

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020 - 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 6:12 pm.

**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: Debra Ausbon, Deputy City Clerk

**MOMENT OF SILENCE, PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A moment of silence and prayer was led by Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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 and/or city government concerns.**

**None registered**

**MOTION CONSIDERATION** – Mayor Johnson requested council approve an amendment to the agenda to establish trick-or-treat hours as 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

On a motion by Councilman Johnson and second from Councilman York, the agenda amendment was accepted and approved.

**PRESENTATION** - Mayor Johnson acknowledged the passing of Plaquemine Selectman and father of Sheriff Brett Stassi, Honorable Ralph Joseph Stassi, Jr., presenting Sheriff Brett Stassi with a resolution of condolence on behalf of the Mayor and City Council.

**MOTION TO APPROVE -** Minutes for Regular Meeting dated September 17, 2020

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

**MOTION TO BEGIN - A Public Hearing**

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

1. Application submitted by Ms. Michelle Jones for Conditional Use Permit for Small Restaurant
2. Application submitted by Mr. Marcus Williams on behalf of Mr. Curtis Oby and Mrs. Candace

Oby for Variance on Side Yard Setback from 10 feet to 5 feet at 1970 Bayou Paul Lane, St. Gabriel, LA 70776

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

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

**MOTION CONSIDERATION -** To Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on

1. Application submitted by Ms. Michelle Jones for Conditional Use Permit for Small Restaurant

 M&A Catering located at 5645 Morris Street, Carville, LA 70721

Mr. Andre Jones – Spoke on his and Mrs. Michelle Jones’ application to open a small restaurant with the support of the council.

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

ROLL CALL: 5 YEAS [Councilman Hayes, Councilman Johnson, Councilman York,

 Councilman Grace, Councilman Hasten]

1. Application submitted by Mr. Marcus Williams on behalf of Mr. Curtis Oby and Mrs. Candace

Oby for Variance on Side Yard Setback from 10 feet to 5 feet at 1970 Bayou Paul Lane, St. Gabriel, LA 70776

Mrs. Candace Oby – Requested the support of council with her application for a variance. Mrs. Oby stated that the owner of the property adjacent to her property has agreed to sign an affidavit in support of the variance.

On a motion by Councilman Hasten and a second by Councilman Johnson, motion was approved with the condition of a signed affidavit from the adjacent property owner.

ROLL CALL: 5 YEAS [Councilman Hayes, Councilman Johnson, Councilman York,

 Councilman Grace, Councilman Hasten]

**INTRODUCTION –** To declare a Notice of Intent and Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance to Amend Operating Budget for the Year Ending June 30, 2021 as it Relates to Elected Officials Pay.

On a motion by Councilman Hasten and a unanimous second, motion to declare a notice of intent to amend the operating budget for the year ending June 30, 2021 as it relates to elected officials pay was approved.

On a motion by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Hayes, motion to set a public hearing for Thursday, November 19, 2020, for an ordinance to amend operating budget for the year ending June 30, 2021 as it relates to elected officials pay was approved.

**RESOLUTION -** Resolution authorizing a right of way to Gary Miles/Wanda Miles across City property previously owned by Joseph Clark to La. Highway 75

Mr. Phil Canova, City Attorney – Stated there was no need for executive session on this topic; cited specifics of the right of way and what authorizing the right of way would entail.

On a motion by Councilman Hasten and a unanimous second, a resolution to recognize the City’s establishment of a right of way and grant the Mayor the authority to sign all documents authorizing a right of way for Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miles across City property previously owned by Mr. Joseph Clark was approved.

**MOTION TO APPROVE -** Resolution establishing trick or treat hours for the City of St. Gabriel for 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for Saturday, October 31, 2020.

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

**MAYOR REPORT**

**Announcement**

-Sunshine Wastewater Treatment Facility

Mayor Johnson asked for a motion in granting a substantial completion for this project under the recommendation of Public Services Director, Mr. Lloyd Snowten and PEC Engineer, Mr. Tony Arikol.

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

Mr. Tony Arikol, PEC – Spoke on the specifics of the rehab of and addition to the Sunshine treatment facility.

**COUNCIL REPORT**

**Councilman Johnson**

Councilman Johnson spoke about his attendance in a GOHSEP meeting hosted by Iberville Parish, citing the proper protocols to follow during a disaster; gave an update on the Grand Rising Restoration Project; cited his desire to have a full service grocery store within the community; mentioned the trail needing to be manned and ATV riders possibly using the street to access the trail; inquired about what constitutes a “meeting”; and mentioned the increase in population and the police department having the man power to meet the demands of the City’s growth.

**Councilman York**

Councilman York reiterated his desire to establish speed bumps within the community.

**Councilman Grace**

Councilman Grace reiterated his desire to establish speed bumps within the community, inquired about the status on the rehabilitation of Bayou Paul Colored School and mentioned the upcoming start of early voting.

**Councilman Hasten**

Councilman Hasten reiterated his desire to establish speed bumps within the community, inquiring about bids from potential contractors for the establishment of speed bumps and reiterated his desire for the City to construct an ATV trail within the City.

**Councilman Hayes**

Councilman Hayes suggested that policing be increased to reduce speeding and crime and spoke on the Grand Rising Restoration Project, citing his tour of the cemeteries alongside Councilman Johnson.

**ADJOURNMENT**