

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.

ST. GABRIEL CITY HALL COMPLEX - 5035 IBERVILLE STREET - ROOM 32

ST. GABRIEL, LOUISIANA

**MEETING MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PRAYER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at approximately 6:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr.

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: Lionel Johnson, Jr., Mayor

Recording: Constance Barbin, City Clerk

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Johnson led with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Steven Center – update on repair of Willow Glen Terminal

Ms. Felicia Leal – concerns with standing water following heavy rainfall

Mr. Tyrone Williams – concerns with subdivision of Willow Glen Terminal

Mr. Bob Manerik – concerns with upkeep of Leblanc property near Laurie Lane

Councilman Johnson made a motion to amend the agenda to add the following items, which was seconded by Councilman York.

Application from Virage Subdivision for rezone (R1A to R1B)

Application from Virage Subdivision for variance (10ft to 5ft)

ROLL CALL: 5 YAYS

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION** 
   * 1. Application from Virage Subdivision for rezone (R1A to R1B)

On a motion by Councilman Johnson seconded by Councilman Grace, motion was denied.

ROLL CALL: 5 NAYS

* + 1. Application from Virage Subdivision for variance (10ft to 5ft)

On a motion by Councilman Johnson seconded by Councilman Grace, motion was denied.

ROLL CALL: 5 NAYS

1. **MOTION** **CONSIDERATION** 
   * 1. To approve and adopt minutes for Regular Meeting dated May 20, 2021

On a motion by Councilman Grace with said addition (moratorium conversation with City Attorney) seconded by Councilman Hasten, motion was approved.

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION** **– To BEGIN a Public Hearing**
2. Proposed Amendments of the Operating Budget for the year ending June 30, 2021 and adopt the 2021-2022 Financial Budget.

On a motion by Councilman York seconded by Councilman Hasten, motion was approved.

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION** **– To END a Public Hearing and RETURN to Regular Session**

On a motion by Councilman Johnson seconded by Councilman Hasten, motion was approved.

1. **MOTION TO ADOPT –** Amendments of the Operating Budget for the year ending June 30, 2021 and adopt the 2021-2022 Financial Budget.

Councilman Grace made a motion to postpone the vote on budget which was seconded by Councilman York.

ROLL CALL: 2 YEAS [Councilman York, Councilman Grace]

3 NAYS [Councilman Hasten, Councilman Hayes, Councilman Johnson]

Motion failed.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to move forward on the vote to adopt the budget which was seconded by Councilman Hayes.

ROLL CALL: 3 YEAS [Councilman Hasten, Councilman Hayes, Councilman Johnson]

2 NAYS [Councilman York, Councilman Grace]

Motion was approved.

1. **MOTION TO ADOPT –** Plaquemine Post as City’s Official Journal for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

On a motion by Councilman Johnson seconded by Councilman Hasten, motion was approved.

1. **MOTION TO ADOPT –** 2021-2022 City of St. Gabriel Holiday Schedule

On a motion by Councilman Hasten seconded by Councilman York, motion was approved.

1. **COUNCIL REPORT**

**Councilman Johnson** – recognized Ms. Markisha Stewart for her Juneteenth banner donation, announced 1st Annual Juneteenth Freedom Ride, acknowledged St. Gabriel Buffalo Soldiers for partnering with City in celebrating Juneteenth, requested Juneteenth flag be placed in City governmental buildings, council chambers, requested Mayor lobby with local schools for Juneteenth flag exhibition, expressed appreciation to Public Services for distribution of sandbags

**Councilman York** – announced availability of dumpsters for use of residents

**Councilman Grace** – requested notification of City meetings

**Councilman Hasten** – no comment

**Councilman Hayes** – no comment

1. **MAYOR REPORT**

**Action Items**

* Pay App#11 Wharton-Smith, Inc. Sunshine WWTP $9,615.67

On a motion by Councilman York seconded by Councilman Hasten, pay app was approved.

* Pay App#12 Wharton-Smith, Inc. Sunshine WWTP $73,854.65

On a motion by Councilman Hasten seconded by Councilman Grace, pay app was approved.

**Announcements**

**-**Addressed flooding, standing water following heavy rainfall, empathy for those affected, mitigation efforts

-Allowed public comments concerning flooding, standing water

-Mr. Greg Smith – concerns with railroad trestle effects on standing water

-Ms. Susan Landry – dredging of Bayou Paul to alleviate flooding

-Ms. – concerns with flooding

-Ms. Alice Norman – concerns with flooding

-Mr. Jerry Hidalgo - concerns with flooding

-Mr. Frank Jackson – concerns with flooding

-COVID-19 update

-Re-opening of senior center

-Possible summer camp alternative

-Community Center and parks re-opening

-Recognition of staff for assisting with pre-disaster assessment

-Recognition of East Iberville, Inc., Bayou Community Credit Union, St. Gabriel Hardware, Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank

-Parish, FEMA meetings addressing flooding concerns

-City ZOOM meetings with residents regarding flooding, standing water

-1st Annual Juneteenth Freedom Ride, acknowledgement of Juneteenth as an official holiday

-July 4th City event

1. **ADJOURNMENT**