

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
JANUARY 26, 2016

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, Barry Dufrene, James Fontenot, Tim Hymel, and Louis J. Tamporello, Jr.

Absent: None

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

The invocation was given by Reverend Ron Bias.

Ms. JoAnn Blanchard and Ms. Bonnie Knobloch with Café Jojo's submitted a request that Rhythms on the River be held on Fridays beginning April 1, 2016 and ending May 27, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM (copy on file). A motion to concur with the request was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

Ms. Cindy Marino and Mr. Walter Shepherd submitted a request to hold the second annual Irish Italian Heritage Parade on March 19, 2016 beginning at 11:00 AM (copy on file). A motion to concur in the request was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Dufrene, and voted unanimously in favor.

The next item on the agenda was the 2016 Water Safety Event. There was no one in attendance to discuss the request, and no written request had been submitted.

Dr. Sicard and Mr. Jean Paul Bourg addressed the Council regarding Porch Fest. The event would include free acoustic music on the porches of four different residences, events geared for children, and food and drink sales. They requested that the streets adjacent to Lawrence Park be closed from 4PM to 8PM on April 16, 2016, that the noise ordinance be lifted, they be allowed to sell alcohol and the use of Lawrence Park during the event. A motion to concur in their requests was made by Mr. Dufrene, seconded by Reverend Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

The minutes of the December 17, 2015 regular meeting and January 11, 2016 special meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending December 31, 2015.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: January 26, 2016
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended December 31, 2015.

Attached is a summary that compares our actual revenues and expenses to our **amended** operational budget for our major funds subject to budgetary control for the period ending December 31, 2015. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are over budget by \$2,500. Operating expenses are also below budget by \$45,300. The net loss, after transfers, of \$56,000 creates a favorable variance of \$47,700.

Utility Fund: Actual operating revenues are over budget by \$47,300, with operational expenses under budget by \$153,500. The net income, after transfers, of \$1,553,800 creates a favorable variance of \$183,300.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$38,400 under budget, with total operating expenses also under budget by \$76,700. The net income, after transfers, of \$58,700 leaves a favorable variance of \$45,000.

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
Period Ended December 31, 2015

	December 2015 ACTUAL	December 2015 BUDGET	VARIANCE
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS			
REVENUES			
General Fund	7,130,905	7,128,617	2,288
Recreation Fund	172,608	180,215	(7,607)
Library Fund	16,853	16,200	653
Auditorium Fund	341,577	335,195	6,382
Lake End Park Fund	747,923	747,140	783
Total Revenues	8,409,866	8,407,367	2,499
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	10,007,028	9,975,716	31,312
Recreation Fund	533,084	542,771	(9,687)
Library Fund	117,671	127,663	(9,992)
Auditorium Fund	458,131	481,649	(23,518)
Lake End Park Fund	770,848	804,232	(33,384)
Total Expenses	11,886,762	11,932,031	(45,269)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	4,550,500	4,550,500	0
Transfers to Funds	(1,129,605)	(1,129,605)	0
Net Transfers	3,420,895	3,420,895	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	(56,001)	(103,769)	47,768
UTILITY FUND			
Total Revenues	19,578,336	19,531,060	47,276
Total Expenditures	14,867,457	15,020,938	(153,481)
Net Excess	4,710,879	4,510,122	200,757
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(3,157,039)	(3,139,594)	(17,445)
Excess net of transfers	1,553,840	1,370,528	183,312
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total Revenues	2,794,547	2,832,970	(38,423)
Total Expenses	3,265,691	3,342,376	(76,685)
Net Excess	(471,144)	(509,406)	38,262
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	529,827	523,053	6,774
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	58,683	13,647	45,036

A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Mr. Dufrene, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Matt Yates with Mosquito Control Consulting updated the Council on the status of the Mosquito Control program implemented by the city two years ago. He stated that both

Jean Paul Bourg and Kelly Liner had become Mosquito Control Specialists and were doing a great job with the entire program. Both had attended a Louisiana Mosquito Control workshop and passed their tests on the first try. He stated that they had good working relationships with neighboring mosquito control programs and after Mr. Bourg passed his supervisory test the plan was to allow the City to discontinue the current contract with his company.

In the matter of the LEPA report, Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the original completion date was September 22, 2015, but there were some problems that were encountered during construction. He stated the new date was February 17, 2016. The boilers had been cleaned, and the next step was to begin generating steam and testing the unit. This new power generation would be of great benefit to the City.

The next matter on the agenda was the election of the Mayor Pro-tem, whereupon, Mr. Dufrene offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 16-01

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 Ron Bias is hereby selected as Mayor Pro-tempore of the City Council for the year 2016.

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Dufrene, Fontenot, Bias, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26th day of January, 2016.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that a contract had been in place with the State for the LCDBG housing program. It had expired and needed to be renewed for an additional three years, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 16-02

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City Louisiana entered into Contract Number 719260 with the State of Louisiana – Office of Community Development for a time extension of the FY 2009 LCDBG Housing Program on August 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS, said contract expired on August 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana – Office of Community Development has requested that a new, three year contract that provides for continuation of program activities of the original Contract Number 719260, with an ending date of August 25, 2018.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that that the Mayor, Frank P Grizzaffi III, be and is hereby authorized to enter a contract with the State of Louisiana – Office of Community Development for continuation of the FY 2009 LCDBG Housing Program.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Hymel, Tamporello, Bias, Dufrene, Fontenot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26th day of January, 2016.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

In the matter of the Wharf Contract amendment, Mayor Grizzaffi stated that when the City purchased the sheet piling, the amount of the project changed. The State wanted the contract to reflect that change, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 16-03

WHEREAS, by Resolution R: 08-76, the City entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit to secure Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery funds in the amount of \$1,300,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the budget has been revised and the total amount of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement was decreased \$1,300,000 to \$1,241,070 and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the agreement must be executed to reflect this decrease.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that Mayor Frank P. Grizzaffi, III be hereby authorized to execute the Amendment to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit to decrease the total amount to \$1,241,070.

Reverend Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Dufrene, Bias, Fontenot, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

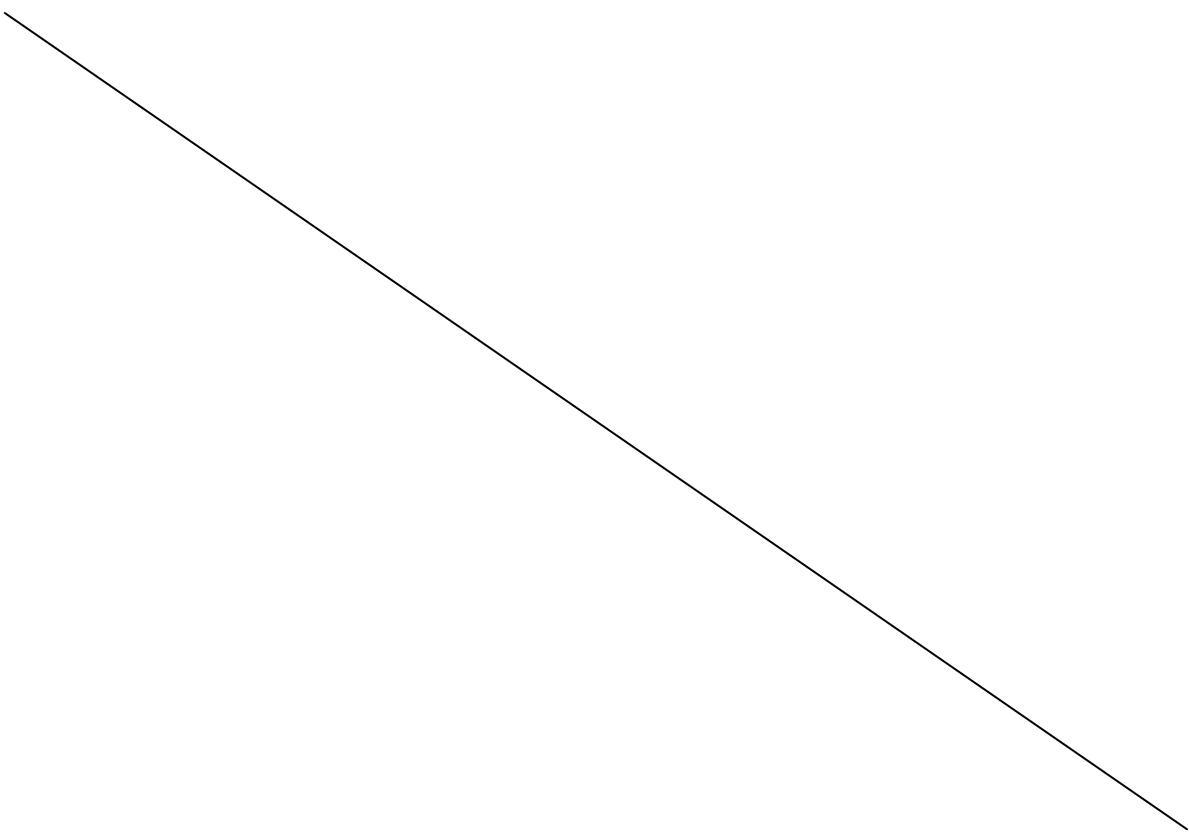
The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26th day of January, 2016.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that Mr. Paul Vella, Sr. had been a pioneer with the City of Morgan City and a resolution of respect should be passed, whereupon,



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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 16-04
IN MEMORIAM
PAUL VELLA, SR.

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom has taken Paul Vella, Sr. from our midst, and

WHEREAS, he was well known for his many years as President and Founder of St. Mary AARP Chapter 4435, and

WHEREAS, he was manager at the Morgan City Municipal Auditorium for several years, and

WHEREAS, he was a fifth grade teacher at Julia B. Maitland Elementary for eleven years; and

WHEREAS, he worked as a Park Director for the Morgan City Recreation Department for several years, and

WHEREAS, he owned and operated Shopper's Weekly – St. Mary Journal for twenty years, and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of sixty five years, Thelma Marie Watkins Vella, and three sons, 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 Paul Vella, Sr. 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. Bias, Dufrene, Fontenot, Hymel and Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26th day of January, 2016.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

A motion to convene into executive session to discuss litigation was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Reverend Bias and voted unanimously in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:33 TO 7:58 PM

A motion to reconvene into regular session was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Pat Cloutier asked about the lawsuits that were discussed. City Attorney Paul Landry stated that all lawsuits were public record and he could find them at the courthouse in Franklin. Mr. Cloutier asked about the nature of the lawsuits. Mr. Landry stated that there were claims from automobile collisions, blighted properties and many other things.

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