

**CITY OF ST. GABRIEL**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019 - 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: pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr.

Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr. /Mayor Pro-tempore

Councilman Kelvin York, Sr.

 Absent: Councilman Freddie Frazier, Sr.

Councilwoman Deborah R. Alexander

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

Presiding: Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr.

Recording: Debra Ausbon, Deputy 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.**

Tyron Williams address 835 Pecan Dr. St. Gabriel; La. Mr. Williams inquired about the status of the Attorney General Opinion in reference to the Riverstone Subdivision Development and if there is any progress. Mayor Johnson stated that they have heard from the AG’s office and they are still working on an opinion nothing has been rendered, neither a timeline has been offered.

Others for Public Forum: Hearing None

**MOTION TO APPROVE** – Minutes for Regular Meeting dated April 18, 2019

On a motion by Councilman Hasten and a second by Councilman York with two absent, minutes for regular meeting dated April 18, 2019 were approved.

**INTRODUCTION –** To declare a Notice of Intent to consider an Ordinance

1. Declaring a portion of the property in Section 102, T9S, R1E, bounded on the west by Carville and on the north by Community Canal, as no longer needed for a public purpose and authorizing the Mayor to accept an offer from the Boardwalk Louisiana Midstream, LLC for a servitude across said property.

Boardwalk Louisiana Midstream representative explains that the servitude will be used for a Brine Pump Station. The Pump station will allow a greater volume of saltwater to flow. The company currently has an existing right way that runs over the City of St. Gabriel property. This pipeline is used to run saltwater and is located off LA Hwy 75. He goes on to state that the company is requesting to purchase an easement of said property.

On a Motion by Councilman Grace and a second by Councilman York with two absent a Public Hearing is set for June 20, 2019.

**MAYOR REPORT**

**Community Center Roof**: Mayor Johnson requested a Resolution to declare an emergency. There was discussion among Council and Mayor explaining the emergency process.

On a Motion by Council Hasten and a second by Councilman Grace with two absent a Resolution declaring an Emergency for the Repair of the Community Center Roof Drainage System was approved.

After passage, Councilman Grace request to the Mayor that he allow the Council to speak with whomever was chosen to work on the Community Center before a contract is entered.

**Budget:** Mayor Johnson gave a brief introduction of the current Financial Budget for year ending June 30 and 2019-2020 proposed year. Mayor Johnson spoke about a possible date for a special budget meeting where the council can meet with the CPA, Jacob Waguespack, to discuss in more detail the current and proposed budget.

On a Motion by Councilman Hasten and a second by Councilman York with two absent a Special meeting was set for Tuesday May 28, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m. and a public hearing was set to amend the budget for the next regular meeting scheduled Thursday, June 20, 2019.

**Summer Camp** - The City is preparing for summer employees and summer camp.

**City Closure** – Memorial Day Monday, May 27th

**Graduation** – MSA Thursday, May 16, 2019 and East Iberville Thursday, May 17, 2019. Congratulations to all graduates.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a unanimous motion with two absent the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Debra V. Ausbon Lionel Johnson, Jr.

Deputy City Clerk, City of St. Gabriel Mayor, City of St. Gabriel