

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
SPECIAL MEETING  
January 14, 2013

The Mayor and City Council of Morgan City, Louisiana, met at 6:00 PM in special session, this date, in the Court Room, City Court Building, Highway 182 East, Morgan City, Louisiana.

There were present:

HONORABLE TIMOTHY MATTE, Mayor  
LARRY P. BERGERON, Councilman  
REVEREND RON BIAS, Councilman  
TIM HYMEL, Councilman  
LUKE MANFRE, Councilman  
LOUIS J.TAMPORELLO, Jr., Councilman

There were absent: None

Also present were: Lorrie C. Braus, Chief Administrative Officer and Greg Aucoin, City Attorney.

Mayor Matte stated that Mr. William "Brad" Bradford, a former City Councilman, had passed away two weeks ago, whereupon,

Messrs. Bergeron, Bias, Hymel, Manfre, and Tamporello offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-01  
**IN MEMORIAM**  
**William "Brad" Bradford, Jr.**

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom has taken William "Brad" Bradford, Jr. from our midst, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bradford was a lifelong resident of Morgan City, and

WHEREAS, he was a parishioner of Mt. Zion Baptist Church where he organized the Church Trustee board and served as the Chairperson, served as the Treasurer, served as custodian for the Church Maintenance Auxiliary and served as an honorary member of the Mt. Zion Gospel Choir and Beautification Committee, and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Morgan City Colored High School, and

WHEREAS, he proudly served his Country in the United States Army where he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and

WHEREAS, he served as a board member for the Morgan City Housing Authority and the St. Mary Community Action Agency, and

WHEREAS, he served as chair of the Siracusa Community Board, and was an original member of the CAA/HS program, and

WHEREAS, he served as President and Treasurer of the NAACP in Morgan City and President of the distinguished Esquire Men's Club for over five years, and

WHEREAS, he helped to organize the WSW Volunteer Fire Department and served as President, and

WHEREAS, he was the first black appointed to the St. Mary Parish Police Jury, and

WHEREAS, he was the first black elected to the office of City Councilman of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, he will be missed by the many, whose lives he touched.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that all those in attendance at this meeting rise and bow their heads in silent prayer out of respect for the late William "Brad" Bradford, Jr. and extend to his bereaved family our sincere condolences in this, their hour of sorrow, and in these inadequate words endeavor to express the high regard in which we held him in life and honor his memory in death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that this resolution be inscribed on a separate page of the official proceedings of this meeting; that a copy of this resolution be sent to his bereaved family.

Messrs. Bergeron, Bias, Hymel, Manfre, and Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bergeron, Bias, Hymel, Manfre, and Tamporello  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

/s/ Timothy Matte  
Timothy Matte, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Mayor Matte opened the floor to the City Council members for their departure remarks. Mr. Manfre thanked Mayor Matte for his impeccable leadership skills and thanked him for all he had done for the City. He thanked all the Department Heads and City staff for all their

help and wished the newly elected Mayor and Council members good luck in the future.

Mr. Larry Bergeron thanked Mayor Matte for his years of dedicated service and stated that he had led the City well. He stated that serving with his fellow Councilmen had been a charm for him and that he appreciated the ability to serve the public for the last 28 years and it had been a privilege to serve the citizens of Morgan City.

Mr. Lou Tamporello stated that it had been a pleasure to serve with Mr. Bergeron and Mr. Manfre and that he looked forward to working with Mayor Grizzaffi, CAO Marc Folse and the two new Councilmen, Mr. Dufrene and Mr. Fontenot. Mayor Matte and Mrs. Braus had shown him knowledge, patience, and respect. They had bad times and good times during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the BP Oil Spill, the flood of 2011 that never came and the blown up transformer. He wished them much happiness and health and told them to enjoy their grandchildren.

Mr. Tim Hymel stated that four years ago he was the new kid on the block and that his fellow Councilmen had taken him under their wing. He stated it had been a pleasure to serve with them as well as Mayor Matte and Lorrie Braus. He looked forward to the leadership that the new Mayor and Councilmen would bring to the City and looked forward to working with them during the next four years.

Mayor Matte stated that he wanted to extend his sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone that he had served with. He had served with many fine citizens who had really given their heart to the community. He stated that many times politicians carry a bad name or connotation, but the politicians that he had worked with always had the interests of their community first and it had been a real privilege and pleasure for him. It had also been a pleasure to work with neighboring Mayors, Parish Presidents and Parish Council members. He acknowledged Mayor Lafleur for teaching him a lot of City business and a lot about handling people. When he was a Councilman, Doctor Brownell had met with him to give a briefing on flooding and he had learned more in that ninety minute meeting than he had ever learned in all his meetings with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from that time forward. He offered to Mayor Grizzaffi that if there was ever anything he could help him with; he would consider it an honor and a privilege to offer his help. He said he would give him the time and freedom to explore, but Mayor Grizzaffi only had to ask for help and he would be there. He would continue to contribute in whatever way God chose for him to do that. He stated that God had blessed him with great opportunities like serving as a public servant of a community like Morgan City. His objective had always been to leave Morgan City better than he found it and he had worked very hard to do that. He stated that he appreciated all that Genie Bonner and Lisa Morgan had done to take care of him as well as the City. He thanked his wife and family for their understanding and support. He stated that he felt there was no job better than being the Mayor of the City of Morgan City and that he had had the best job that anyone could ask for.

“The four (4) year terms of Timothy Matte, Mayor; and Councilmen Larry P. Bergeron, Ron Bias, Tim Hymel, Luke Manfre, and Louis Tamporello, Jr., who have served during the years 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012, have expired and this administration has adjourned “Sine Die” at 6:28 PM, this date.

Mr. Dale Hayes, former City Attorney stated that 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Judge Edward M. Leonard would administer the oath of office to Mayor-elect Frank P. Grizzaffi, III. Judge Leonard gave a brief history of the City of Morgan City and administered the oath of office to Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, Mayor. Judge Leonard introduced First Assistant District Attorney Bo Duhe who administered the oath of office to Councilman-elect James Fontenot. Judge Leonard introduced Judge Kim Stansbury who administered the oath of office to the following elected officials:

Tim Hymel, Councilman  
Reverend Ron Bias, Councilman

Barry Dufrene, Councilman  
Louis J. Tamporello, Jr., Councilman

The meeting then reconvened beginning the new administration.

There were present:

HONORABLE FRANK P. GRIZZAFFI, III, Mayor  
REVEREND RON BIAS, Councilman  
BARRY DUFRENE, Councilman  
JAMES FONTENOT, Councilman  
TIM HYMEL, Councilman  
LOUIS J. TAMPORELLO, Councilman

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he appreciated all the family, friends, citizens of Morgan City and elected officials coming to the meeting. He stated the Mayor and Councilmen would work as a team to make things happen.

Mr. Barry Dufrene thanked Mayor Matte for serving as Mayor. He stated he had a lot of energy and was looking forward to working with the fellow Council members to make Morgan City a much better place.

Mr. James Fontenot thanked Mayor Matte and his Council for doing a great job over the last eight years and paving the way for the newcomers. He stated he looked forward to working with the new Mayor and Council.

The Council then took up the matter of the authorization of bank signatures, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-02

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the following persons are hereby authorized to sign checks for the City of Morgan City, Louisiana bank accounts.

| <u>NAME AND TITLE</u>  | <u>SIGNATURE</u>           |
|--|----------------------------|
| Marcus Folse<br>Chief Administrative Officer                             | <u>/s/ Marcus Folse</u>    |
| Genie G. Bonner<br>Administrative Secretary                              | <u>/s/ Genie G. Bonner</u> |
| Barry Dufrene<br>Councilman  | <u>/s/ Barry Dufrene</u>   |
| Karen Davidson<br>Treasurer  | <u>/s/ Karen Davidson</u>  |
| Daniel Aucoin<br>Customer Service Representative                         | <u>/s/ Daniel Aucoin</u>   |
| Elisabeth Price<br>Main Street Assistant<br><b>Payroll Accounts Only</b> | <u>/s/ Elisabeth Price</u> |

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Hymel, Fontenot, Bias, Dufrene, Tamporello  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of, January, 2013.

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

The Mayor made the following Department Head appointments: Marcus Folse, Chief Administrative Officer; Gregory Aucoin, City Attorney; Sostenes Ruiz, City Prosecutor; Deborah Garber, Finance Director; William Cefalu, Utilities Director; Dwayne Barbier, Recreation and Culture; Malisa Mayon, Archives and Library; Michael Loupe, Public Works; Morris Price, Fire Chief. A motion to concur in these appointments was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

In the matter of the Mayor Pro-tempore,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-03

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 01-3, the council approved a change to the charter to provide for the annual selection of the mayor pro-tempore by a majority vote of the council, said selection to be made at the first meeting in January of each year, and

WHEREAS, this home rule charter amendment, in an election held on November 6, 2012, was approved by a majority vote of the qualified electors voting in this election.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that Louis J. Tamporello, Jr. is hereby selected as Mayor Pro-tempore of the City Council for the year 2013.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Hymel, Dufrene, Fontenot, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

In the matter of the appointment of the Clerk of the Council,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-04

WHEREAS, the City Council of Morgan City's home rule charter provides for a clerk

of the council,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana that Debbie Harrington be and she is hereby appointed to the position of "Clerk of the Council" and shall assume all duties of that position.

Mr. Dufrene seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Fontenot, Dufrene, Bias, Hymel, Tamporello  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

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

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Frank P. Grizzaffi, III  
Mayor