mayor and Council
FROM:	Deborah Garber
RE:	Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended August 31, 2026.

Attached is a summary that compares our actual revenues and expenses to our operational budget for our major funds subject to budgetary control for the period ending August 31, 2026. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: The revenues remain over budget by \$739,745. Operating expenses are under budget \$80,358. The net loss of \$2,045,606 is still a positive variance of \$774,204 as compared to the adopted budget.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues remain under budget again this month at \$1,662,420. The operating expenses are over budget by \$516,987, of which \$453,000 is due to purchased power costs. The net loss, after transfers, of \$62,058, creates an unfavorable variance compared to the budget of \$2,092,423.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$61,218 over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$37,097. The net income, after transfers, of \$88,113 leaves a positive variance of \$105,845.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Deborah Garber
Deborah Garber, Finance Director

CITY OF MORGAN CITY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget Period Ended AUGUST 31, 2026						
			AUGUST 2026	AUGUST 2026		AUGUST 2025
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS			ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	ACTUAL
REVENUES						
General Fund			5,679,367	4,955,512	723,855	4,657,508
Recreation Fund			91,578	65,535	26,043	88,967
Library Fund			1,663	2,404	(741)	3,738
Auditorium Fund			62,359	59,293	3,066	55,997
Lake End Park Fund			628,435	640,913	(12,478)	664,529
Cemetery Fund			53,428	66,740	(13,312)	20,313
State Prisoner Fund			175,694	173,984	1,710	118,550
Total Revenues			6,463,402	5,723,657	739,745	5,609,602
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL						
General Fund			8,440,086	8,596,901	(156,815)	7,343,734
Recreation Fund			436,024	469,480	(33,456)	317,586
Library Fund			94,234	146,789	(52,555)	84,614
Auditorium Fund			501,514	384,338	117,176	385,233
Lake End Park Fund			419,504	459,926	(40,422)	617,757
Cemetery Fund			261,307	177,529	83,778	155,685
State Prisoner Fund			433,034	431,098	1,936	381,349
Total Expenses			10,585,703	10,666,061	(80,358)	9,285,958
TRANSFERS						
Transfers from Funds			3,640,787	3,380,787	260,000	2,551,226
Transfers to Funds			(1,564,092)	(1,258,193)	(305,899)	(940,317)
Net Transfers			2,076,695	2,122,594	(45,899)	1,610,909
Excess(deficiency) net of transfers			(2,045,606)	(2,819,810)	774,204	(2,065,447)
UTILITY FUND						
Total Revenues			17,620,822	19,283,242	(1,662,420)	13,817,393
Total Expenditures			15,278,348	14,761,361	516,987	11,381,185
Net Excess			2,342,474	4,521,881	(2,179,407)	2,436,208
Net Transfers and non-oper.			(2,404,532)	(2,491,516)	86,984	(1,677,731)
Excess net of transfers			(62,058)	2,030,365	(2,092,423)	758,477
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND						
Total Revenues			2,320,634	2,259,416	61,218	2,021,902
Total Expenses			3,194,665	3,231,762	(37,097)	2,509,522
Net Excess			(874,031)	(972,346)	98,315	(487,620)
Net Transfers/non- operating expenses			962,144	954,614	7,530	867,409
Excess net of transfers and non-oper			88,113	(17,732)	105,845	379,789

A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and voted unanimously in favor.

The next matter on the agenda was the condemnation and demolition reports. Mr. Jimmie Knight said that he had been informed the property located at 126 Poncio had a

sixty day purchase agreement in place and the buyers were aware of the condemnation. A motion to allow the sale of 126 Poncio Street, and give sixty days from the date of the sale for the new owners to begin repairs was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Knight said the owner of the property located at 113 Mount Street notified him that she had applied for a preservation grant to get the building repaired. A motion to give the owner thirty days to prove the grant paperwork had been submitted, and if not the property would be demolished, was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

The pink building located at 114 Poncio Street had a large amount of cypress stored in it. The mayor felt that the owners should be given the option to remove it. Pastor Bias said that the owners had been given three years, and nothing had been done. A motion to put out bids for the demolition of the house, and if repairs to the building had not been done in thirty days, the house would be demolished was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Knight said the owner of 1414 N Third Street had passed away, and their heir was not interested in opening a succession and wanted nothing to do with the house. The neighbors were complaining of rats coming from the structure and tall grass, and the City had been cutting the grass. Mayor Dragna suggested that Attorney Tessie Seitzinger reach out to the heir and see if it could be adjudicated to the City. A motion to have Ms. Seitzinger contact the heir was made by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

The property at 305 Lawrence Street had been redeemed and adjudicated again. They had been dealing with this property for years and suggested it be torn down. A motion to condemn and demolish the property at 305 Lawrence Street was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, and voted unanimously in favor.

Pastor Bias asked if Jimmie had contacted Mrs. Freida Jones about the property located at 519 Bowman Street. Mr. Knight said she had asked for an extension and had been given a year to fix up the house. Pastor Bias asked that Mr. Knight contact Mrs. Jones before demolishing. Mrs. Leonard made a motion to contact Mrs. Jones and proceed with the demolition if it was not repaired, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Knight said that over \$1,000 had been spent on wood to board up the house at 521 Bowman Street. Mrs. Leonard said that this was in her district and had been in need of repairs for quite some time. A motion to condemn and demolish the house located at 521 Bowman Street was made by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Dragna said that the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report needed to be submitted; whereupon,

Mr. Hymel offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 26-46

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City is committed to minimizing the amount of infiltration and inflow into the wastewater collection system and its associated impact on the design flow of the wastewater treatment plant, and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City has dedicated adequate budget funds to aggressively pursue location of and repairs to cracked and broken pipes in the wastewater collection system, employing both City and contract resources,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that it hereby informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the following actions were taken by the City of Morgan City, Louisiana.

1. Reviewed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Audit Report, which is attached to this resolution.
2. Set forth the following actions necessary to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit, number LA0065986:
 - a. Continued mapping of the wastewater collection system to characterize and document the size, type, and maintenance history of each main;
 - b. Continued systematic surveying and investigation of sections of the collection system to determine the extent and priority of repair efforts; and
 - c. Continued repairing and/or replacement of damaged sections of the collection system.

Mr. Hutchinson seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Hymel, Hutchinson, Bias, Domangue, Leonard
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 22nd day of September, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The NGDISM change order had to do with the permitting of the work that would take place near the levee, and needed to be approved; whereupon,

Mr. Hymel offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 26-47

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed in the name of and on behalf of said municipal corporation, to execute Change Order Number 1 to include the permit documentation and requirements set forth by the USACE and St. Mary Levee District for construction activities near their levees, under Contract Number R:26-12, between the City of Morgan City and Norris and Boudreaux Contractors for the Morgan City NGDISM Gas Replacement project.

Mr. Hutchinson seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Hymel, Hutchinson, Bias, Domangue, Leonard
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 22nd day of September, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s /Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Dragna said that he would take up the Charter School lease discussion after all of the resolutions because he knew it would take some time.

Change order number two for the Complex Aquatics project was the next matter on the agenda. Mayor Dragna said that this change order would add additional concrete, sidewalks, an ADA ramp, fencing and a shower. He said the money was there to pay for the change order; whereupon,

Mrs. Leonard offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 26-48

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed in the name of and on behalf of said municipal corporation, to execute Change Order Number 2 in the amount of + \$47,722.00, under Contract Number R: 25-11, between the City of Morgan City and G.W. Olivier Construction, LLC, for the Complex Aquatics project.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES:	Leonard, Domangue, Bias, Hutchinson, Hymel
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 22nd day of September, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the change of November and December Council Meeting dates; whereupon,

Pastor Bias offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 26-49

WHEREAS, the November 2026 council meeting falls on November 24, 2026, during Thanksgiving week; and the December 2026 council meeting falls on December 22, 2026, Christmas week; and

WHEREAS, children are out of school for the holidays and many families take vacations at this time, and

WHEREAS, from past experience it has been determined to be within the best interest of the city to change this council meeting date.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the November 2026 and the December 2026 council meetings be changed as follows:

November 24, 2026 meeting changed to November 17, 2026

December 22, 2026 meeting changed to December 15, 2026

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES:	Bias, Domangue, Hutchinson, Hymel, Leonard
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 22nd day of September, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Dragna said that in connection with the upcoming repairs on LA 70 done by the State, some City utilities would have to be relocated. The state would reimburse the city for the cost of the project. Mr. Solar said that the only bid was \$1,347,824.00, and the project would have to be completed within thirty day; whereupon,

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Mr. Hutchinson offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 26-50

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the bid of LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC, for furnishing all materials, equipment, etc., for the LA 70 Rehab Marguerite Street to US 90 – Utility Relocations project in the amount of ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (1,347,824.00) being the least and most responsible bid received, be and the same is hereby accepted and awarded to LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute a contract with said LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC, for and on behalf of and in the name of said Municipal Corporation, for furnishing all materials, and equipment for the LA 70 Rehab Marguerite Street to US 90 – Utility Relocations project, Morgan City, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the contract shall be filed with the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages for the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, for recordation in the mortgage records of said parish, hereby ratifying and confirming his act or acts in the premises.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES:	Hutchinson, Domangue, Bias, Hymel, Leonard
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 22nd day of September, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Dragna stated that a lease agreement with Blended and Online School Solutions was needed before proceeding with bidding and renovations to Shannon Elementary. The lease provided to the Council was a draft. He opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Andrew Mancuso, speaking as a citizen and not on behalf of the St. Mary Parish School Board, opposed the lease as presented. He expressed concerns about reduced public school funding while fixed costs remained, competition for teachers, potential effects on career programs and specialized services, and charter board accountability. He urged the Council to table the matter pending further review of local enrollment, financial, and educational data, and suggested consideration of an independent school district.

Mrs. Lindsey Anslem, speaking as a parent and not on behalf of the School Board, expressed concern about the proposal expanding into a full-time charter school and its effects on students remaining in public schools. She cited potential losses of funding, certified teachers, and student services, and urged consultation with School Board members before proceeding. She supported educational choices but believed their consequences for the entire school system should first be evaluated.

Mayor Dragna said discussions with school representatives included concerns about approximately 200 students leaving a parish system with an estimated enrollment of 6,900. He believed the City should consider educational alternatives in response to parents' concerns. Mr. Mancuso clarified that his previously suggested alternative was an independent school district. The Mayor stated that a third party had initiated contact concerning use of Shannon Elementary.

Mr. Hymel opposed leasing Shannon Elementary to the charter school, citing the quality of local public schools, potential losses of students and funding, and the proposed expenditure of City funds for renovations. He acknowledged that the City could not prevent a charter school from locating in Morgan City and suggested alternative locations, including Ingleswood Mall or Marguerite Squires School.

Mr. Hutchinson noted that public, parochial, and charter schools already operated on the west side of the parish. He stated that some local families traveled or moved for other school options and that public school budget cuts could occur regardless of whether a charter school opened in Morgan City.

Mrs. Prissy Davis, a retired educator with 30 years of experience, stated that she initially contacted Charter Schools USA. Discussions had been underway for approximately two years, and well over 100 people had contacted her expressing interest. She supported an additional educational option and believed reopening Shannon Elementary would put an unused school facility to productive use, while acknowledging potential effects on existing public schools.

Mrs. Leonard clarified that the Council was considering a lease, not establishing or operating the charter school. She supported parental choice and stated that families and teachers satisfied with their existing schools would not necessarily leave.

Mr. Michael Loupe stated that the initial renovation estimate exceeded \$1 million but had been reduced to approximately \$750,000–\$800,000 following discussions with the State Fire Marshal regarding ADA requirements. The estimate covered one building and the cafeteria, with additional space available for future expansion. He confirmed that repairs would be necessary for any tenant. Mayor Dragna stated that funding would come from the 3M class action settlement.

In response to Mr. John Schaff's question about financial returns, Mayor Dragna stated that the proposed tenant would pay approximately \$100,000 annually in rent, applicable taxes, and maintenance and operating expenses associated with its use of the property. The City would pay approximately 25% of the gym utility bill while retaining access for recreation programs. The Mayor estimated that the City could recover its investment within four to five years and thereafter receive revenue for other City needs.

Pastor Bias stated that he lacked sufficient information to make an informed decision and felt the proposal was moving too quickly. He requested greater transparency, additional public input, and further discussion, and suggested tabling the matter.

Mr. Domangue praised local public school teachers but expressed concern about the financial effects on existing schools. He requested information from both public school and charter school representatives before making a decision.

Following discussion, the Council agreed to invite charter school and public school representatives to a town hall meeting to provide information and answer questions before proceeding. No vote was taken on the lease.

The next matter on the agenda was the first reading of the 2027 Budget. No definitive action was necessary.

The public hearing for the Authorization of the continued levy of the Hotel Occupancy Tax in the Hotel/Motel Corridor was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

The following ordinance having been introduced at a duly convened meeting on August 25, 2026, was offered for final adoption by Pastor Bias and seconded by Mr. Hutchinson:

ORDINANCE NO. 26 - 15

An ordinance authorizing the continued levy of a hotel occupancy tax within the Morgan City Hotel/Motel Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana; directing that such hotel occupancy tax in the District will be used to provide funds for economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), acting through this Morgan City Council as its governing authority (the "Governing Authority"), created the Morgan City Hotel/Motel Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on August 22, 2023, pursuant to Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31 through 33:9038.42, inclusive) (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the District may use local and state sales tax, ad valorem, and/or hotel occupancy tax revenues or increments pursuant to and in accordance with the Act to provide funds needed to finance economic development projects as defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:9038.39 permits economic development districts such as the District to levy hotel occupancy taxes at a rate up to two percent (2%) for authorized purposes; and

WHEREAS, the District is currently levying a hotel occupancy tax of 2% (the "Tax") through September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, no registered voters reside within the boundaries of the District and therefore La. R.S. 33:9038.39 permits the Governing Authority to levy the Tax for authorized purposes without the necessity of holding an election thereon, and this Governing Authority now wishes to proceed with the continued levy and imposition of the Tax for the purposes permitted by the Act; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority now wishes to provide for the continued levy and collection of the Tax, which shall be assessed, collected, administered and enforced in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2D of Subtitle II, Chapter 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (the "Uniform Local Sales Tax Code"), as it may be amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Morgan City Council, acting as the governing authority of the District, that:

SECTION i) In accordance with the Act, there has been published two times in the *Daily Review*, the official journal of the City (the "Official Journal"), a notice in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, describing the levy of the Tax and informing the citizens of the date of consideration of this Ordinance.

SECTION ii) According to the certificate of the Registrar of Voters for the Parish of St. Mary attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, no registered voters presently reside within the District. Under the authority of the Act, there is hereby levied and imposed a 2% hotel occupancy tax, beginning October 1, 2026, and continuing through September 30, 2029 (the "Tax").

SECTION iii) The Tax shall be collected by a "Collector," which term shall mean and include the entity from time-to-time collecting hotel occupancy taxes on behalf of the City. The current Collector for the Tax is the St. Mary Parish Sales & Use Tax Department.

SECTION iv) The Tax shall be collected on the basis of the applicable integrated bracket schedule prescribed by the Collector of Revenue, State of Louisiana, pursuant to Section 304 of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (La. R.S. 47:304). The dealers shall remit the Tax collected to the Collector and comply with the Uniform Local

Sales Tax Code, particularly La. R.S. 47:337.29, the proportionate part of the sales and use taxes collected in accordance with said integrated bracket schedule.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of compensating the dealer in accounting for and remitting the Tax, each dealer shall be allowed compensation on the amount of all Tax due and accounted for and remitted to the Collector equivalent to the amount allowed for sales and use taxes of the City. Said compensation shall be in the form of a deduction in submitting his/her report and/or reports and paying the amount due by the dealer, provided the amount due was not delinquent at the time of payment, and provided the amount of any credit claimed for the Tax already paid to a wholesaler shall not be deducted in computing the commission allowed the dealer hereunder.

SECTION 6. The interest on unpaid Tax provided for by La. R.S. 47:337.69 shall be at the same rate as allowed for sales and use taxes in the City.

SECTION 7. Any penalties permitted to be imposed by the Collector pursuant to the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code shall be imposed, when applicable, in amounts, percentages or rates equivalent to those allowed for sales and use taxes of the City.

SECTION 8. The Collector is authorized to employ private counsel to assist in the collection of any Tax, penalties or interest due under this Ordinance, or to represent him/her in any proceeding under this Ordinance. If any Tax, penalties or interest due under this Ordinance are referred to an attorney at law for collection, an additional charge of attorney fees, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of such Tax, penalties and interest due, shall be paid by the tax debtor.

SECTION 9. Should the interest, penalties or attorney fees herein, or the combined interest, penalties and attorney fees be declared to be in excess of limits provided by other law, including relevant jurisprudence, then the maximum interest, penalties and attorney fees allowed by such other law shall apply.

SECTION 10. The Collector is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to carry into effect the provisions of this Ordinance, to appoint deputies, assistants or agents to assist it in the performance of its duties, and in pursuance thereof to make and enforce such rules as it may deem necessary.

SECTION 11. The entire proceeds of the Tax as received by the District shall continue to be deposited into a special trust fund heretofore created and designated "Morgan City Hotel/Motel Economic Development District Trust Fund" (the "Trust Fund"), and shall be used by the Governing Authority for those economic development projects and purposes permitted pursuant to the Act. All taxes, revenues, funds, assessments, moneys, penalties, fees or other income which may be collected or come into the possession of the Collector under any provision or provisions of this Ordinance relating to the Tax described herein, shall be promptly deposited by the Collector for the account of the District in the Trust Fund, heretofore established and maintained for the deposit of such proceeds, which fund shall be maintained as a separate fund, apart from other funds and accounts of the City or other entities, provided, however, any amount which is paid under protest or which is subject to litigation may be transferred to a separate account established by the Collector pending the final determination of the protest or litigation. Out of the funds on deposit in the Trust Fund, the District shall first pay all reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of administering and collecting the Tax (to the extent not already retained by the Collector) and administering the provisions of this Ordinance and as well, the various administrative and enforcement procedures. Such costs and expenses shall be reported by the Collector monthly to the District. After all reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax have been paid as provided for above, the remaining balance in the Trust Fund shall be available for appropriation and expenditure by the District solely for the purposes designated and described in the Act and other applicable law.

SECTION 12. All funds or accounts described herein may be separate funds or accounts or may be a separate accounting within a general or "sweep" fund or account containing monies from multiple sources so long as separate accounting of such monies is maintained.

SECTION 13. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be in conflict with the provisions of the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, the provisions of the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code shall be controlling.

SECTION 14 The Mayor and Clerk of the Council are hereby authorized to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 15 All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 16. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance, but this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this Ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance.

SECTION 17. This Ordinance shall be published one time in the Official Journal.

SECTION 18. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Bias, Hutchinson, Domangue, Hymel, Leonard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 22nd day of September, 2026.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Clerk of the Council

/s/ Lee Dragna
Mayor

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF MORGAN CITY, STATE OF LOUISIANA

NOTICE OF INTENTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Morgan City Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Morgan City Hotel/Motel Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the "District"), proposes to continue to levy a two percent (2%) hotel occupancy tax (the "Tax") within the District pursuant to the authority of Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31 through 9038.42, inclusive)(the "Act"). The proceeds of the Tax will continue to be deposited in a special trust fund to be used for the furtherance of economic development projects within the District, all pursuant to the authority of the Act.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet in open and public session on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, City Court Building, 7261 Highway 182 East, Morgan City, Louisiana, and will at that time hear any and all objections to the proposed continued levy of the Tax within the District.

EXHIBIT B

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. MARY

I, Terry Foulcard, the duly appointed St. Mary Parish Registrar of Voters, do hereby certify to the Morgan City Hotel/Motel Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the "District") that, as of the date set forth below, there are no qualified electors located within the District, the boundaries of which are as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the Brashear Avenue and Louisiana Highway 182; thence proceeding northeasterly along Brashear Avenue to its intersection with 8th Street; thence proceeding northwesterly along 8th Street to its intersection with Willard Street; thence proceeding northeasterly along Willard Street to its intersection with 9th Street; thence proceeding southerly along 9th Street to its intersection with Brashear Avenue; thence proceeding northeasterly along Brashear Avenue to its intersection with Victor II

Boulevard; thence proceeding southeasterly along Victor II Boulevard to its intersection with the property line of 1324 and 1328 Victor II Boulevard; thence proceeding southerly and easterly along the property line of 1324 and 1328 Victor II Boulevard to its intersection with Redwood Street; thence southerly along Redwood Street to its intersection with Sandra Street; thence southeasterly along Sandra Street to its intersection with Cottonwood Street; thence southerly along Cottonwood Street to its intersection with Louisiana Highway 182; thence easterly along Louisiana Highway 182 to its intersection with Myrtle Street; thence northerly along Myrtle Street to its intersection with Victor II Boulevard; thence easterly along Victor II Boulevard to its intersection with Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard; thence northerly along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to its intersection with U.S. Highway 90; thence easterly along U.S. Highway 90 to its intersection with the extension of the property line of 704 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard; thence, proceeding southerly along the property line of 704 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and its extension south to its intersection with Louisiana Highway 182; thence proceeding easterly along Louisiana Highway 182 to its intersection with Roderick Street; thence proceeding northerly along Roderick Street to its intersection with the property line of 516 Roderick Street; thence proceeding easterly and northerly and westerly and northerly and westerly along the property line of 516 Roderick Street to its intersection with Roderick Street; thence northerly along Roderick Street to its intersection with U.S. Highway 90; thence easterly along U.S. Highway 90 to its intersection with the levee east of 520 Roderick Street; thence proceeding southerly along the levee to its intersection with Louisiana Highway 182; thence proceeding westerly along Louisiana Highway 182 to its intersection with East Boulevard; thence proceeding southerly along East Boulevard to its intersection with Railroad Avenue; thence proceeding westerly along Railroad Avenue to its intersection with Myrtle Street; thence proceeding northerly along Myrtle Street to its intersection with Louisiana Highway 182; thence proceeding northwesterly along Louisiana Highway 182 to its intersection with Brashear Avenue, the point of beginning.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my signature and official seal of the St. Mary Parish Registrar of Voters, this ____th day of August, 2026.

(SEAL)

Terry Foulcard

The public hearing for the Enaction of Section 2-6. Public Records Request Ordinance was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on August 25, 2026. Published by title on August 28, 2026.

Mr. Hymel offered the following ordinance, who moved for its adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA TO ENACT SECTION 2-6. PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS, OF ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL OF CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS; TO ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE INSPECTION AND REPRODUCTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS; TO PROVIDE FOR FEES AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Constitution and the Louisiana Public Records Law, La. R.S. 44:1 et seq., provide for the public's right to inspect, copy and reproduce public records, subject to exemptions established by law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City desires to establish uniform procedures for the receipt and processing of public records requests and for the assessment of lawful reproduction fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS - POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

There is hereby enacted in Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Morgan City a section to read substantially as follows:

Sec. 2-6. Public Records Requests.

(a) Compliance with law.

Public records of the City of Morgan City shall be made available for inspection, copying or reproduction in accordance with the Louisiana Public Records Law, La. R.S. 44:1 et seq., and other applicable state and federal law. Nothing in this section shall require disclosure of a record or information that is confidential, privileged or otherwise exempt from disclosure by law.

(b) Custodian and submission of requests.

The Chief Administrative Officer shall serve as the central receiving point for public records requests directed to the City, except where another custodian is designated by law or by the City for particular records. City departments receiving a public records request shall promptly forward the request to the Chief Administrative Officer or other appropriate custodian. Requests may be made in any manner permitted by Louisiana law. The City may provide a request form for convenience, but use of the form shall not be required.

(c) Identification and processing of requests.

A request shall reasonably identify the records sought. If the records cannot reasonably be identified from the request, the custodian may seek clarification as permitted by law. The City is not required to answer interrogatories, conduct research, provide legal opinions, or create a record that does not exist. Requests shall be processed and records made available within the time and in the manner required by Louisiana law.

(d) Inspection and protection of records.

Public records subject to disclosure shall be available for inspection during regular office or working hours. No fee shall be charged solely for inspection or examination of public records, except as otherwise authorized by law. The custodian may take reasonable measures to protect records from alteration, destruction, loss or removal.

(e) Copies, electronic records and redactions.

A person entitled to inspect a public record may request a copy or reproduction in accordance with Louisiana law. Records may be provided in paper or electronic form

when reasonably available. The City shall not be required to create a new record or convert a record into a format in which it is not maintained unless otherwise required by law. When a record contains information exempt from disclosure, the custodian may redact or segregate the exempt information and provide the remaining public portion as required by law.

(f) Fees.

The City may establish and collect reasonable fees for making copies of public records, including the transmission of electronic copies, as authorized by La. R.S. 44:32 and other applicable law. The City's current Public Records Request Fee Schedule shall be maintained by the custodian and posted or otherwise made readily accessible to the public. The custodian may provide an estimate and require advance payment of applicable fees before production. When specialized reproduction or outside services are reasonably necessary, the requestor may be charged the actual lawful cost to the extent permitted by law. Any fee specifically established by state or federal law shall control.

(g) Governing law.

This section shall be interpreted and applied consistently with the Louisiana Public Records Law and other applicable law. In the event of a conflict, applicable state or federal law shall control.

SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The City Clerk, with the advice of the City Attorney and approval of the Mayor, may develop forms and administrative procedures reasonably necessary to implement this ordinance, provided that no such form or procedure shall restrict a right granted by law or impose a fee not authorized by law.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. REPEALER

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective in accordance with law following final adoption and publication.

THUS DONE, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, at its regular meeting held on the 22nd day of September, 2026, after a public hearing having been held in accordance with law.

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES:	Hymel, Bias, Domangue, Hutchinson, Leonard
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Certified approved and adopted this 22nd day of September, 2026.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 8:15 am, this 23rd day of September, 2026.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 23rd day of September, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor at 8:30 am on September 23, 2026.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: September 25, 2026

The public hearing for the purchase of the property located at 7343 Hwy 182 East was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on August 25, 2026. Published by title on August 28, 2026.

Mr. Hutchinson offered the following ordinance, who moved for its adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-17

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing body of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, in regular session convened this 22nd day of September, 2026 that:

SECTION 1:

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City ("City") is a duly authorized municipality that is responsible for municipal operations within the territorial limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, as part of its operation of city government, the City owns and operates various properties; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in purchasing the property located at 7343 Highway 182 E for use in municipal operations as the Juvenile Services office.

SECTION 2:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of Morgan City, Louisiana that:

(1) The City Council agrees to purchase the property at 7343 Highway 182 E, from Mustin Properties, LLC, for the price of \$378,200.00; and

(2) The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purchase of 7343 Highway 182 E from Mustin Properties, LLC.

SECTION 3:

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared unconstitutional or repealed for any reason, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected hereby. That all laws or parts of law in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage within the time prescribed by law.

Mrs. Leonard seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Hutchinson, Leonard, Bias, Domangue, Hymel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Certified approved and adopted this 22nd day of September, 2026.

Delivered to Mayor at 8:15 am, this 23rd day of September, 2026.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 23rd day of September, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor at 8:30 am on September 23, 2026.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: September 25, 2026

The public hearing for the purchase of the building located at 727 Myrtle Street was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on August 25, 2026. Published by title on August 28, 2026.

Mrs. Leonard offered the following ordinance, who moved for its adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-18

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing body of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, in regular session convened this 22nd day of September, 2026 that:

SECTION 1:

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City ("City") is a duly authorized municipality that is responsible for municipal operations within the territorial limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, as part of its operation of city government, the City owns and operates various properties; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in purchasing the building located at 727 Myrtle Street for use in municipal operations as the Recreation Department office.

SECTION 2:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of Morgan City, Louisiana that:

(1) The City Council agrees to purchase the building located at 727 Myrtle Street, from the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce, for the price of \$25,000.00; and

(2) The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purchase of the building located at 727 Myrtle Street, from the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce.

SECTION 3:

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared unconstitutional or repealed for any reason, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected hereby. That all laws or parts of law in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage within the time prescribed by law.

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Leonard, Bias, Domangue, Hutchinson, Hymel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Certified approved and adopted this 22nd day of September, 2026.

Delivered to Mayor at 8:15 am, this 23rd day of September, 2026.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 23rd day of September, 2026.

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor at 8:30 am on September 23, 2026.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: September 25, 2026

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

/s/ Lee Dragna
Lee Dragna
Mayor