



**CITY OF ST. GABRIEL
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019 - 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: Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr. /Mayor Pro-tempore
Councilman Jeffery Hayes
Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr.
Councilman Ralph Johnson, Sr.
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.

Lorenzo Robinson – Expressed interest in purchasing property located at 5365 Morris Street, Carville, LA.

Bruce Cushenberry – Expressed interest in purchasing property located at 5365 Morris Street, Carville, LA.

MOTION TO APPROVE – Minutes for Regular Meeting dated August 15, 2019

On a motion by Councilman Johnson and a second by Councilman Hasten, minutes for regular meeting dated June 20, 2019 were approved with an amendment to retro personnel appointments to July 1, 2019.

INTRODUCTION - Ohmstede Industrial Services request for resolution to participate in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP)

Asking for 80% abatement of property tax for 5 years with the remaining 20% paid to the City. The proposal includes 23 new jobs.

Councilman Hasten – Inquired about jobs offered.

Keith Olinde, Ohmstede Plant Manager – Available jobs will include operators, coordinators, truck drivers, leader men and inspectors.

Councilman Hasten – Inquired about job training.

Keith Olinde - Job training is available.

Mayor Johnson – The City has worked diligently to encourage the desire for local hires.

Councilman Grace – Inquired about local residents being hired through the job fair.

Keith Olinde – At least one person who participated in the local job fair has been hired.

Councilman York – Inquired about imposing stipulations regarding hiring requirements.

The City has the right to stipulate in its resolution a penalty Ohmstede in the event that Ohmstede fails to meet the hiring target.

Councilman York – Inquired about welding and pipefitting jobs.

Keith Olinde – Welding and pipefitting jobs are offered. Promised to notify St. Gabriel residents of job openings before posting to the general public.

On a motion by Councilman Hasten and a second by Councilman York, resolution was approved.

ROLL CALL: 5 YAYS

Councilman Grace – Expressed his concerns with this item being listed as an introduction on the agenda. Requested a copy of Ohmstede's application and a special meeting to re-vote.

On a motion by Councilman Hasten and a second by Councilman Johnson, a special meeting to address Ohmstede's proposal was scheduled for Tuesday, August 27th @6pm.

ROLL CALL: 5 YAYS

MOTION CONSIDERATION - To discuss and consider a resolution to authorize the Mayor to advertise for Public Sale the property at 5365 Morris Street, Assessor's Parcel #85013665567 and other matters related thereto.

Phil Canova, City Attorney – Presented council with their options on the sale of the property; public auction vs. private sale and open vs. sealed bids. Minimum bid must be at least \$3200-the appraised value of the property.

On a motion by Councilman Grace and a second by Councilman York, resolution to hold a public open auction on September 19th @10am in council chambers for property located at 5365 Morris Street was approved.

ROLL CALL: 5 YAYS

MAYOR REPORT

-Police Supplemental Pay - Adrian Buchanan - July 1, 2019

-Police Department body camera policy update

- On a motion by Councilman Johnson and a second by Councilman Hasten, policy updates was approved

-Pay App - Royal Engineers for \$1,550.00

On a motion by Councilman Hasten and a second by Councilman Johnson, Pay App was approved

-Pay App #7 - KTB Contractors for \$34,560.00

On a motion by Councilman Hasten and a second by Councilman York, Pay App #7 was approved

-Camp/Culinary Program

-Back to School Events

-Annual Audit

-Compensation Study

-Process Technology Program (PTEC)

-Coastal Truck Driving

-National League of Cities

Councilman Johnson – Proposed adding Council Report to the agenda.

On a motion by Councilman Johnson and a second by Councilman Hasten, proposal was approved.

Councilman York – Inquired about resolution to annual leave discrepancy.

Mayor Johnson – Expressed an impending decision providing no legal ramifications.

COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Grace - Roads in Sunshine; walkway to levee trail; water meters

Councilman Hasten - Morris Street sidewalk

Councilman Hayes – Skill training for residents

Councilman Johnson – Resolution of condolence

Councilman York – Closing ditches in Carville; upgrading park on Williams Street

Mayor Johnson – Expressed that Canadian has offered a commitment date of September 30, 2019. Capital Outlay projects will be assigned to individual council members.

Councilman Grace – Requested that IN GOD WE TRUST gets placed in council chambers.