



**CITY OF ST. GABRIEL**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2018 - 6:23 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 6:23 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilwoman Deborah R. Alexander  
Councilman Ronald Grace  
Councilman Kelvin York, Sr.

2 of 5 Council Members were in attendance therefore a majority was not present for a quorum.

Presiding: Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr.

Recording: Leman Raphael, City Clerk

Mayor Johnson explained that because a lack of a quorum the meeting will be discussion only

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**DISCUSSION – 2018- 2019 Financial Budget**

Jacob Waguespack, City CPA, gave a detailed overview of the 2018-2019 Financial Budget. Mr. Waguespack stated that the budget will remain flat compared to the 2017-2018 Budget excluding Ad Valorem Tax which according to the 2017 tax roll the City saw a 10% decrease. Mayor Johnson explained that the City has begun discussions with the Parish Assessors office in understanding this decrease. There was extensive discussion on Ad Valorem Tax decrease.

6:36 pm Councilman York, Sr arrived

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

Absent: Councilwoman Deborah R. Alexander  
Councilman Ronald Grace

3 of 5 Council Members were in attendance therefore a majority was present for a quorum.

Mayor Johnson presented a thorough capital outlay project list with details. There were numerous discussions among Mayor and Council related to projects. Mayor Johnson discussed the state of the Sewer Revenue Status and the possibility of coordinating sewer rates with water consumption. There was discussion among Mayor and Council. Mayor and Councils had discussions related to individual department budgets. Mr. Waguespack explained to Council that the both the Code Enforcement Fund and the Community Center Fund will be consolidated into the General Fund and the reasoning for this update.

On a Motion by Councilman Frazier and a Seconded by Councilman Hasten with two absent on the behalf of the City of St. Gabriel Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr. was granted the permission to pursue and negotiate a contract with a contractor for the intention to review property assessment values within City Limits.

7:16 pm Councilman Grace arrived

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

Absent: Councilwoman Deborah R. Alexander

4 of 5 Council Members were in attendance therefore a majority was present for a quorum.

### **MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Johnson gave updates to Council on upcoming events. There were discussions among Mayor and Council.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a Motion by Councilman Hasten and a Second by Councilwoman York with one absent the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 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