

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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 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

**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.**

Susan Landry – Topic: Rail Port

Tyrone Williams – Topic: Mayeaux property rezone

**MOTION TO APPROVE -** Minutes for Regular Meeting dated October 15, 2020

On a motion by Councilman Grace and a second by Councilman York, request to clarify the language of the minutes with respect to discussing a pay increase for elected officials, was approved.

ROLL CALL: 4 YEAS [Councilman Hasten, Sr., Councilman Hayes, Sr., Councilman Grace, Sr.,

Councilman York, Sr.,]

1 NAY [Councilman Johnson, Sr.]

**MOTION CONSIDERATION -** Resolution of support for the Office of Community Development’s Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for FY 2020-2021 grant application for the construction of the City’s New Council Chambers.

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

**MOTION CONSIDERATION – To BEGIN a Public Hearing** to consider an Ordinance to Amend Operating Budget for the Year Ending June 30, 2021 as it Relates to Elected Officials’ Pay.

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

No Public Comment

**MOTION CONSIDERATION – To END a Public Hearing and RETURN to Regular Meeting**

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

**MOTION CONSIDERATION -** To Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on an Ordinance to Amend Operating Budget for the Year Ending June 30, 2021 as it Relates to Elected Officials’ Pay.

On a substitute motion from Councilman Johnson for a 10% pay increase for elected officials with no second, motion died for lack of a second.

On a motion from Councilman Hasten for a 5 % increase for elected officials and a second from Councilman Hayes, motion was approved.

ROLL CALL: 3 YEAS [Councilman Hasten, Sr., Councilman Hayes, Sr., Councilman Johnson, Sr.]

2 NAYS [Councilman Grace, Sr., Councilman York, Sr.]

**DISCUSSION –** Installation of speed humps at various locations within the City limits.

**Relevant Items from Discussion:**

- Williams Street to be considered first for installation of speed hump(s)

- Timeframe for installing speed humps in other locations and signage

- Necessity of speed humps on every street

**DISCUSSION –** A resolution authorizing the Mayor to proceed with the process associated with redistricting which is the process of drawing boundaries for electoral and political districts in the U.S.

**Relevant Items from Discussion:**

**-** Completion of the2020 Census

- Resolution proposal for December 2020 Council Meeting

- Starting the process of redistricting now may yield a completion date prior to 2023 election

**CITY REPORTS**

**Carondalette Stewart**

Acknowledgment of City’s past and upcoming events

**Linda Gibson**

Updates on advalorem tax; occupational license; sewer

**Debra Ausbon**

Notification of insurance open enrollment dates; ethics and sexual harassment annual training; financial disclosure statements

**COUNCIL REPORT**

**Councilman Hasten –** no comment

**Councilman Hayes –** no comment

**Councilman Johnson -** Grand Rising Restoration Project update;funding forspeed humps; acknowledgment of Public Services Director, Mr. Lloyd Snowten for his service; limiting City Report

**Councilman York -** Recognition of Public Services Director, Mr. Lloyd Snowten for acknowledging availability of funding for projects; drainage

**Councilman Grace -** Attendance of council meeting via ZOOM

**MAYOR REPORT**

**Action Items**

Pay App#1 Francise Horticulture Water Splash Pad $92,250.00

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

Pay App#5 Tullier Services Delta Force Main $271,320.00

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

Pay App#5 Expert Maintenance William Street Pavilion $65,650.50

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

**Announcements**

-COVID-19 update

-New City Council Chambers update

-Sewer audit; meeting with Baton Rouge Water to discuss University Club South

-City website

-New payroll vendor

-DOTD roadshow

-City LMA Community Achievement Award

-Drainage

-Condolences

Family of Mr. Michael Reddicks – resident of St. Gabriel

Family of Mrs. Marilyn Elizabeth Hubbard-Nelson – native of St. Gabriel

Family of Mr. Claude Frazier – native and resident of St. Gabriel

Family of Ms. Bertricia Thomas - native and resident of St. Gabriel

**ADJOURNMENT**