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REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.

ST. GABRIEL CITY HALL COMPLEX - 5035 IBERVILLE STREET - ROOM 32

ST. GABRIEL, LOUISIANA

**MEETING MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PRAYER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at approximately 6:09 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr.

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**

Mayor Johnson recognized those affected by Hurricane Ida and Tropical Storm Nicholas followed by a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **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.**

None registered

1. **MOTION** **CONSIDERATION** - To approve and adopt minutes for Regular Meeting dated August 19, 2021

Councilman Grace offered a motion to approve minutes with request to add questions and responses between council and Ms. Desiree Lemoine of Tim Johnson Group, LLC, and Mr. Joshua Graham of Compliance Enviro Systems. The motion was seconded by Councilman York.

ROLL CALL: 5 YEAS [Councilman Hasten, Councilman Hayes, Councilman

Johnson, Councilman York, Councilman Grace]

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE** - Resolution of Condolence
   * 1. Family of Mr. Eddie Louis Hollins – St. Gabriel native and resident; brother of employee Mr. Fredrick Hollins
     2. Family of Mr. Shaun Gregory Alexander – St. Gabriel native and resident; nephew of Councilman Ralph Johnson, Sr.
     3. Family of Ms. Marion Ausbon Washington – St. Gabriel native and resident; sister of City Tax Collector Ms. Linda Gibson
     4. Family of Ms. Jacqueline Wilson Williams – St. Gabriel native and resident

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

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE –** City Policy Manual and Employee Handbook

On a motion by Councilman Hayes with a second by Councilman Hasten, motion was approved.

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE –** Officialretirement of original City seal and City flag (flag created by Councilman Ralph Johnson, Sr.) and induction of new City seal and City flag established 2011

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

ROLL CALL: 5 YEAS [Councilman Hasten, Councilman Hayes, Councilman

Johnson, Councilman York, Councilman Grace]

Councilman Hasten made a motion to adopt the current City seal and City flag as the permanent City seal and City flag for the City of St. Gabriel. Motion died for lack of a second.



1. **COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilman York – expressed condolences to families affected by COVID-19

Councilman Grace – no comment

Councilman Hasten – expressed desire for City to host an event promoting the COVID-19 vaccine

Councilman Hayes - expressed condolences to families affected by COVID-19

Councilman Johnson – provided status on new Juneteenth City flag

1. **MAYOR REPORT**

**Action Items**

**Acceptance of Lowest Bid - Sunshine WWTP**

1.Spinks Construction, Inc. - $398,474.99

On a motion by Councilman Hasten with a second by Councilman Hayes, bid was accepted.

**Announcements**

* COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive – 84% fully vaccinated employees
* Recognized Public Services and emergency personnel for their work prior to, during and after Hurricane Ida and Tropical Storm Nicholas
* Diez, Dupuy and Ruiz to facilitate 2021 audit

**Upcoming Events**

* October 4th – Monday w/ Mayor @6:30pm
* October 16th - Breast Cancer Awareness Walk/Run @9am
* October 30th – City Cinematics (outdoor movie) @6pm
* October 31st – Halloween Ghostly Get-Together @6pm

1. **ADJOURNMENT**