

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
JUNE 25, 2019

The Mayor and City Council of Morgan City, Louisiana, met at 6:00 pm (local time) in regular session, this date, in the City Court Building, Highway 182 East, Morgan City, Louisiana.

There were present: Honorable Frank P. Grizzaffi, III Mayor; and Council Members Ron Bias, Steve Domangue, Mark Stephens and Louis J. Tamporello, Jr.

Absent: Tim Hymel.

Also present were Mr. Marcus Folse, Chief Administrative Officer and Mr. Paul Landry, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Pastor Bias.

There was no Positive Image recipient for the month of June.

Mrs. Donna Meyer with the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce requested permission to hold the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Bayou BBQ Bash on July 12, 2019 from 4 PM to 10 PM and July 13, 2019 from 7 AM to 6 PM along with associated street closures (copy on file). A motion to concur in the request was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Domangue and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Kenneth Lodrigue with the American Legion submitted a request to hold a Poppy Drive under the US 90 bridge on August 17, 2019 from 8:30 AM to Noon (copy on file). A motion to allow the Poppy Drive was made by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Mr. Tamporello and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Woodrow Parker and Mrs. Theresa Mitchell addressed the Council regarding a Cultural Competency Training program. They were looking for the City to host the event on August 29 and August 30, 2019. Mr. Parker stated that this program targeted racism and bullying in school. There would be light refreshments served. Councilman Domangue pointed out that the dates that they were requesting took place during Labor Day Weekend and may conflict with some of the Shrimp & Petroleum Festival events. Mr. Parker stated that he would come to the July Council meeting with new dates and a resume for Mr. Robert Blue, who would be instructing the trainings.

The minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Stephens, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending May 31, 2019.

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**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**DATE:** June 25, 2019  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Deborah Garber  
**RE:** Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended May 31, 2019.

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Attached is a summary that compares our actual revenues and expenses to our operational budget for our major funds subject to budgetary control for the period ending May 31, 2019. The following comments are related thereto:

**General and Ancillary Funds:** Actual total revenues are now over budget by \$28,000. In General Fund, Sales tax is only over budget by 7,000. Operating expenses are below budget by \$94,800. The net loss, after transfers, of \$637,750 creates a favorable budget variance of \$122,800.

**Utility Fund:** Actual revenues remain under budget by \$807,000, which is in large part due to electric revenues. Operational expenses are also under budget by \$902,300 which is

mainly due to being 692,750 under budget in purchased power costs, resulting in a net income, after transfers, of \$203,500 creating a favorable variance of \$109,000.

**Sanitation and Sewer Fund:** The operating revenues remain \$45,900 under budget, with total operating expenses also under budget by \$20,500. The net income, after transfers, of \$506,900 leaves another favorable variance of \$66,700.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Deborah Garber  
Deborah Garber  
Finance Director

**CITY OF MORGAN CITY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT**  
**Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget**  
**Period Ended May 31, 2019**

	<b>MAY 2019 ACTUAL</b>	<b>MAY 2019 BUDGET</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
<b>GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS</b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
General Fund	2,351,630	2,309,847	41,783
Recreation Fund	55,505	53,802	1,703
Library Fund	6,498	5,848	650
Auditorium Fund	40,569	51,788	(11,219)
Lake End Park Fund	312,408	317,276	(4,868)
Total Revenues	2,766,610	2,738,561	28,049
<b>EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL</b>			
General Fund	4,137,683	4,113,536	24,147
Recreation Fund	173,440	178,664	(5,224)
Library Fund	33,220	48,625	(15,405)
Auditorium Fund	172,742	207,335	(34,593)
Lake End Park Fund	303,945	367,690	(63,745)
Total Expenses	4,821,030	4,915,850	(94,820)
<b>TRANSFERS</b>			
Transfers from Funds	1,526,669	1,526,669	0
Transfers to Funds	(110,000)	(110,000)	0
Net Transfers	1,416,669	1,416,669	0
<b>EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS</b>	<b>(637,751)</b>	<b>(760,620)</b>	<b>122,869</b>
<b>UTILITY FUND</b>			
Total Revenues	8,201,895	9,008,936	(807,041)
Total Expenditures	6,556,321	7,458,657	(902,336)
Net Excess	1,645,575	1,550,280	95,295
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(1,442,100)	(1,455,902)	13,802
Excess net of transfers	203,475	94,378	109,097
<b>SANITATION AND SEWER FUND</b>			
Total Revenues	1,238,262	1,192,371	45,891
Total Expenses	1,212,063	1,232,608	(20,545)
Net Excess	26,199	(40,237)	66,436
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	480,765	480,500	265
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	506,964	440,263	66,701

A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Pastor Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

In the matter of the LEPA report, Mayor Grizzaffi stated that Cordell Grand would be officially retired at the end of the month and Kevin Bihm, the current general manager, would take his place.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated there had been an increase in complaints about residential garbage pickup. He stated that a five-year contract was in effect and would expire on November 20, 2020. He felt that Progressive started off strong, but had been sold a couple of times and recently had not been up to standards. He advised that it would be a good idea to re bid the garbage pickup when the contract expired.

Mr. Mike Loupe, Public Works Director, stated that the Roadway Improvement project currently underway by Frisco was moving along nicely. He stated they had 120 days in the contract to finish all work, and the job was 21% complete to date.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the St Mary Excel group had undergone an initiative to redo the City Walking Trail and had applied for multiple grants. He felt it would be good to get things rolling so the City crews had removed the cracked asphalt and prepared it for an 8' wide, 5" thick trail. Mr. Loupe stated he was planning to do 10' panels with joints in it so a panel could be changed in case of any damage. There would be 2,000 linear feet of trail completed and would be from Fig Street to the pumping station. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the funds would come from the Road & Royalty account. The grant would continue the trail on the other side of town so eventually the trail would stretch from Lakeside.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that Lawrence Park playground has been long outdated and needed to be redone. The Main Street Committee had come up with plans to do a complete renovation of the Park but that would take quite some time to do. The Kiwanis Club had also done some fundraising to benefit the Park. It would take \$200,000 to give the playground area of Lawrence Park a complete overhaul. He had been in contact with the H & B Young Foundation regarding some funding for the playground renovation and felt that they would participate in the renovations as part of their yearly contribution to the City. Mayor Grizzaffi proposed to borrow the money from another City fund to get the playground renovations started so they would be complete before the Shrimp & Petroleum Festival. He stated with the H & B Young Fund expected contribution, the \$50,000 Main Street had set aside for the Park, the Kiwanis Club monies the fund could be repaid. The Rotary Club had also expressed interest in participating in the project so he expected that the fund would be paid back in a short time. He stated that the parking lot near the Lawrence Park Playground had recently been redone and the fencing around the tennis courts had been changed as part of the updating of Lawrence Park, whereupon,

Mr. Tamporello offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

#### RESOLUTION NO. R: 19-24

WHEREAS, Lawrence Park is undergoing extensive renovations; and

WHEREAS, the Playground is a prominent area that needs to be redone; and

WHEREAS, the City has committed \$200,000 to replace the current playground and turf; and

WHEREAS, the City will seek proposals for the replacement of the playground and turf.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of Morgan City, Louisiana that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute a contract to replace the current playground and turf.

Mr. Stephens seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Stephens, Bias, Domangue

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hymel

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

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Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the Lake End Park Marina Wharf repair. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that a houseboat had caught on fire at the Marina and caused some damage to the wharf. The owner of the camp did not have insurance to pay for the repairs so the City got quotes on the repairs. The low bidder was Berry Bros. There was currently a \$240,000 balance in the Lake End Park Building & Maintenance account. The damages were currently affecting five tenants at the Marina. The City would pursue recovering the money from the owner of the houseboat through litigation, whereupon,

Pastor Bias offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 19-25

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2019, a houseboat that was leasing a spot in the Lake End Park Marina caught on fire and was declared a complete loss; and

WHEREAS, the fire caused damage to the composite deck boards, timbers, pylons and caps of the Marina; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the camp did not have insurance to cover the damages sustained on the Marina; and

WHEREAS, the City will have to pursue litigation to get the Marina repairs paid for; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to make the repairs to bring the park back up to par for others renting spots in the Marina; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Berry Bros. General Contractors, Inc. has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$38,200 to complete the repairs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of Morgan City, Louisiana that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute a contract with said Berry Bros. General Contractors, Inc. for repairs to the Lake End Park Marina.

Mr. Stephens seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Stephens, Domangue, Tamporello  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Hymel

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

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Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the Fire Chief had approached him concerning the purchase of a new fire truck for the aging fleet. There was a demo truck available for purchase and two of the current City trucks were 1996 models and in need of extensive repairs. The last fire truck was purchased in 2014 in the amount of \$256,000. The next payment of \$100,000 from the parish was not expected until 2024 but the truck could be financed through a governmental deal for ten years at 3.59%. The payments would be deferred for the first year then the note would be \$3,500 per month. The lump sum of \$100,000 from the Parish could be applied to the principal when it was received in 2024 to reduce the principal balance as well. The purchase of this truck would leave the oldest truck in the fleet being a 2012, with the one 1996 truck being used as a backup, whereupon,

Mr. Stephens offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 19-26

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City Fire Department has a 1996 model Fire Engine that is need of many expensive repairs; and

WHEREAS, Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc. has a Ferrara Intruder II Custom Sid-Mount Pumper Apparatus for sale at a cost of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of this truck would greatly benefit the Fire Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of Morgan City, Louisiana that it hereby authorizes the purchase of a Ferrara Intruder II Custom Side-Mount Pumper Apparatus in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Stephens, Tamporello, Bias, Domangue  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Hymel

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

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Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the authorization of the signature on the Auditorium Roof, Phase 2 project, whereupon,

Mr. Tamporello offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 19-27

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of undertaking Phase II of Partial Roof Replacement on the Municipal Auditorium roof, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Edward J. Laperouse Metal Works, Inc. has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$43,495 to accomplish this,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute a contract with said Edward J. Laperouse Metal Works, Inc.

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Domangue, Bias, Stephens  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Hymel

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

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Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

City Attorney Paul Landry stated that Tiger Island Hardware had changed the name of the company and had also had a new boundary map drawn up. They had requested a new boundary agreement be signed that would reflect the changes in name as well as reference the new plat map, whereupon,

Mr. Tamporello offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 19-28

WHEREAS, SC Properties of Morgan City, LLC is located at 7393 Highway 182 East, and the back portion of the property is adjacent to the City-owned Tennis Complex; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2018, through Resolution R:18-13, Tiger Island Hardware and the City of Morgan City entered into a land boundary agreement; and

WHEREAS, a new boundary agreement needs to be entered into listing SC Properties of Morgan City, LLC as the owner of the Property and referencing the new plan of land prepared by Kenneth A. Landry on June 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the property line is defined as points A, B, C located in Sec. 12 T 16, S-R 12E as per the plan of land prepared on June 13, 2018, by Kenneth A. Landry; and

WHEREAS, SC Properties of Morgan City, LLC has submitted a proposal for a definite property line between the City-owned Tennis Complex and their property located at 7393 Highway 182 East.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a boundary agreement with SC Properties of Morgan City, LLC.

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Bias, Domangue, Stephens  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Hymel

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.

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Frank P. Grizzaffi  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that there were drainage issues along the Federal Avenue corridor. The City would like to get a company to come in and run cameras to evaluate the current drainage situation. Mr. Mike Loupe, Public Works Director, stated that they have done everything they could possibly do to alleviate the current drainage problems but nothing seemed to be helping, whereupon,

Pastor Bias offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 19-29

WHEREAS, The City of Morgan City is in need of an evaluation of its Storm Drainage System, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Compliance EnviroSystems has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$47,500 to accomplish the cleaning and CCTV inspection of 5,000 – 8,000 LF of gravity storm drain pipe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana that it engage Compliance EnviroSystems to perform the necessary services to implement this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute any and all documents in connection with this project.

Mr. Stephens seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Stephens, Domangue, Tamporello  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.

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Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the Class "A" liquor and beer permit for Pedro Urbano-Duran d/b/a Las Brisas. A motion to approve the permit was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Grizzaffi offered the name of Mr. Andy Reed for appointment to the Board of Adjustments. A motion to concur in the appointment was made by Mr. Reed, seconded by Pastor Bias and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Grizzaffi offered the name of Mrs. Shane Winters for appointment to the Historic District Committee. A motion to concur in the appointment was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Stephens and voted unanimously in favor. Mr. Tamporello abstained from the vote because Mrs. Winters is a family member.

The final matter on the agenda was the executive session to discuss ongoing litigation. A motion to enter into executive session was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Stephens, and voted unanimously in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 7:22 PM UNTIL 7:37 PM.

A motion to go back into regular session was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Mr. Tamporello and voted unanimously in favor.

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Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

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Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor