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REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022 - 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 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.**

Mrs. Susan Landry – Topic: For redistricting

Ms. Catherine Williams – Topic: For redistricting

Mr. Kyle Grace – Topic: For redistricting

Mr. Reginald Grace, Sr. – Topic: For redistricting

Mr. Michael Smith – Topic: For redistricting

Ms. Yolanda Andrews – Topic: For redistricting

Mr. Lloyd Snowten – Topic: Related to redistricting

1. **ACTION ITEMS**
   * 1. **MOTION** **CONSIDERATION** - To Approve and Adopt Minutes of Regular Meeting dated February 17, 2022

On a motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Hasten, minutes were approved and adopted.

* + 1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION –** To Approve Resolution(s) of Condolence
       1. Family of Ms. Shelia Marie Rodriguez – St. Gabriel native and resident
       2. Family of Dr. Candace A. Grace – St. Gabriel native and daughter, former St. Gabriel Mayor George L. Grace, Sr.
    2. **INTRODUCTION** – An ordinance to provide drainage guidelines for residential, commercial, and industrial development in the City of St. Gabriel for the safety and welfare of life and property of residents

Mayor Johnson introduced the ordinance that would adopt the same measures being used by the parish.

* + 1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION** – 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 through presentation of Dr. William Blair of Strategic Demographics LLC

A substitute motion was made by Councilman Hasten to put a referendum on redistricting on the 2023 election ballots, making it effective for 2027. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnson.

ROLL CALL: 5 YEAS [Councilman Grace, Councilman Hasten, Councilman Hayes, Councilman Johnson, Councilman York]

1. **COUNCIL REPORT**

**Councilman Johnson** – Bayou Breaux Bridge project update: work stopped due to pipeline found 50 feet underneath base of canal; councilman asked that prints and more details be sent to him; company asked to have letters sent to residents requesting they not travel in barricaded area; will make board and Mr. Snowten aware of any findings

**Councilman York** – Asked if a fence could be erected around Bayou Breaux Bridge project; asked audience to come out more often

**Councilman Grace** – Concerned Resolutions of Condolences could be used as campaign ploy

**Councilman Hasten** – Thanked everyone for coming and hopes to see them more; requested Mayor to try to put something together to mail to the people and send to the churches every three months as a constant reminder of what is coming up for vote

**Councilman Hayes** – No comment

1. **MAYOR REPORT**

**Action Items:**

* **Pay App #2 payable to KTB – $7,306.20**

On a motion by Councilman Hastens with a second by Councilman York, motion was approved.

* **J Reed Construction – New Council Chambers**

Lowest Bid Acceptance and Approval – $5,200,000 with a $5,600,000 alternate

On a motion by Councilman Hastens with a second by Councilman Hayes, bid was accepted and approved.

**Announcements:**

* Will go to bid for Maryland and Morris Street Project at 10:00 a.m. on April 7, 2022
* Winter/Spring New Letter will come out next week – includes information on redistricting
* Imagine Iberville article in next two weeks
* Drainage update – continually examining, videoing and cleaning; moved from St. Gabriel end to Sunshine end
* City Hall putting together a plan to go after available infrastructure money
* DOTD – Bayou Breaux Bridge replacement on Hwy 75, turn lanes at Hwy. 30 and Hwy. 3115; (although not in Iberville Parish) overlay on Hwy. 74
* St. Gabriel may likely be impacted by proposed new Mississippi River bridge
* City and MPO working with Iberville, EBR, Ascension and the state to 4-lane Hwy. 30 from LSU to Interstate 10 in Gonzales
* Resolutions of Condolences can now be requested through City’s website

**Future events:**

* Future meeting with Meadow Oaks and Spanish Lakes subdivisions to discuss:
  + Pedestrian bridge from Spanish Lakes to the Community Center
  + Joint venture with school board for sidewalk from Meadow Oaks to MSA East

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Constance M. Barbin, City Clerk Lionel Johnson, Jr., Mayor