

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 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 6:13 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr.

Councilman Jeffery Hayes, Sr.

Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr. (ZOOM)

Councilman Ralph Johnson, Sr.

Absent: Councilman Kelvin York, Sr.

4 of 5 Council Members were in attendance for a quorum.

Presiding: Lionel Johnson, Jr., Mayor

Recording: Constance Barbin, City Clerk (ZOOM)

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A moment of 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. Phil Canova, City Attorney – Provided his opinion concerning Railport’s application and whether proper protocol was followed by the planning and zoning commission during the approval process and the subsequent letter appeal that followed.

Mayor Johnson – At 8 minutes and 46 seconds into the meeting Mayor Johnson requested an amendment to agenda to include the adoption of a resolution in support of Black Lives Matter.

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

ROLL CALL: 4 YAYS, 1 ABSENT

Dr. Marcia Hardy – Spoke on displeasure with appeal findings as presented by Mr. Phil Canova.

Mr. Ray Brent – Spoke on displeasure with the planning and zoning commission’s criteria for approval of variances.

James Snelson – Spoke in support of Railport Development.

Susan Landry – Spoke in opposition of variances requested for Railport Development and DOTD’s classification of non-hazardous materials.

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

1. Minutes for Regular Meeting dated May 21, 2020

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

1. Minutes for Special Meeting dated June 4, 2020

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

**NOTICE OF INTENT –** To set advertisement dates for The Advocate and Post South Journal and a Public Hearing date to set forth the adjusted millage rate (16.79) and roll forward to millage rate (16.84) not exceeding the maximum authorized rate (16.84).

1. The Advocate: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 and Wednesday, June 24, 2020
2. Post South Journal: Thursday, June 25, 2020 and Thursday, July 2, 2020
3. Set Public Hearing date for Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Councilman Grace and a second by Councilman Johnson, public hearing was set for Thursday, August 4, 2020.

**MOTION TO BEGIN - A Public Hearing**

1. Proposed Amendments of the Operating Budget for the year ending June 30, 2020 and adopt the 2020-2021 Financial Budget.

On a motion by Councilman Hasten and a second by Councilman Grace, motion to BEGIN Public Hearing was approved.

Jacob Waguespack, Faulk and Winkler, LLC – Presented amendments to 2020-2021 budget as requested by Mayor and Council.

1. Ordinance to amend Chapter 30, "Floods", Article II, Flood Damage Prevention - Section 30-91 “General Standards” and Section 30-92 "Specific Standards'' of the code of ordinances for the City of St. Gabriel.

On a motion by Councilman Hayes and a second by Councilman Grace, motion to BEGIN Public Hearing was approved.

Mayor Johnson – Explained amendments to Chapter 30, "Floods", Article II, Flood Damage Prevention.

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

On a motion by Councilman Johnson and a second by Councilman Hayes, motion to END Public Hearing and RETURN to regular meeting was approved.

**MOTION TO ADOPT**

* + 1. Amendments of the Operating Budget for the year ending June 30, 2020 and adopt the 2020-2021 Financial Budget.

On a motion by Councilman Johnson and a second by Councilman Grace, motion to adopt Amendments of the Operating Budget for the year ending June 30, 2020 and adopt the 2020-2021 Financial Budget.

ROLL CALL: 4 YAYS

1 ABSENT

* + 1. Ordinance to amend Chapter 30, "Floods", Article II, Flood Damage Prevention - Section 30-91 “General Standards” and Section 30-92 "Specific Standards'' of the code of ordinances for the City of St. Gabriel.

On a motion by Councilman Hayes and a second by Councilman Grace, motion to adopt Ordinance to amend Chapter 30, "Floods", Article II, Flood Damage Prevention - Section 30-91 “General Standards” and Section 30-92 "Specific Standards'' of the code of ordinances for the City of St. Gabriel was approved.

ROLL CALL: 4 YAYS

1 ABSENT

**MOTION TO APPROVE** – Application for subdivision, rezone and variance for RailPort Development Industrial Park to be located at 1905 Highway 75

On a motion by Councilman Johnson and a second by Councilman Hayes, motion to approve Application for subdivision, rezone and variance for RailPort Development Industrial Park to be located at 1905 Highway 75

ROLL CALL: 3 YAYS [Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr., Councilman Jeffery Hayes, Sr., Councilman Ralph Johnson, Sr.]

1 NAY [Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr.]

1 ABSENT

**MAYOR REPORT**

**Action Items:**

-Pay App#2 Tullier Services Delta Wastewater Treatment Facility $176,046.40

On a motion by Councilman Johnson and a second by Councilman Hasten, Pay App#2 was approved for payment.

-Pay App#7 Wharton Smith Sunshine Wastewater Treatment Facility $42,750.00

On a motion by Councilman Grace and a second by Councilman Hayes, Pay App#7 was approved for payment.

**Announcements:**

-COVID 19 Update

-Updated/New City Policies

-Upcoming Holidays/Office Closure

**COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilman Hasten – Inquired about ATV trail ride

Councilman Hayes – Announced intent to start local Habitat for Humanity organization

Councilman Johnson – Spoke on benefits of redistricting, providing residents a projection of what to expect from the City and Juneteenth holiday/celebration

**ADJOURNMENT**