



REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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 6:05 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr. /Mayor Pro-tempore  
Councilman Jeffery Hayes, Sr.  
Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr.  
Councilman Ralph Johnson, Sr.  
Councilman Kelvin York, Sr.

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

Presiding: Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr. /Mayor Pro-tempore

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.**

Nyra Taylor – Spoke in opposition of rezoning and reducing side yard for Willow Glen Subdivision.

Randy Sexton – Announced candidacy for Parish Assessor.

Tyrone Williams – Requested that City Attorney Phil Canova recite the decision of the Attorney General concerning the proposed Riverstone Subdivision and the Mayor’s voting ability. Addressed P&Z approval of Willow Glen Subdivision.

Susan Landry – Spoke in opposition of rezoning and reducing side yard for Willow Glen Subdivision.

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

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE – Minutes for Special Meeting dated August 27, 2019**

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

**MOTION TO BEGIN – A Public Hearing**

- A. Request from River Trace, LLC to rezone from R1A to R1B and reduce side yard from 10ft to 5ft for Willow Glen Subdivision.

On a motion by Councilman Hasten and second by Councilman Johnson, motion to Begin public hearing was approved.

John Chumba, City Project Manager – Explained layout of proposed subdivision and the applicants request. Mr. Chumba also spoke about Planning and Zoning's approval of Willow Glen with conditions.

Councilman Grace – Inquired about results of requests made by residents during Planning and Zoning meeting. Residents raised questions about the criteria presented by River Trace, LLC.

Mike Decoteau – Requested council's approval of his application.

Leah Landaiche – Spoke in opposition of Willow Glen due to drainage concerns.

Councilman Grace – Recited several sections of the City's Code of Ordinance regulations where it concerns protests and voting considerations of the council.

Charles Bondy – Spoke in favor of Willow Glen Subdivision and asked for council's approval.

Councilman York – Spoke in favor of bigger lot sizes.

Councilman Grace – Recited section on variances from the City's Code of Ordinance book.

Councilman Johnson – Explained the purpose of the Zoning Commission.

Councilman Hayes – Inquired about residents who live in close proximity of the proposed development who are in favor of the subdivision.

Norris Decoteau – Spoke about businesses in favor of the subdivision and reiterated their proposal.

Eugene Willis – Spoke in opposition of Willow Glen Subdivision due to proposed lot sizes.

Rev. Thomas – Spoke in opposition of Willow Glen Subdivision due to proposed lot sizes.

Terri Frazier – Inquired about other use for property outside of residential use.

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

On a motion by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman York, motion to END public hearing was approved.

**MOTION CONSIDERATION** - Discuss and take appropriate action on the Application from River Trace, LLC for Preliminary Plat for Willow Glen Subdivision.

On a motion by Councilman Hayes and second by Councilman Johnson to reject the application, motion to rezone from RIA to RIB and reduce sideyard from 10ft to 5ft was denied.

ROLL CALL: 5 YAYS

**MOTION TO APPROVE** – Tullier Services, LLC for the St. Gabriel (Delta) Wastewater Treatment Plant project as the lowest bidder with a bid amount of \$1,014,000.00.  
On a motion by Councilman Hasten and second by Councilman Johnson, motion was approved.

**INTRODUCTION** – An Ordinance declaring a portion of the property in Section 4, T9S, R1E, Tract Y and Section 125, T9S, R1E, Tract X, as no longer needed for public purpose and authorizing the Mayor to accept an offer from ExxonMobil Pipeline Company for a servitude across said property.

Michael Smith, Representative for Exxon Mobile Pipeline Company – Elaborated on Exxon’s request for a temporary workspace agreement to house equipment during pipeline construction.

Councilman Hasten – Cited concerns with tracking dirt through the streets during construction.

Councilman York – Cited liability concerns with children engaging in recreational activities near the equipment site.

Michael Smith – Proposed barricading equipment as a safety precaution.

Councilman Grace – Inquired about agreement terms.

Michael Smith – Cited Entergy’s monetary proposal for use of the property.

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

### **Councilman Grace**

- Pay App from R.J. Daigle & Sons for \$29,869.13
- Eastman & St. Gabriel grand opening of improved fitness center at COSG Community Center.
- Breast cancer awareness walk, run
- Ghostly Get-Together
- National League of Cities
- Cleaning of ditches along Hwy 75
- Hurricane relief efforts event at community center Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Councilman Hasten**

- Repairing of railroad tracks along Hwy 75/30

### **Councilman York**

- Acknowledgement of victims of Houston flood

### **Councilman Johnson**

- Propose rehab of local graveyard

Phi Canova, City Attorney – Explained the decision of the attorney general with regards to planning and zoning and council’s voting conditions.

Adjournment