



**CITY OF ST. GABRIEL
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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: Councilwoman Deborah R. Alexander
Councilman Ronald Grace
Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr. /Mayor Pro-tempore
Councilman Kelvin York, Sr.

Absent: Councilman Freddie C. Frazier, Sr.

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 moment of 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.

None

MOTION TO APPROVE – Minutes for Regular Meeting dated August 17, 2017

On a Motion by Councilwoman Alexander and a Second by Councilman Hasten one absent the minutes for meeting dated July 20, 2017 were approved.

MAYOR REPORT

On a Motion by Councilwoman Alexander and a Second by Councilman Hasten with one absent pay estimate number 15 for St. Gabriel Drainage Project in the amount \$21,773.94 was approved for Richard Price Contracting.

On a Motion by Councilwoman Alexander and a Second by Councilman Grace on a unanimous decision with one absent change order in the amount \$13,050.00 for St. Gabriel Drainage Project was approved for Richard Price Contracting.

On a Motion by Councilwoman Alexander and a Second by Councilman Hasten with one absent City Council granted approval of the City of St. Gabriel Mayor's Office entering into a partnership with the East Iberville Early Childhood Program.

On a Motion by Councilwoman Alexander and a Second by Councilman Hasten with one absent a resolution of support of the proposed Iberville Parish Animal Control Ordinance. There were discussions among Mayor and Council.

On a Motion by Councilman Hasten and a Second by Councilman Grace with one absent City Council granted Mayor Lionel Johnson Jr. approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Coastal Truck Driving School in order to provide citizens of St. Gabriel the ability to complete certification course towards the awarding of a Class A Commercial Drivers' License. Mayor Johnson gave a detail description of the program.

On a Motion by Councilman Hasten and a Second by Councilman Grace with one absent City Council approved the proposed St. Gabriel Police Department Body Armor Policy with effective date of September 21, 2017.

Mayor Johnson gave an update on the LA 74 / LA 30 Turn Lane Project

Mayor Johnson stated all Splash Pads around the City are closed for the season; Splash Pads will reopen Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend annually.

Mayor Johnson updated Council on his recent trip to St. Louis, Missouri for the 2017 Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative Annual Conference. Mayor Johnson also announced he was elected Co-Chair of the organization and will represent Cities along the Mississippi River with populations less than 100,000.

Mayor Johnson informed Council that the City has received approval from GOHSEP and FEMA for an Emergency Command Center at City Hall. Mayor gave an overview of the benefits the center will serve the City and the East Iberville Parish residents.

Mayor Johnson gave an update on upcoming City Events.

ADJOURNMENT

On a Motion by Councilwoman Alexander and a Second by Councilman Grace on a unanimous decision with one absent the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Leman Raphael
City Clerk, City of St. Gabriel

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