

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2017

The Mayor and City Council of Morgan City, Louisiana, met at 6:00 PM in special session, this date, in the City Court Building, Highway 90 East, Morgan City, Louisiana.

There were present:

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

There were absent: None

Also present were: Marc Folse, Chief Administrative Officer and Paul Landry, City Attorney.

Mayor Grizzaffi welcomed everyone in attendance. He then extended "Thanks" for the support given him by his family and friends, city employees, and a special "Thanks" to the present City Council who served with him. He also expressed "Thanks" for being unopposed in the election and for the confidence the citizens had in him. He said he was proud of what had been accomplished in the last four years including garbage collection and health insurance changes.

Mayor Grizzaffi opened the floor to the City Council members for their departure remarks.

Mr. Tamporello extended "Thanks" to his family and the Mayor and Council. He said the City had moved forward in the past four years and he thanked Councilman Dufrene for his service to the citizens.

Mr. Fontenot thanks the citizens of District Four for reelecting him as Councilman. He was humbled by their support and his goal in the next four years was to continue moving the City forward. He expressed "Thanks" to his family and his boss and the District Attorney's Office for understanding his duties as Councilman.

Reverend Bias extended "Thanks" to the citizens of District Three for having confidence that he could be a part of this team that would continue to bring the City forward. He extended "Thanks" to his family for putting up with the nights and days that he had been out helping others. He welcomed Mr. Mark Stephens to the City Council and thanked Mayor Grizzaffi for having confidence in the Council and the department heads.

Mr. Dufrene thanked the citizens of District Two and to the citizens of Morgan City. He appreciated working with the Council but felt that he could no longer devote the time needed to be a Councilman. He expressed "Thanks" to the department heads and the employees of the City for all the hard work they did.

Mr. Hymel stated that it had been a great eight years and starting the beginning of his third term on the Council he felt that a lot had been accomplished and there was still a lot more to do. He expressed "Thanks" to his family as well as the citizens of the City. He stated that it felt good to go unopposed and not have to walk the streets in the bid for reelection. He welcomed Mr. Mark Stephens and expressed his confidence in the job he would do. He was ready for the next four years and continuing to move the City forward.

It was then announced that the time had come for a motion that the present administration adjourn "**SINE DIE**".

Whereupon, a motion was made by Mr. Dufrene and seconded by Reverend Bias, that the meeting adjourn "**SINE DIE**", and the vote thereon was unanimously in favor, as follows:

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

/s/ Tim Hymel  
TIM HYMEL  
Councilman

/s/ Barry Dufrene  
BARRY DUFRENE  
Councilman

/s/ Reverend Ron Bias  
REVEREND RON BIAS  
Councilman

/s/ James Fontenot, II  
JAMES FONTENOT, II  
Councilman

/s/ Louis J. Tamporello, Jr.  
LOUIS J. TAMPORELLO, JR.  
Councilman

“The four (4) year terms of Frank P. Grizzaffi, Mayor; and Councilmen Barry Dufrene, Tim Hymel, Ron Bias, James Fontenot, II and Louis Tamporello, Jr., who have served during the years 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016, have expired and this administration has adjourned “Sine Die” at 6:05 PM, this date.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the Administering of the Oaths of Office was the next matter on the agenda. Mayor Grizzaffi introduced 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Bo Duhe who administered the oath of office to the following elected officials:

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, Mayor

James Fontenot, II, Councilman

Mayor Grizzaffi introduced Judge Kim Stansbury who administered the oath of office to the following elected officials:

Tim Hymel, Councilman  
Reverend Ron Bias, Councilman

Mark Stephens, 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  
MARK STEPHENS, Councilman  
JAMES FONTENOT, II, Councilman  
TIM HYMEL, Councilman  
LOUIS J. TAMPORELLO, Councilman

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 17-01

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.

NAME AND TITLE

SIGNATURE

Marcus Folse  
Chief Administrative Officer

/s/ Marcus Folse

Genie G. Bonner  
Administrative Secretary

/s/ Genie G. Bonner

Ron Bias  
Councilman

/s/ Ron Bias

Karen Davidson  
Treasurer

/s/ Karen Davidson

Daniel Aucoin

Customer Service Representative

/s/ Daniel Aucoin

Elisabeth Price Portero

Main Street

**Payroll Accounts Only**

/s/ Elisabeth Price Portero

Reverend Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Bias, Fontenot, Hymel, Stephens

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, Mayor

/s/ Debbie Harrington

Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The Mayor made the following Department Head appointments: Marcus Folse, Chief Administrative Officer; Paul Landry, City Attorney; Leo Landry, City Prosecutor; Deborah Garber, Finance Director; William Cefalu, Utilities Director; Dwayne Barbier, Recreation and Culture; Gerri Besse, Archives and Library; Alvin Cockerham, Fire Chief; and James Blair, Police Chief. A motion to concur in these appointments was made by Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Grizzaffi submitted the name of Michael Loupe for Public Works Director.

The vote thereon was as follows:

Mr. Fontenot YES

Mr. Hymel YES

Reverend Bias NAY

Mr. Stephens YES

Mr. Tamporello YES

In the matter of the Mayor Pro-tempore,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 17-02

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 October 12, 2002, 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 James Fontenot is hereby selected as Mayor Pro-tempore of the City Council for the year 2017.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Tamporello, Fontenot, Hymel, Stephens

NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

/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,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 17-03

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. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

/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 Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Tamporello and voted unanimously in favor.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

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