



CITY OF ST. GABRIEL
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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 6:04 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Deborah R. Alexander
Councilman Freddie Frazier, Sr.
Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr.
Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr. /Mayor Pro-tempore
Councilman Kelvin York, Sr.

5 of 5 Council Members were in attendance for a quorum.

Presiding: Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr.

Recording: Constance Barbin, 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 – 3 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.

Bob Manirik – Requested in writing the law that governed the decision to approve the Riverstone subdivision. Researched Lawrason Act which states that if there is a tie amongst the council then the Mayor casts the deciding vote. Also, researched by-laws of council and that 2/3 vote is required to vote.

City Attorney Phil Canova – Explained the statute and that a 2/3 vote of the council which is 4 of the 5 members is required to override a recommendation by the planning and zoning commission.

Councilman Grace – Stated that he interpreted the statute to read as though the mayor could break the vote and disagreed with the interpretation of the statute as delivered by Attorney Canova. His interpretation of the statute is that the council required a 2/3 vote if planning and zoning had disapproved a request only. For this reason, Councilman Grace asked that minutes be tabled until the next council meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE – Minutes for Regular Meeting dated November 15, 2018

On a Motion by Councilman Grace and a Second by Councilman Frazier the minutes for regular meeting dated November 15, 2018 were not approved pending a second opinion is provided by an attorney on the meaning of the statute with the following Roll Call Vote:

ROLL CALL: 3 YEAS [Ronald Grace, Sr., Melvin Hasten, Sr. Kelvin York, Sr.]
 2 NAYS [Deborah R. Alexander, Freddie Frazier, Sr.]

MOTION CONSIDERATION - Discuss and take appropriate action on the proposed application for Preliminary Plat for University Club South Townhomes.

On a Motion by Councilman Hasten and a Second by Councilman Grace application for preliminary plat for University Club South Townhomes was approved based on the terms as outlined between the HOA and the developer.

City Attorney Phil Canova – Stated that the homeowners and the developers have come to an agreement that the developer will put in writing the specific build of the townhomes.

ROLL CALL: 5 YEAS

INTRODUCTION – Ordinance declaring the City’s intent to acquire full ownership of a certain lot or parcel of ground identified as Lot Peterville, Front Island Cut Off Road, North by Canal Street, South by Thirty Lane, E by Jackson, 135x297, adjudicated to the City May 14, 2014 by Sheriff’s Deed recorded in Conveyance Records in the Clerk of Court’s Office for the Parish of Iberville.

On a Motion by Councilman Hasten and a Second by Councilman York application for preliminary plat for University Club South Townhomes was approved.

A public hearing is set for the next regular council meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2019.

ROLL CALL: 5 YEAS

City Attorney Phil Canova – The city acquired this property from a failure to adjudicate taxes. The property is valued at \$5,000 and in order for city to get the \$5,000 it must acquire full ownership of the property. Heirs will be notified to allow a chance for them to redeem the property.

INTRODUCTION - Approval of Final Plat and Acceptance of Improvements – Meadow Oaks Subdivision Phase 1 (First Filing - 119 Lots).

On a Motion by Councilman Frazier and a Second by Councilman Hasten request for an introduction, public hearing and approval for Meadow Oaks Subdivision Phase I Final Plat during the next regularly scheduled council meeting was approved.

ROLL CALL: 5 YEAS

INTRODUCTION - Approval of Final Plat and Acceptance of Improvements – Meadow Oaks Subdivision Phase 2 (Second Filing - 127 Lots).

On a Motion by Councilman Alexander and a Second by Councilman York for an introduction, public hearing and approval for Meadow Oaks Subdivision Phase II Final Plat during the next regularly scheduled council meeting was approved.

ROLL CALL: 5 YEAS

DISCUSSION – City of St. Gabriel Finances, Operating Budget for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

Jacob Waguespack – Gave update on the City’s 2018-2019 fiscal year budget and the 2017-2018 audit.

Mayor Johnson- Mentioned having quarterly budget meetings and looking at the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget in the coming months.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Johnson briefly discussed each of the following:

- Carville Levee Promenade
- Phase 5 Road Project
- Future Road Projects
- Sewer Disconnections
- City Hall - Fire Status
- Coastal Truck Driving - New Class January 2019
- Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
- Annual Christmas Gala
- Annual Toy Drive
- Office Closure (Holiday)
- Mayor visitation with EPO and 2nd grade social studies class at MSA East
- East Iberville Lady Basketball Team
- 2018 Recap on City Projects/Accomplishments
- Recognition of council for their support