



**CITY OF ST. GABRIEL**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 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 6:12 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.**

There was no public comment

**MOTION TO APPROVE – Minutes for Regular Meeting dated May 17, 2018**

On a Motion by Councilwoman Alexander and a Second by Councilman Hasten with one absent the minutes for meeting dated May 17, 2018 were approved.

**MOTION TO APPROVE – Minutes for Regular Meeting dated May 30, 2018**

On a Motion by Councilman York and a Second by Councilman Grace with one absent the minutes for meeting dated May 30, 2018 were approved.

**MOTION TO BEGIN – A Public Hearing**

On a Motion by Councilwoman Alexander and a Second by Councilman Grace with one absent a Public Hearing Began.

**Proposed Amendments of the Operating Budget for the year ending June 30, 2018 and the 2018 - 2019 Financial Budget**

No Comment

**City of St. Gabriel Subdivision Regulation Ordinance and Other Related Matters Thereto**

No Comment

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF ST. GABRIEL, CHAPTER 42, SECTIONS 35 AND 37 TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN THE CITY OF ST. GABRIEL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

No Comment

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

On a Motion by Councilwoman Alexander and a Second by Councilman Grace with one absent a Public Hearing Ended.

**MOTION TO ADOPT – Amendments of the Operating Budget for the year ending June 30, 2018 and Adopt the 2018 - 2019 Financial Budget**

On a Motion by Councilman Hasten and a Second by Councilman York with one absent Amendments to the Operating Budget for the year ending June 30, 2018 and the 2018 - 2019 Financial Budget was adopted with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

**MOTION TO ADOPT – City of St. Gabriel Subdivision Regulation Ordinance and Other Related Matters Thereto**

Mayor Johnson gave a brief summary of the Ordinance. Councilman Hasten inquired about what subdivisions would be affected by the ordinance. Mayor Johnson explained that it would affect any subdivision that would petition Council to accept adoption of a sewer system. On a Motion by Councilman Hasten and a Second by Councilman Grace with one absent the City of St. Gabriel Subdivision Regulation Ordinance and Other Related Matters Thereto was adopted with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

**MOTION TO ADOPT – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF ST. GABRIEL, CHAPTER 42, SECTIONS 35 AND 37 TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN THE CITY OF ST. GABRIEL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

Mayor Johnson gave a description of the reasons why the City has elected to reduce the number of Planning and Zoning Members. Mayor explained that because of the issues of the board not meeting quorum and through research other municipalities usually have the same or less Planning and Zoning Committee members than Council Members. Mayor stated that the board’s focus will be on a comprehensive growth program of the City. On a Motion by Councilman Hasten and a Second by Councilwoman Alexander with one absent AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF ST. GABRIEL, CHAPTER 42, SECTIONS 35 AND 37 TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN THE CITY OF ST. GABRIEL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was adopted with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ST. GABRIEL, STATE OF LOUISIANA TO PROCEED WITH THE ISSUANCE OF ITS NOT EXCEEDING THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000) TAXABLE LIMITED TAX BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING AND ACQUIRING ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY’S SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF SAID BONDS; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

Mayor Johnson gave a detailed summary of the reason the City is amending the previously adopted resolution and ordinance for the pursuit of the LADEQ Revolving Loan Fund. Mayor Johnson further explained that the both the resolution and ordinances’ language was asked to be restated by DEQ’s legal team. On a Motion by Councilman Grace and a Second by Councilman Hasten with one absent a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ST. GABRIEL, STATE OF LOUISIANA TO PROCEED WITH THE ISSUANCE OF ITS NOT EXCEEDING THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000) TAXABLE LIMITED TAX BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING AND ACQUIRING ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY’S SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF SAID BONDS; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH was approved with the following Roll Call Vote:

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

**INTRODUCTION – A BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF ST. GABRIEL, STATE OF LOUISIANA OF ITS TAXABLE LIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2018, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000), PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; ENTERING INTO CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECURITY AND PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; SELLING SAID BONDS TO THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LOAN AND PLEDGE AGREEMENT AND OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; PROVIDING FOR THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO SAID DEPARTMENT; REPEALING A PRIOR ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

On a Motion by Councilman Grace and a Seconded by Councilwoman Alexander with one absent a Public Hearing was set for the next Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council.

**MOTION TO APPROVE – PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mayor Johnson reminded Council about his previous conversation that the current City Clerk, Leman Raphael, will be relocating to Dallas, TX. Mayor Johnson spoke about his search for a candidate and that search has landed on Ms. Monique Roquemore. Ms. Roquemore introduced herself to Council. Mayor Johnson recommended that Ms. Monique Roquemore be appointed to be the next St. Gabriel City Clerk, where Ms. Roquemore would begin her appointment July 1, 2018. On a Motion by Councilwoman Alexander and a Seconded by Councilman Hasten with one absent Ms. Monique Roquemore was appointed as the City of St. Gabriel City Clerk.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Johnson stated that the Office of State Parks has stated that there are additional funds that are available that the City of St. Gabriel can apply for to further the construction of the Carville Levee Bike Path. In order to receive these funds the Office of State Parks is asking for a Resolution of Support from Council. On a unanimous approval the Council gave its full support for the City of St. Gabriel to pursue additional funds.

Mayor Johnson stated that he would like to schedule a day where Council could meet and conduct a physical tour of some of the available lands within the City of St. Gabriel. Mayor Johnson announced the City of St. Gabriel now has the ability to take online payments for sewer utility bills. Mayor Johnson gave a detail overview of the Fourth of July Weekend Events. Mayor Johnson presented a power point presentation to discuss various project updates and news within the City.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a Motion by Councilwoman Alexander and a Second by Councilwoman York with one absent the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 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**