



CITY OF ST. GABRIEL
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 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 6:08 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.

Mr. Bruce Cushenberry – Asked for an opportunity to purchase land on Morris St. in Carville, LA that was declared surplus by the City.

Mr. Phil Canova – City Attorney – Explained that it is up to the council to sell or auction off property.

Councilman York – The council has already agreed to a public bid on the property.

Councilman Hasten – Suggested that council put property up for bid.

Councilman Johnson – Requested a sketch of the property before they proceed further.

MOTION TO APPROVE – Minutes for Regular Meeting dated June 20, 2019

On a motion by Councilman Hasten and a second by Councilman York, minutes for regular meeting dated June 20, 2019 were approved.

INTRODUCTION – Application for Preliminary Plat for Willow Glen Subdivision

Name of Applicant: River Trace, LLC (Michael Decoteau).

Name of Owner: East West Land Company

Name of Development: River Trace Subdivision

Type of Development: Single Family Development

Parcel ID: 0410574700

Description: Proposed single family subdivision application by River Trace, LLC to subdivide an existing 20.51-acre tract of land consisting of 90 residential lots located off Highway 74, St. Gabriel, LA 70776.

John Chumba – City Administrator – Explained particulars of subdivision application including request for rezoning from R1A to R1B, variance for T-turn-around and side yard reduction from 10ft to 5ft. Pre-application meeting held May 2019. Introduction to Planning and Zoning held June 12, 2019. Planning and Zoning set Public Hearing for July 10, 2019 – quorum not met. Neighborhood participation meeting held June 26, 2019. Still need approval from Iberville Parish, DOTD and have traffic studies complete. Next order of business is for council to set Public Hearing for August 15, 2019.

Mayor Johnson – Requested final dimensions of lot sizes.

John Chumba – Front side of subdivision is 80ft x130ft, remaining lots are 50ft x 130ft.

On a motion by Councilman Grace and a second by Councilman York, Public Hearing was set for August 15, 2019.

MOTION TO ADOPT – Plaquemine Post as City’s Official Journal for 2019-2020 Fiscal Year

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

MOTION CONSIDERATION – Election for Mayor Pro Temp for the 2019 Election Term

Councilman Hasten – Nominated himself for Mayor Pro-Temp

Councilman York – Nominated Councilman Grace for Mayor Pro-Temp

Vote for Councilman Hasten

2 YAYS

3 NAYS

Vote for Councilman Grace

3 YAYS

2 NAYS

Councilman Grace received majority vote for Mayor Pro-Temp for 2019 election term.

MAYOR REPORT

-Point of contact for council

-Bond Commission – Approved \$1.4million for Capital Outlay project

-Annual leave

-Past City events

-City’s 25th Anniversary

-Back to school events

-St. Gabriel Fire Department

-Personnel appointments for 2019 Election Term

-Constance Barbin, City Clerk

-Debra Ausbon, Deputy City Clerk

-Lloyd Snowten, Public Services Director

-Phil Canova, City Attorney

-Dallon Bush, Assistant City Attorney

-Planning and Zoning appointments with staggered terms for 2019 Election Term

-Wayne Martin – 2 years

-O’Kedria Smith – 5 years

-Kenya Nelson – 1 year

-Melvin Lodge – 3 years

-Ronnie Comeaux – 4 years

On a motion by Councilman Johnson and a second by Councilman Hasten, appointments were approved.

-Railroad crossing

-Carville levee trail

-Special meeting regarding Willow Glen subdivision to be held before August 9, 2019