

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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 6:10 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr. &

Councilman Jeffery Hayes, Sr.

Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr. (ZOOM)

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

**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.**

Mr. Travis Byland - Addressed concerns with R1A zoned property and possible violation of local zoning ordinance.

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

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

**INTRODUCTION –** Application for Conditional Use Permit for Small Restaurant

**Applicant:** Michelle Jones

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

Mr. Andre Jones addressed and requested council’s support with approval on opening a small restaurant.

**INTRODUCTION –** Application for Variance on Side Yard Setback from 10 feet to 5 feet

**Applicant:** Marcus Williams, AIA, Curtis and Candace Oby

**Address:** 1970 Bayou Paul Lane, St. Gabriel, LA 70776

Mr. John Chumba, City Project Consultant – Gave overview of application and briefed Council on approval process.

**MOTION TO BEGIN - A Public Hearing**

* 1. Application for Conditional Use Permit for Small Restaurant Les’Chill Frozen Hut located at 2155 Jake Lane, Sunshine, LA 70780

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

No Public Comments

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

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

**MOTION CONSIDERATION** – To discuss and take appropriate action on application for conditional use permit for small restaurant Les’Chill Frozen Hut located at 2155 Jake Lane, Sunshine, LA 70780

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

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

Councilman Grace, Councilman Hasten]

**MOTION CONSIDERATION –** To set a public hearing for Thursday, October 15, 2020 to solicit public comments on agenda items IV and V

Application for Conditional Use Permit for Small Restaurant

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

**MOTION CONSIDERATION –** To declare certain City-owned property as no longer needed or useful for the uses and purposes of the City or its people, thus determining such property as surplus and authorizing an auction of such property to be held on Saturday, September 26, 2020

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

**MOTION CONSIDERATION –** To adopt a resolution adopting the 2020 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire in fulfillment of requirements for financial audit of local government agencies.

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

**DISCUSSION –** Salary and Salary Schedule for Elected Officials

Mr. Phil Canova, City Attorney – Explained municipal retirement with respect to supplemental pay. Explained process for increasing salary for current elected officials and setting a salary for incoming elected officials.

Councilman York - Stated his desire for maintenance workers (grass cutters) to receive a raise in pay.

On a motion by Councilman Johnson and a second by Councilman Hasten, motion to introduce an ordinance to amend 2020-21 budget and set a public hearing on Thursday, October 15, 2020 was approved.

**MAYOR REPORT**

**Action Items**

-Pay App#10 Wharton Smith Sunshine WW Treatment Facility $99,564.85

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

-Pay App #4 Tullier Services Delta Force main $160,577.78

-Change Order Tullier Services Delta Force Main $71, 219.00

On a motion by Councilman York and a second by Councilman Hayes, pay app and change order were approved.

-Pay App#4 Expert Maintenance Williams Street Pavilion $38,063.25

-Change Order Expert Maintenance William Street Pavilion $37,850.00

On a motion by Councilman York and a second by Councilman Grace, pay app and change order were approved.

**Announcements**

**-**COVID-19 Update

-Council Retreat

-Drainage Projects

-Condolences- Mr. Ralph Stassi; Mr. Joseph Goings; Mr. Guy Ben Kelly; Ms. Leontine Jones; Mr. Arno Grace, Sr.

-Parade and celebration of oldest living teacher from Sunshine High School, Ms. Emma Alfred

**COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilman York – Gave condolences to Councilman Grace. Inquired about implementation of speed bumps to address speeding issues in community. Inquired about ancestral involvement related to the Grand Rising Cemetery Restoration Project. Councilman Johnson answered all questions and concerns in its entirety that Councilman York presented.

Councilman Grace – Thanked Councilman York for his expression of condolences.

Councilman Hasten – Spoke in support of implementing speed bumps. Requested plexiglass dividers between council members in council chambers.

Councilman Hayes – Expressed condolences to Councilman Grace. Encouraged completion of the 2020 census. Spoke on funding to purchase speeding radars during next budget meeting.

Councilman Johnson – Suggested an addition to City resolutions. Requested that the City assess and address abandoned buildings and junked property within the City. Gave update on Grand Rising Cemetery Restoration Project.

**ADJOURNMENT**