



**CITY OF ST. GABRIEL  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018 - 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 6:10 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 December 21, 2017**

On a Motion by Councilman York and a Second by Councilman Grace with one absent the minutes for meeting dated December 21, 2017 were approved.

**MOTION TO APPROVE – Minutes for Regular Meeting dated January 18, 2018**

On a Motion by Councilwoman Alexander and a Second by Councilman Hasten with one absent the

minutes for meeting dated January 18, 2018 were approved.

### **MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Johnson congratulated and thanked everyone for their attendance to the ribbon cutting for the St. Gabriel Senior Center Building that was held January 25, 2018.

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone for their involvement in the St. Gabriel Mardi Gras Parade success.

Mayor Johnson gave a brief update on the Louisiana Department of Transportation owned LA-30 and LA-75 Turn Lane Project. Mayor Johnson stated that completion is expected April 2018.

Mayor Johnson expressed his condolences on the behalf the City to the Family of Assistant Chief Curtis “Cap” Tatney. Mayor announced that his life celebration services will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, February 17, 2018. Mayor Johnson stated that he will proclaim Saturday, February 17, 2018 Assistant Chief Curtis Tatney Day and ordering all City flags to be flown at half-staff until midnight Sunday, February 18, 2018.

On a Motion by Councilwoman Alexander and a Second by Councilman Hasten with one absent the Officer Jasmine Clark with Full Time Hire Date: January 19, 2018 was confirmed by City Council.

On a Motion by Councilwoman Alexander and a Second by Councilman York with one absent the Officer Ervin Cyprian with Full Time Hire Date: January 29, 2018 was confirmed by City Council.

On a Motion by Councilman Hasten and a Second by Councilwoman Alexander with one absent the Officer George Jackson with Full Time Hire Date: November 8, 2017 was confirmed by City Council.

### **PRESENTATION – 2016-2017 AUDIT REPORT**

Tony Ruiz, CPA of Diez, Dupuy & Ruiz, LLC gave a detailed presentation of the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 Audit Report. Mayor Johnson thanked Mr. Ruiz for his service and went through detail addressing various points brought up during the Audit Presentation. There were questions from Council.

### **INTRODUCTION – OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF ST. GABRIEL TO ISSUE SEWER REVENUE BONDS IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION**

Mayor Johnson gave a brief overview of the previously discussed intentions of the City to pursue funding through Louisiana Department of Environmental Control Revolving Fund for purposes of improvements to the Wastewater Collection System. Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Tony Arikol City Engineer, Ms. Pamela Mobley City Financial Advisor, and Mr. Alex Washington City Bond Attorney to give Council a brief overview of the process from their prospective roles. On a Motion by Councilwoman Alexander and a Second by Councilman Grace with one absent a Public Hearing was set for Thursday, March 15, 2018 during the next Regular Meeting of Mayor and City Council.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a unanimous decision with one absent the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

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**Leman Raphael**  
**City Clerk, City of St. Gabriel**

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