

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 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 6:05 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr. /Mayor Pro-tempore

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: Constance Barbin, City Clerk

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PUBLIC FORUM** **– 3-minute limit (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.**

Susan Landry – Addressed traffic on Highway 30 at University Club South

**MOTION TO APPROVE** – Minutes for Regular Meeting dated January 16, 2020

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

**MOTION CONSIDERATION** – To approve resolution of support for Fair Housing Month

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

**MOTION CONSIDERATION** – To approve resolution of support for Community Development Week

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

**INTRODUCTION** - Application for subdivision, rezone and variance for industrial park to be located at 1905 Highway 75

**Name of Applicant:** Sydney Rich

**Name of Owner**: Ryan Lovell

**Name of Development:** Railport

**Description of Proposed Uses**: The proposed use is a rail served industrial park.

John Chumba-City Project Administrator/Consultant – Presented overview of application/proposal and process for approval. Requested a public hearing to be held on Thursday, March 19, 2020.

Railport Rep. – Addressed Railport’s application, development plans, investment cost, availability of jobs and economic impact.

Randy – Chief Operating Officer – Addressed traffic concerns, transportation routes, hours of operation, safety and compliance, derailment concerns, potential for spills, possible tenants, buffer concerns and hazardous/non-hazardous materials.

Marion Fox – President/CEO Jefferson Davis Parish Economic Development – Addressed landscape of development and array of employment opportunities.

**MOTION CONSIDERATION - To Set a Public Hearing for March 19, 2020 to solicit public comments regarding application for the proposed Railport Development to be located at 1905 Highway 75**

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

On a motion by Councilman Hasten and a second by Councilman Hayes, public hearing was set March 19, 2020.

**PRESENTATION –** **2018-2019 Financial Audit presented by Tony Ruiz of Diez, Dupuy and Ruiz, LLC.**

* 1. 2019-2020 City mid-year financial report presented by Jacob Waguespack of Faulk and Winkler, LLC.

**MOTION CONSIDERATION – To Begin Executive Session to discuss legal matters associated with the City.**

On a unanimous motion, motion was approved.

**MOTION CONSIDERATION** – **To** **End Executive Session and Return to Regular Session**

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

Phil Canova - City Attorney - Gave overview of executive session matters.

**MAYOR REPORT**

* Pay App#6 R.J. Daigle & Sons Phase 5 Road Project $14,543.55

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

* Request for approval of substantial completion for Phase 5 Road Project

On a motion by Councilman Hasten and a second by Councilman Hayes, request was approved

-Mardi Gras Gala, Saturday, February 22nd

-Mardi Gras Parade, Sunday, February 23

-Mardi Gras Holiday Tuesday, February 25th

-Catholic Church celebrating 250 years

-First Mt. Carmel BC 152 years/Black History Musical, Saturday, February 29th

-East Iberville girls/boys basketball teams

-Municipal Retirement meeting w/ employees March 3rd

-Commendation from Assistant District Attorney Tony Clayton on St. Gabriel Police Department

-Sewer issues, possible cost increase

**COUNCIL REPORT**

-Councilman York – DOTD secretary meeting

-Councilman Grace – Highway 30 transition to four lanes

-Councilman Hayes – Exxon contribution; Nutrien grant for emerging leaders

**ADJOURNMENT**