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REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 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 6:05 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 M. Barbin, City Clerk

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Johnson led with a moment of silence 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.**

Mr. Everett Gauthier– expressed concerns with noise in the community, addressing the City’s noise ordinance

1. **MOTION** **CONSIDERATION** - To approve and adopt minutes for Regular Meeting dated November 18, 2021

On a motion by Councilman Hasten with a second by Councilman York, minutes were approved.

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION –** To Approve Resolution(s) of Condolence
   * 1. Family of Mr. Louis John Ambeau - St. Gabriel, LA native and resident
     2. Family of Mr. Michael Wilks Reames - St. Gabriel, LA native and resident

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

1. **MOTION TO ADOPT –** Proposed design forthe City’s Official Juneteenth flag

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

1. **INTRODUCTION** – An ordinance authorizing the establishment of single member and/or at-large districts for the 2023 City of St. Gabriel Council member elections and other matters related thereto

Mayor Johnson offered introduction and information no the process.

Councilman Johnson – requested numbers on geographical locations for redistricting area prior to next regular council meeting.

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION** – To hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 20, 2022 on the establishment of single member districts for the 2023 City of St. Gabriel Council member elections and other matters related thereto

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

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION -** To Approvea Resolution of Appreciation for City Attorney L. Phillip “Phil” Canova, Jr. on his retirement as City Attorney.

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

1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION –** Personnel Recommendations
   * 1. Mr. Dallon Bush – City Attorney
     2. Mrs. CarolineDelahaye Lobue – Assistant City Attorney
     3. Mr. Allen Davis – Assistant City Attorney

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

1. **COUNCIL REPORT**

**Councilman Hasten** –inquired about access to gate key for emergencies as it relates to Carville bridge construction site; offered holiday best wishes

**Councilman Hayes** – no comment

**Councilman Johnson** – reiterated that the City does not own the Mardi Gras parade (distributed handouts depicting Police Chief Kevin Ambeau’s parade affiliation); expressed safety concerns with barricade for Carville bridge construction

**Councilman York** – expressed safety concerns with barricade for Carville bridge construction; offered holiday best wishes

**Councilman Grace** – expressed agreement with Councilman Johnson’s request for numbers on geographical locations for redistricting area; requested street and subdivision names on redistricting map; proposed more frequent communications between council members and demographer, Dr. Bill Blair

1. **MAYOR REPORT**

**Action Items:**

Acceptance ofLowest Bidder: KTB Properties, LLC Community Center Pavilion $253,088.72

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

**Announcements:**

-Bayou Breaux Bridge

-Mardi Gras parade alternatives

-DOTD Roadshow

-Drainage, storm water implémentation

-Online tax payment

-New bathrooms for council chambers

-Acknowledged maintenance staff for assembly of City Hall holiday lighting

-Dynamic Geaux Riderz annual toy drive

-City holiday celebration

1. **ADJOURNMENT**