



**CITY OF ST. GABRIEL
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 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 6:06 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilman Freddie C. Frazier, Sr.
Councilman Ronald Grace
Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr. /Mayor Pro-tempore
Councilman Kelvin York, Sr.

Absent: Councilwoman Deborah R. Alexander

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

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.

Ms. Marcia Hardy spoke in opposition to the proposed application for Rezoning submitted by Adsorbent Solutions, LLC.

Mr. William Smith spoke in opposition to the proposed application for Rezoning submitted by Adsorbent Solutions, LLC.

Mr. Tyrone Williams spoke in opposition to the proposed application for Rezoning submitted by Adsorbent Solutions, LLC and about the Facebook Page “Citizens for a Better St. Gabriel”.

Mr. Ray Brent spoke in opposition to the proposed application for Rezoning submitted by Adsorbent Solutions, LLC.

Mr. Jessie Brooks in support of the proposed application for Rezoning submitted by Adsorbent Solutions,

LLC.

Mr. Stephen Redmann in opposition to the proposed application for Rezoning submitted by Adsorbent Solutions, LLC.

Ms. Kay Gaudet in opposition to the proposed application for Rezoning submitted by Adsorbent Solutions, LLC.

Mr. Chris Gaudet in opposition to the proposed application for Rezoning submitted by Adsorbent Solutions, LLC.

Ms. Loreta Godwin in opposition to the proposed application for Rezoning submitted by Adsorbent Solutions, LLC.

Mr. Chandler McFadden in support of the proposed application for Rezoning submitted by Adsorbent Solutions, LLC.

Ms. Julie LoMaglio in opposition to the proposed application for Rezoning submitted by Adsorbent Solutions, LLC.

Ms. Lynn Owens in opposition to the proposed application for Rezoning submitted by Adsorbent Solutions, LLC.

Mr. Arend VanGemert in opposition to the proposed application for Rezoning submitted by Adsorbent Solutions, LLC.

Ms. Lisa Burgess in support of the proposed application for Rezoning submitted by Adsorbent Solutions, LLC.

Ms. Elodie Williams in opposition to the proposed application for Rezoning submitted by Adsorbent Solutions, LLC.

Ms. Lydia Haydel in opposition to the proposed application for Rezoning submitted by Adsorbent Solutions, LLC.

Ms. Cheryl White wanted to get an update on her previous inquiry about the number of deaths in this community with samples of soil and water. Mayor Johnson stated an update would be given on the matter during The Mayor's Report.

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PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MOTION CONSIDERATION – Approval of minutes for meeting dated March 9, 2017

On a Motion by Councilman Hasten and a Second by Councilman York on a unanimous decision with one absent the minutes for meeting dated March 9, 2017 were approved.

MOTION TO BEGIN – A Public Hearing

On a Motion by Councilman Frazier and a Second by Councilman Grace on a unanimous decision with one absent a Public Hearing Began

Application for Adsorbent Solutions, LLC for Variances and Rezoning Property located at 7100 St. Gabriel Avenue

Mr. Tommy Gildersleeve, Environmental Attorney for Adsorbent Solutions, went through a detail of the ADSO’s history of past DEQ infractions. Mr. Gildersleeve stated that the most recent air permit applied to DEQ was approved based on construction designs.

Mr. George Grace Jr., Attorney for Adsorbent Solutions, explained DEQ’s process of taking into account all public comment from the public hearing held on ADSO’s air permit. Mr. Grace further explained that given consideration to both the public comment and the application submitted by ADSO, the DEQ Board issued the permit. Mr. Grace explained that the settlement of all past infractions have been accounted for and currently ADSO is in compliance with rules and regulations.

Mr. Stewart Fulton CEO of Adsorbent Solutions, LLC went through a detail overview of what the approval of the current zoning and variance applications means to ADSO.

MOTION TO END – A Public Hearing Session and RETURN to Regular Meeting

On a Motion by Councilman Frazier and a Second by Councilman Hasten on a unanimous decision with one absent a Public Hearing Ended and Regular Meeting resumed.

MOTION TO APPROVE – Applications for Adsorbent Solutions, LLC for Rezoning their Property from BIP to M1 and Area Variance located at 7100 St. Gabriel Avenue

There were questions by Council. On a Motion by Councilman Grace and a Second by Councilman Hasten on a unanimous decision with none absent application for rezoning for Adsorbent Solutions LLC was denied with the following Roll Call Vote:

YEAS:	0	
NAYS:	4	[Freddie Frazier, Sr., Ronald Grace, Melvin Hasten, Sr., and Kelvin York, Sr.]
ABSENT:	1	[Deborah R. Alexander]
ABSTAINING	0	

On a Motion by Councilman Frazier and a Second by Councilman Grace on a unanimous decision with none absent application for variance for Adsorbent Solutions LLC was denied with the following Roll Call Vote:

YEAS:	0	
NAYS:	4	[Freddie Frazier, Sr., Ronald Grace, Melvin Hasten, Sr., and Kelvin York, Sr.]
ABSENT:	1	[Deborah R. Alexander]
ABSTAINING	0	

MOTION TO APPROVE – Approve a Resolution to Authorize Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr. on the behalf of the City of St. Gabriel to accept, from the Iberville Parish Council, the dedication/transfer of a Parcel of Land (William’s Street Park) Legal Description ACRES - 3.00 TR SEC 29, T9SR1E RIVER RD (LA75) & MONTI- CELLO RD. TR SEC 104, T9SR1E, FR WMS ST, N MARTIN and all buildings and matters related to

Mayor Johnson went through detail recap of the events that have led to the resolution to accept the dedication of William’s Street Park. Mayor Johnson stated that negotiations are still ongoing for funding related to the Park from Iberville Parish. There was a question by Councilman York about safety with road closure near the park. On a Motion by Councilman Hasten and a Second by Councilman Frazier on a unanimous decision with none absent the Resolution to Authorize Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr. on the behalf of the City of St. Gabriel to accept and negotiate, from the Iberville Parish Council, the dedication/transfer of a Parcel of Land (William’s Street Park) Legal Description ACRES - 3.00 TR SEC 29, T9SR1E RIVER RD (LA75)& MONTI- CELLO RD. TR SEC 104, T9SR1E, FR WMS ST, N MARTIN and all buildings and matters related to was approved with the following Roll Call Vote:

YEAS:	4	[Freddie Frazier, Sr., Ronald Grace, Melvin Hasten, Sr., and Kelvin York, Sr.]
NAYS:	0	
ABSENT:	1	[Deborah R. Alexander]
ABSTAINING	0	

MOTION TO APPROVE – Discuss and take appropriate action authorizing Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr. on the behalf of the City of St. Gabriel, to negotiate and enter into a contract to purchase a Parcel of Land Located on Highway 75 with a Legal Description LOT FR MISS. RIVER ABV. MILLER, BEL. BESSON RD, R STANSBERRY ///CB 103 E 315

Mayor Johnson gave a detailed plan for seeking to acquire the parcel of land. On a Motion by Councilman Hasten and a Second by Councilman Frazier on a unanimous decision with one absent the Council authorized Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr. on the behalf of the City of St. Gabriel, to negotiate and enter into a contract to purchase a Parcel of Land Located on Highway 75 with a Legal Description LOT FR MISS. RIVER ABV. MILLER, BEL. BESSON RD, R STANSBERRY ///CB 103 E 315 with the following Roll Call Vote:

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ABSENT:	1	[Deborah R. Alexander]
ABSTAINING	0	

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YEAS:	4	[Freddie Frazier, Sr., Ronald Grace, Melvin Hasten, Sr., and Kelvin York, Sr.]
NAYS:	0	
ABSENT:	1	[Deborah R. Alexander]
ABSTAINING	0	

MOTION TO APPROVE – Discuss and take appropriate action authorizing Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr. on the behalf of the City of St. Gabriel, to negotiate and enter into a contract to purchase a Parcel of Land 1310 Besson Lane Legal Description LOT B OF RESUB OF A 1.67 AC TR INTO LOTS A & B SEC. 21 T9SR1E .96 ACRES ///CB 189 E 116

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YEAS:	4	[Freddie Frazier, Sr., Ronald Grace, Melvin Hasten, Sr., and Kelvin York, Sr.]
NAYS:	0	
ABSENT:	1	[Deborah R. Alexander]
ABSTAINING	0	

MAYOR REPORT

On a Motion by Councilman Frazier and a Second by Councilman Hasten on a unanimous decision with one absent pay estimate number 9 for St. Gabriel Drainage Project in the amount \$422,904.71 was approved for Richard Price Contracting.

On a Motion by Councilman Hasten and a Second by Councilman York on a unanimous decision with one absent pay estimate number 10 for St. Gabriel Drainage Project in the amount \$386,797.83 was approved for Richard Price Contracting.

On a Motion by Councilman Frazier and a Second by Councilman Hasten on a unanimous decision with one absent pay estimate number 7 for St. Gabriel Senior Center in the amount \$201,842.80 was approved for Law Industries, LLC.

Mayor Johnson went through a detailed status of the current Outstanding Sewer Activity. Mayor Johnson stated that a total of \$12,041.68 are outstanding with \$8,487.41 of the amount being +30 days. Mayor Johnson explained that water services have not been interrupted since July 2016 due to the flood event. Mayor urged citizens to pay. There was discussion among Council.

Mayor Johnson gave a brief overview of the City’s insurance renewal and stated that there was an increase in the amount of \$26K due to the New Police Department Building, workman’s comp premium.

Mayor Johnson gave a detailed overview of all ongoing projects and events within the City. There were discussion among Council.

Mayor Johnson gave a detailed report the City’s recent environmental study conducted around the City.

Mayor Johnson briefly mentioned citizen concerns of the Planning and Zoning committee.

ADJOURNMENT

On a unanimous decision with one absent the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Leman Raphael
City Clerk, City of St. Gabriel

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