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REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 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 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Ronald Grace, Sr.

Councilman Jeffery Hayes, Sr.

Councilman Ralph Johnson, Sr.

Councilman Kelvin York, Sr.

Absent: Councilman Melvin Hasten, Sr.

4 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.**

Ms. Lynn Russell – Topic: Drainage issues

Ms. Katherine Williams – Topic: Bayou Breaux Bridge status

Ms. Grace Marcell – Topics: Changing meeting time/Bayou Paul Colored School/

Constituents being able to speak without interference

Ms. Alice Morman – Topic: Flooding on Legion Street

1. **NON-ACTION ITEMS**
   1. **RATIFICATION** - Ratify Executive Order #33022FT suspending the occupational license for the building and the beer and liquor license of the establishment at 4770 MLK Parkway known as The Foxx Trapp.

No action needed. Occupational, beer and liquors licenses were surrendered.

1. **ACTION ITEMS**
   1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION** - To amend the March 17, 2022 agenda to include agenda item IV. A To Approve and Adopt Minutes of Regular Meeting dated March 17, 2022

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

**MOTION** **CONSIDERATION** - To Approve and Adopt Minutes of Regular Meeting dated March 17, 2022

On a motion by Councilman Johnson and a second by Councilman Hayes, minutes were approved and adopted.

* 1. **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT** – The millage rate(s) for 2022 tax year

Mayor Johnson – Read aloud the specifics of resolution.

On a motion by Councilman Grace and a second by Councilman York, resolution was approved.

ROLL CALL: 3 YEAS [Councilman Grace, Sr., Councilman Johnson, Sr., Councilman York, Sr.]

1 NAY [Councilman Hayes, Sr.]

1 ABSENT [Councilman Hasten, Sr.

* 1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION –** To Approve Resolution(s) of Condolence
     + 1. Family of Ms. Ida Davis
       2. Family of LaNasha Coleman

On a unanimous motion and a unanimous second, motion was approved.

* 1. **INTRODUCTION** – Application for variance of minimum front yard, minimum interior side yard and maximum building height.

1. Name of Applicant: New Singular Wireless PCS, LLC c/o Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC.

Presentation made by John Chumba and Rebecca Miller of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC.

* 1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION** – To set a public hearing for Thursday, May 19, 2022, to solicit public hearing comments regarding the application for variance for minimum front yard, minimum interior side yard and maximum building height.

On a motion by Councilman Grace and a second by Councilman York, agenda item IV.D was tabled until next council meeting.

ROLL CALL: 4 YEAS

1 ABSENT

* 1. **MOTION TO BEGIN** – A Public Hearing

An ordinance to amend Chapter 30, "Floods", ‘Article II ’Flood Damage Prevention - Section 30-95 “Drainage and Flood Prevention Standards and Guidelines” for City of St. Gabriel.

No public comments offered.

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

* 1. **MOTION TO END – A Public Hearing and Return to Regular Meeting**

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

* 1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION –** An ordinance to amend Chapter 30, "Floods", ‘Article II ’Flood Damage Prevention - Section 30-95 “Drainage and Flood Prevention Standards and Guidelines” for City of St. Gabriel.

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

ROLL CALL: 4 YEAS [Councilman Grace, Sr., Councilman Johnson, Sr., Councilman York, Sr., Councilman Hayes, Sr.]

1 ABSENT [Councilman Hasten, Sr.

1. **COUNCIL REPORT**

**Councilman York** – Still a problem with the railroad tracks by Mr. Snowten’s house – one (1) plank has come up again; need to contact CN and let them know; what is status on Breaux bridge.

**Councilman Grace** – Public should attend open house on April 26, 2022, to share their comments on placement of a new Mississippi bridge location.

**Councilman Hayes** – Just finished up 2022 youth basketball season with BREC for age groups 3 – 5, 6 – 7 and 8 – 11; now registering for T-ball, coaches pitch and kids pitch; thanks to everyone for attending the meeting; attendees public forum comments were heard.

**Councilman Johnson** – Bayou Breaux Bridge project update: There are some damages out there – Public Works and SGPD are aware of them; keeping up (along with Public Services) with what DOTD is doing; DOTD met with engineers on April 11th to reconfigure how to install the bridge since finding a 50-foot-deep brine line in the basin.

1. **MAYOR REPORT**

**Action Items:**

* **Spinks Construction – Maryland Street and Morris Street Drainage Project**

Lowest Bid Acceptance and Approval – $414,798.30

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

* **Pay App #3 payable to KTB - Community Center Pavilion – $62,206.20**

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

Mayor yielded the floor to Wesley Daniels for notification of his project in University Club South.

**Projects:**

* New City Council Chambers
* Maryland Street and Morris Street drainage
* Public Works’ project for Monticello Street
* Public Works’ projects for City Hall
* Drainage improvement throughout the City of St. Gabriel

**Announcements:**

* Audit completed with one (1) finding
* Insurance renewal is completed
* $65,000 refund from LWCC
* Update on body cameras from Police Chief
* Mississippi River Bridge meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2022
* Municipal Day at the Capitol on April 27, 2022

1. **ADJOURNMENT**