

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 6:09 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr. & (ZOOM)

Councilman Jeffery Hayes, Sr.

Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr. (ZOOM)

Councilman Ralph Johnson, Sr.

Councilman Kelvin York, Sr. (ZOOM)

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 TO APPROVE**

1. Minutes for Regular Meeting dated July 16, 2020
2. Minutes for Regular Meeting dated August 4, 2020

Mr. Phil Canova, City Attorney – Concerning the minutes from the June meeting, Mr. Canova cites the Planning and Zoning Committee’s approval of the Railport Development, which includes the specific conditions under which it was approved. Mr. Canova recommends passing a resolution authorizing that the conditions be specifically stated and provided to the Department of Public Services.

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

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

**Applicant:** Victor Michel Mattaur, Jr.

**Business:** Les’Chill Frozen Hut located at 2155 Jake Lane, St. Gabriel, LA 70780

Mr. John Chumba, City Project Consultant – Cited status of application and steps of approval process.

Mr. Victor Michel Mattaur – Gave an overview of his business proposal.

**MOTION CONSIDERATION -** To set Public Hearing for Thursday, September 17, 2020 to solicit public comments regarding the application for the proposed Small Restaurant for Victor Michel Mattaur, Jr.

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

**PRESENTATION –** The Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA) recognizes Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr., Police Chief Kevin Ambeau, Sr. and Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr., for 6-terms of service to the City of St. Gabriel.

Mayor Johnson – Gave an overview on the significance of the LMA service award.

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT –** Authorizing Mayor to modify DEQ Carville WWTP Force Main/Pump Station Project to include City infrastructure associated with H.009484 Breaux Bridge Project

Mayor Johnson – Cited purpose of the resolution and asked council for their support.

On a motion by Councilman Grace and with a unanimous second, resolution of support was approved.

**PRESENTATION –** Grand RisingRestoration Project presented by Councilman Ralph Johnson, Sr.

On behalf of Councilman Johnson, Mayor Johnson read aloud an introduction of the Grand Rising Restoration Project.

Councilman Johnson – Spoke on the condition of the grave sites, funding for the project and establishing a special account for it. He also welcomed members of the council to be a part of the endeavor.

**MAYOR REPORT**

**Action Items**

-Pay App #3 Expert Maintenance Williams Street Park Pavilion $47,947.50

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

-Pay App#9 Wharton Smith, LLC Sunshine WW Treatment Facility $71,250.00

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

**Updates**

-Sunshine WW Treatment Facility

-William Street Park Pavilion

-Delta/Carville Forcemain

-Maryland, Morris and Ointment Streets Drainage Projects

**Announcements**

-2019-2020 Audit

-COVID-19

-Council Retreat/Round Table

-LMA Community Achievement Award

**Condolences**

-Ms. Wilma Cushenberry

-Mr. Joseph Goings

**COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilman Hasten – Asked that the Office of the Mayor remain vigilant with the COVID-19 pandemic. Acknowledged Mr. Lloyd Snowten, Public Services Director for his assistance on an Entergy matter.

Councilman Hayes – Asked the community to notify council of any seniors who may need assistance with travel to vote during the upcoming presidential election.

Councilman Johnson – Introduced Mr. Michael Smith, Community Engagement Lead for Exxon Mobile Pipeline, to speak on the Grand Rising Restoration Project. Mr. Smith cited his experience in working with gravesite restoration and offered his assistance with the Grand Rising Restoration Project.

**ADJOURNMENT**