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**MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND UNIVERSITY CLUB CENTER**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.**

**ST. GABRIEL CITY HALL COMPLEX - 5035 IBERVILLE ST. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**ST. GABRIEL, LOUISIANA**

**MEETING MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Present: Commissioner Ronald Grace, Sr.

Chairman Melvin Hasten, Sr.

Commissioner, Jeffery Hayes, Sr.

Commissioner Ralph Johnson, Sr.

Commissioner Kelvin York, Sr.

5 of 5 Commission Members were in attendance for a quorum.

Presiding: Lionel Johnson, Jr., Mayor

Recording: Constance Barbin, City Clerk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE** – An ordinance to amend University Club Economic Development District sales and use tax ordinances to provide for interest rate on unpaid taxes in compliance with the amendment to LA. R.S. 47:337.69 contained in ACT NUMBER 87 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session

**MOTION CONSIDERATION** – To set Thursday, December 15, 2022, as the date to hold a public hearing and vote on ordinance to amend University Club Economic Development District sales and use tax ordinances to provide for interest rate on unpaid taxes in compliance with the amendment to LA. R.S. 47:337.69 contained in ACT NUMBER 87 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session

On a motion by Chairman Hasten and a second by Commissioner Grace, motion was approved and Public Hearing date was set for Thursday, December 15, 2022.

ROLL CALL: 5 YEAS [Commissioner Ronald Grace, Sr., Commissioner Jeffery Hayes,

Chairman Melvin Hasten, Sr., Commissioner Ralph Johnson, Sr., Commissioner Kelvin York, Sr.]

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.**

**ST. GABRIEL CITY HALL COMPLEX - 5035 IBERVILLE ST. - 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 6:10 p.m.

1. **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

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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 of Regular Meeting dated October 20, 2022

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

1. **ACTION ITEMS**
   * 1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION –** To Approve Resolutions of Condolence
        1. Family of Mrs. Grace Thomas
        2. Family of Honorable Judge Sharah Harris
        3. Family of Mr. Ronnie Andrews

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

* + 1. **MOTION TO APPROVE** – City of St. Gabriel Travel Policy

On a motion by Councilman Hasten and seconded by Councilman Hayes, motion was approved and adopted.

* + 1. **MOTION CONSIDERATION** – To declare certain City property as no longer needed or useful for the uses and purposes of the City or its people, thus determining such property as surplus

On a motion by Councilman Grace and a second by Councilman York, motion to disapprove declaration of certain City property (bleachers) as no longer needed or useful for the uses and purposes of the City or its people was passed.

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

Councilman Johnson, Councilman York]

1. **COUNCIL REPORT**

**Councilman Hayes** – Thanks to everyone for coming out and Happy Thanksgiving; last month’s Youth Basketball Camp was a success – 35 to 40 kids from both age groups participated.

**Councilman Johnson** – Two questions for Mayor Johnson: 1) Having sidewalks installed on Morris and Maryland Streets was discussed, but language in paperwork describes drainage instead of what was discussed in meeting. Will there be sidewalks in these areas? **(Mayor’s response:** **Initial plans were for sidewalks, but 2021 happened and the focus changed to drainage. Once that is completed, the focus will return to sidewalks).** 2) Who would be a good contact for setting up a Grand Rising Graveyard Restoration Project checking account? **(Mayor’s response**: **City Attorney, Dallon Bush)**. Councilman Johnson stated efforts to get toys and equipment installed at the parks for children who are physically challenged; Councilman Johnson introduced Ms. Desiree of the TJC Group to provide updates on community hires with local industry.

Ms. Desiree Lemoine gave plant updates: TJC Group sent out a template to each plant on East Bank asking about current operations, local hiring, capital expenditures and current community involvement and received a good amount of responses back (copies will be sent to Council); Plug Power (will produce hydrogen fuel cells at Olin site) is moving forward as schedule; discussed 4:00 p.m. traffic backups at Hwy. 3115/Hwy. 30 intersection; will talk to the plants, Sheriff Stassi and DOTD about providing help with traffic; will ask plants about contributing to installing monitors in area; provided flyers regarding education initiatives (working with the Greater Baton Rouge Business Alliance) for craft careers.

**Councilman York** – There will be a Praising in the Park at William St. Park on December 3, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., for Acting Pastor LaFonda Herb from of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church; everyone please come and praise.

**Councilman Grace** – Noticed the roof has loosened on the south end of the Bayou Paul Colored School – feels it would be prudent to spend money to stop the leaking; asked for volunteers to do the repair; hopes everyone has a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

**Councilman Hasten** – Thanked everyone for coming out; asked Police Chief Ambeau about speeding on Bayou Paul Lane and gun fire in the community – can anything be done? (**Chief**: **Since they put up a sign near gentleman’s house, police have not received any more complaints about speeding; police are investigating gun fire, but no one wants to tell the police who is doing it; staying on top of the body cameras; looking at license plate readers.)**

1. **MAYOR REPORT**

**Action Items:**

* **Pay Retainage Fee** (Community Center Pavilion) **payable to KTB – $25,308.80**

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

**Announcements:**

* Bayou Breaux Bridge – Thank you to City Attorney Dallon Bush and Assist. City Attorney Caroline LoBue for their work on injunction
* Recognized young generation, Khing, Delaine, and Kimora for attending meeting
* Recognized Natalie Hilliard, 11th grader at MSA, who is a published author
* Wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving

1. **ADJOURNMENT**