

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.

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

ST. GABRIEL, LOUISIANA

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

1. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Tyrone Williams – flooding and drainage concerns in City neighborhoods

Ms. Susan Landry -

1. **MOTION** **CONSIDERATION** 
   * 1. To approve and adopt minutes for Regular Meeting dated April 15, 2021

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

* + 1. To approve and adopt minutes for Special Meeting dated May 13, 2021

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

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE** - Resolution of Condolence
   * 1. Family of Mrs. Dwanda Nelson Johnson– native of St. Gabriel
     2. Family of Mr. Aaron Lodge, Jr. – native and resident of St. Gabriel

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

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE –** A Resolution of Recognition for East Iberville High School Girls Track-Field Team 2021 LHSAA 1-A State Runner-up

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

1. **DISCUSSION –** 2021-2022 Financial Budget and set a Public Hearing for Thursday,

June 17, 2021

1. **COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilman Hayes – no comment

Councilman Johnson – yielded to Mr. Dallon Bush, City Attorney who presented update on Grand Rising Restoration Project; announced Juneteenth 1st Annual Freedom Ride scheduled for June 19, 2021; inquired about opening canal near Sunshine Street

Councilman York – expressed concerns with drainage; sent condolences to those affected by the rain, flooding

Councilman Grace – sent condolences to those affected by the rain, flooding; inquired about work movement at Willow Glen Subdivision; inquired about drainage study for Ravier Lane area

Councilman Hasten – expressed concerns with flooding; proposed a funnel to export excess water

1. **MAYOR REPORT**

**Action Items**

**-Pay App#1 Spinks Construction Maryland Drainage Project $151,946.80**

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

**-Change Order#3 Spinks Construction Maryland Drainage Project $1,000**

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

**-Substantial Completion Certificate Spinks Construction Maryland Drainage Project**

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

**Announcements**

-DOTD to grant City of St. Gabriel emergency bridge during construction of Bayou Breaux Bridge

-Recognition of MSE East and East Iberville graduates

-Mr. Phil Canova, City Attorney presented an update on April 15, 2021, regarding Virage Subdivision application for rezoning from RIA to RIB and variance for side setback from 10 feet to 5 feet. His findings are as follows:

Because there was a motion for approval with no second these applications are still pending. The City’s zoning ordinance mandates that the council act on these items. If not, the courts may mandate a vote by the council. The 60-day rule refers to Planning and Zoning. Planning and Zoning has 60 days to act on an item after it has been introduced. If the Planning and Zoning does not act before 60-days, then the item is considered approved by Planning and Zoning. The zoning ordinance stipulates on certain items that if an item is not acted on by council, then the item is approved. This does not apply to rezoning and variance requests. If a planned urban development (PUD) is approved by Planning and Zoning and the council does not act on the item, then it would be considered approved. When a special use permit is approved by Planning and Zoning and council does not act on the item then the item would be considered approved. This does not apply to variance or rezoning requests. As it stands, it as if the item never came before the council.

Mayor Johnson announced that the agenda item will be placed on the June or July meeting agenda for a vote.

-Mr. Phil Canova, City Attorney presented an update on the proposed Willow Glen Subdivision.

In 2019 council voted to deny the plat for Willow Glen Subdivision. Following this, Willow Glen filed a lawsuit against the City which is still pending. The City’s insurance denied coverage because the suit is not seeking monetary damages but a declaratory judgement to overrule the council’s decision to deny the permit. At this point, Willow Glen is willing to compromise with the City.

-Drainage, Flooding: acknowledged residents who were impacted by heavy rains and offered condolences,

recognized Maintenance Department, City workers and Police Department for their assistance, explained the City’s location and its effect on drainage and flooding and that drainage should be viewed as a regional issue in pursuing a resolution.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**