



**CITY OF ST. GABRIEL
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017 - 6:00 P.M.
ST. GABRIEL CITY HALL COMPLEX - 5035 IBERVILLE STREET - ROOM 32
ST. GABRIEL, LOUISIANA**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at approximately 6:07 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Deborah R. Alexander (6:12 pm)
Councilman Freddie C. Frazier, Sr.
Councilman Ronald Grace
Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr. /Mayor Pro-tempore
Councilman Kelvin York, Sr.

Absent:

4 of 5 Council Members were in attendance therefore a majority was present for a quorum.

Presiding: Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr.

Recording: Leman Raphael, City Clerk

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A prayer was led by Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM – 5 minute limit (Please register with the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting indicating your topic of discussion.) Topics should be on agenda items and/or city government concerns.

No Comment

MOTION CONSIDERATION – Approval of minutes for meeting dated January 19, 2016.

There was a Motion by Councilman Hasten, the motion died for a lack of a second.

MAYOR REPORT

On a Motion by Councilman Frazier and a Second by Councilman Grace on a unanimous decision with one absent pay estimate number 8 for St. Gabriel Drainage Project in the amount \$535,552.11 was approved for Richard Price Contracting.

Councilwoman Alexander arrived (6:12 pm)

Mayor Johnson gave Council a detail overview of the current state of the Sewer Recovery Project and the current sewer rates. Mayor Johnson stated that the current sewer accounts due by the 20th of this month is \$4958.35, total delinquent numbers total \$7,765.15 with (0-30 Days \$4,568.97, +30 Days \$1,751.63, and +60 Days \$1,444.55).

Mayor Johnson gave an update on important dates, upcoming events happening at City Hall and current status of projects around the City.

Mayor Johnson state that the City has hired an Environmental Consultant to address voiced citizens' concerns. Mayor Johnson explained that through various meetings a progress report is being put together addressing air, soil, and water quality. There were questions from Council.

PRESENTATION – 2015-2016 AUDIT REPORT

Tony Ruiz, CPA of Diez, Dupuy & Ruiz, LLC gave a detailed presentation of the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 Audit Report. Mr. Ruiz informed Mayor and Council that the City has done well in preparing and handling their financial records. Mr. Ruiz explained that the City through its efforts in the collection of delinquent sewer accounts has been clear the finding. Mayor Johnson spoke in detail about points raised by the audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jacob Waguespack of Faulk & Winkler, City CPA Firm, gave a detailed report of the current City financials. Mr. Waguespack went through a year to date outlook of expenditures in relation to last year, key revenue analysis, and a current cash position. Mr. Waguespack covered the City's one budget audit finding as it related to video poker revenue. Mayor Johnson stated that 2016 – 2017 Budget talks will begin soon.

ADJOURNMENT

On a Motion by Councilwoman Alexander and a Second by Councilman Frazier on a unanimous decision with none absent the Regular Council Meeting of Mayor and City Council was moved to Thursday March 9, 2017.

On a unanimous decision with none absent the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Leman Raphael
City Clerk, City of St. Gabriel

Lionel Johnson, Jr.
Mayor, City of St. Gabriel