

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021 - 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 6:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr.

Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr.

Councilman Jeffery Hayes, Sr.

Councilman Ralph Johnson, Sr.

Councilman Kelvin York, Sr.

All City Council Members were in attendance.

Presiding: Lionel Johnson, Jr., Mayor

Recording: Constance Barbin, City Clerk

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

1. **PUBLIC FORUM** – **Please register with the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting indicating your topic of discussion. Topics should be on agenda items.**

Mr. Scott Nesbit – Introduction of proposal for partnership with City on land mitigation program for students

Mrs. Milisa York – Concerns with upkeep of Bayou Paul Colored School

1. **MOTION** **CONSIDERATION** 
   * 1. To approve and adopt minutes for Regular Meeting dated February 18, 2021

On a motion by Councilman Hayes, seconded by Councilman Johnson, minutes were approved and adopted.

* + 1. To approve and adopt minutes for Special Meeting dated February 25, 2021

On a motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman York, minutes were approved and adopted.

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE** - Resolution of Condolence
   * 1. Family of Ms. Connie White – native and resident of St. Gabriel
     2. Family of Ms. Elizabeth Williams – native and resident of St. Gabriel
     3. Family of Mr. Alex Schultz – native and resident of St. Gabriel
     4. Family of Rev. Dr. Henry Bailey, Jr. – resident of St. Gabriel

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

1. **INTRODUCTION**
   * 1. Resolution approving updates to the City’s cash management policy
     2. Resolution approving updates to the City’s purchasing policy

Mayor Johnson noted the importance of updating policies to align with FEMA regulations.

1. **PRESENTATION/MOTION TO APPROVE** – A Resolution for East Iberville High School 2021 LHSAA Class 1-A Girls Basketball Champions

Ms. Teresa Roy presented on the upgrade to the East Iberville School athletics facility.

Mayor Johnson and City Council presented the East Iberville 2021 LHSAA 1-A Girls Basketball Champions with a resolution of achievement.

Councilman Grace proposed a motion to make the East Iberville Girls Basketball Team and Coaches honorary Council Members. Motion was seconded unanimously and approved.

1. **PRESENTATION** – 2019-2020 Audit presented by Mr. Tony Ruiz, CPA of Diez, Dupuy and Ruiz, LLC

Mr. Tony Ruiz presented the City of St. Gabriel’s 2020 audit report.

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE -** A Public Hearing and Special Meeting for Thursday, May 13, 2021 to set forth the adjusted millage rate (16.79) and roll forward to millage rate (16.84) (maximum authorized rate).

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

1. **PLANNING AND ZONING**
   * 1. **INTRODUCTION** - Application for Final Plat of Magnolia Springs Subdivision, Phase 1-B

**Type of Applications:** Application for Final Plat

**Name of Applicant:** Percy Butler

**Developer:** Magnolia Springs, LLC

**Name of Proposed Subdivision:** Magnolia Springs Subdivision – Phase 1-B

**Developed Lots:** 62-104

Mayor Johnson presented a summary of the application.

* + 1. **INTRODUCTION** - Application for subdivision for Virage Subdivision. The proposed residential subdivision will be located on a parcel of land measuring approximately 173 acres and is located by River Road, Sunshine, LA 70780.

**Type of Application:** Subdivision

**Name of Applicant:** Adam Kurz

**Developer:** DR Horton

**Name of Property Owner**: Barbara Mayeaux

Mayor Johnson presented a summary of the application and announced neighborhood participation plan scheduled for March 24th @6 p.m. at the community center.

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION** 
   * 1. To set a Public Hearing for Thursday, April 15, 2021 to solicit public comments regarding the application submitted by Mr. Percy Butler on behalf of Magnolia Springs, LLC

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

* + 1. To set a Public Hearing for Thursday, April 15, 2021 to solicit public comments regarding the application submitted by Mr. Adam Kurz on behalf of DR Horton.

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

1. **COUNCIL REPORT**

**Councilman Grace -** inquired about construction at Willow Glen Subdivision

**Councilman Hasten –** no comment

**Councilman Hayes** – inquired about findings/discoveries on the Bayou Paul Colored School

Attorney Canova informed council that the school was housed on another parcel of property owned by the Thomason’s. The school was poised for demolition due to deterioration. It was then that the City of St. Gabriel moved the school onto its property to save it from demolition. The building was then placed on the National Registry of Historical Buildings. With the building being classified as a “movable” the City may acquire it in one of two ways: 1) by having possession of the property for more than 5 years or 2) through donation from the descendants of the Benevolent Society.

**Councilman Johnson –** yielded toCity Attorney Dallon Bush to provide an update on the Grand Rising Restoration Project

Mr. Bush summarized the purpose of the project and also provide an update and plans moving forward.

**Councilman York** – no comment

1. **MAYOR REPORT**

**Action Items**

* Pay App #2
  + Industrial Enterprises Carville WWTP $426,272.89

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

* Pay App #6
  + Tullier Services, LLC Delta Force Main $167,384.26

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

* Change Order #1
  + Tullier Services, LLC Delta Force Main $62,591.43

Mr. John Chumba, City Project Consultant – provided details of the change order.

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

* COVID-19 Update - Phase 3
* Community Center New Hours of Operation
* Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
* Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
* Sunday 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
* Update: Bayou Breaux Bridge
* Update: Bond Refunding

Mr. William Bradford, Bond Counsel – provided update on bond refunding

* Recognized East Iberville Girls Basketball Team winning State Championship and Boys Football Team making it to the semi-finals

**Upcoming Events**

* Monday with Mayor & City Council
  + Date & Time: April 12th @6:30pm
  + Attendance Options: City Hall Council Chambers or ZOOM

1. **ADJOURNMENT**