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November 13, 2025

The City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, met in special session at its temporary location located at 501 Willow Avenue in the Council Chambers, Sulphur, Louisiana, on November 13, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., after full compliance with the convening of said meeting with the following members present:

NICK NEZAT, Council Representative of District 2  
MELINDA HARDY, Council Representative of District 3  
JOY ABSHIRE, Council Representative of District 4  
MANDY THOMAS, Council Representative of District 5

ABSENT - DRU ELLENDER, Council Representative of District 1

After the meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above result, prayer was led by Mr. Nezat, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Hardy.

The first item on the agenda is a resolution authorizing the City of Sulphur to commit to cover all costs over State Water Sector Program funds including a minimum of 41% of the total project cost to provide for all necessary funding for the Water Sector Program Phase 2 FY 26-27 System Improvements Project. Wendy Wingate, Madison Crossing, stated that the Council should vote with caution when voting on these items. She'd like to see a timeline on Phase 2. In 2022 the city had an agreement with the state that wasn't approved by the Council. Not that it was ill intent, but it is important to note since it locked the city into deciding factors later. In 2023 she asked about the water rate study, and she received update on Phase 1. That information was concerning because it was 2024 when Phase 1 was supposed to be complete. She then went on to show concern about the water sector program and stated if the Council can't complete a project on time, to not get into another agreement.

Danny DiPetta, Bonin Drive, stated that he put together 14 different financial analysis for this project and he could not make it not work. The payback to the city will be great. The payback gives the city plenty of money for future types of development and if this were his money he'd jump on it in a heartbeat. The 106-page program that he read through is very thorough. With the revenue this would generate, he even did it in a step pattern where the revenue wouldn't come in the first year, and it still worked.

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Mrs. Abshire then read a comment card from Charlie Atherton (he had to leave the meeting) and he stated that he supports this program. It's a good return on investment. Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3672, M-C SERIES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SULPHUR TO COMMIT TO COVER ALL COSTS OVER STATE WATER SECTOR PROGRAM FUNDS INCLUDING A MINIMUM OF 41% OF THE TOTAL PROJECT COST TO PROVIDE FOR ALL NECESSARY FUNDING FOR THE WATER SECTOR PROGRAM PHASE 2 FY 26-27 SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the City of Sulphur is applying for funding through the Water Sector Program Phase 2 FY 26-27; and

WHEREAS, documentation of matching funds is required as part of the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Sulphur, the governing authorizing thereof that they do hereby authorize the City of Sulphur to commit to cover all costs over State Water Sector Program funds including a minimum of 41% of the total project cost to provide for all necessary funding for the Water Sector Program Phase 2 FY 26-27 System Improvements Project.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas

NAYS: Mr. Nezat

ABSENT: Mrs. Ellender

And the above resolution was declared duly adopted on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

ATTEST:

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ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

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JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution authorizing Mayor Danahay to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Meyer & Associates, Inc. for the Water Sector Program Phase 2 FY 26-27 System Improvements Project. Wendy Wingate, Madison Crossing, stated that she's not against the funding but the city is just changing their answers from the last two times the city failed at this. She also stated that she would like to know where Mr. DiPetta got all his information because she only saw a resolution with no agreement attached.

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Kenneth Belenger, West Verdine, stated that this was already explained to him but this agreement with Meyer & Associates is contingent upon the application being accepted and the funds awarded. The city isn't on the hook if the state denies this.

Danny DiPetta, Bonin Drive, stated that he highly recommends Meyer & Associates. They know how to get through the weeds, not only locally but parish and state-wide. He got all his information from the 106 pages that were available to everyone and with 30 years of knowledge and making phone calls. Having a safe place for the septage haulers is important to the haulers.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Hardy seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 3673, M-C SERIES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR DANAHAHAY TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MEYER & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE WATER SECTOR PROGRAM PHASE 2 FY 26-27 SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, that they do hereby authorize Mayor Danahay to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Meyer & Associates, Inc. (See Exhibit "A") for the Water Sector Program Phase 2 FY 26-27 System Improvements Project.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Abshire, Mrs. Thomas  
NAYS: Mr. Nezat  
ABSENT: Mrs. Ellender

And the above resolution was declared duly adopted on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

ATTEST:

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ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk

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JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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ARLENE BLANCHARD, Clerk  
11/13/25      5:45 P.M.

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JOY ABSHIRE, Chairman