

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
OCTOBER 25, 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 Bias.

Ms. Donna Meyer addressed the Council regarding Red Ribbon Week and asked for a resolution of support, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 16-26

WHEREAS, alcohol and other drug abuse have reached epidemic stages, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts be launched to eliminate the demand for drugs, and

WHEREAS, the "Red Ribbon" has become a symbol of opposition to drug use and alcohol abuse, and

WHEREAS, a Parish-wide red ribbon campaign will be celebrated in St. Mary Parish during drug-free week, **October 21 – October 30, 2016**, and

WHEREAS, business, government, law enforcement, schools, religious institutions, service organizations, youth, medical, senior citizens, military, sports teams, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long campaign, and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City commits its resources to ensure the success of the St. Mary parish "Red Ribbon Campaign",

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana that it does hereby support October 21 – October 30, 2016 as

"RED RIBBON DRUG-FREE WEEK"

and encourages its citizens to participate in drug awareness and drug educational activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to drug-free, healthy lifestyles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc. that all citizens are encouraged to pledge to this year's theme:

"Choose the HIGH ROAD, Not the high life! BE DRUG-FREE!"

Reverend Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of October, 2016.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Mr. Tralles Rhodes addressed the council regarding the sidewalks in disrepair all over the City. He felt that the City should enforce Section 94-72a of the Code of Ordinances and require all residents to repair their sidewalks. If the homeowner did not repair it, the City would make the repairs and place the amount on the next tax bill with interest. He stated that he simply wanted the ordinance followed. He said that some residents don't own automobiles and the sidewalks were their highways. He said you could not stroll your child or grandchild around his neighborhood because the sidewalks were so damaged. He said that in the Lakeside subdivision sidewalk project, the three-tenths sales tax was being used to pay for a portion of the project. He stated that the three tenths sales tax should only be used for roads, not sidewalks. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that it was in the wording of the tax documents that it could be used for roads, wharf and sidewalk repairs. He stated he would have a copy of that document for Mr. Rhodes the following day. The Mayor said that the City was aggressively trying to fix sidewalks in all areas.

Mr. Dan Duplantis and the Boy Scout Troops #41 and #49 addressed the Mayor and Council. Mr. Duplantis stated that the scouts were working on their Citizenship and Community Merit Badges and attending the City Council meeting was the first step in their Eagle Scout journey.

Ms. Beverly Domengeaux, Executive Director of the St. Mary Council on Aging submitted her annual report to the Mayor and Council. She stated that she appreciated the support of the City. She said the Council on Aging currently had the longest waiting list to date and asked that they attend the Center for lunch one day.

Mr. Pat Cloutier addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the LEPA litigation. Mayor Grizzaffi stated there would be a meeting on November 4 with the owners of LEPA 1 to discuss litigation over liquidated damages. He stated that Rodemacher was currently operating at 100% capacity and he would get a report to Mr. Cloutier on the last 30 days at the Plant.

Mr. Mike Galler, resident of Fourth Street, addressed the Council regarding the truck route. He stated that there was one particular truck that passed frequently in front of his house and also many other trucks that were not staying on the truck route. He presented pictures of the trucks at various stops along the route that was not designated for trucks (copy on file). He stated that he was concerned about the aging sewer lines and felt that the heavy truck traffic was not going to help the situation. He presented a recommended route (copy on file) and stated that he appreciated them looking into the matter.

The minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending September 30, 2016.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: October 25, 2016
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended September 30, 2016.

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 September 30, 2016. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are over budget by \$460,900, however, Sales taxes in General Fund remain under budget by \$149,36000. Operating expenses are currently over budget by 2,300. The net loss, after transfers, of \$1,527,000 creates a favorable variance of \$458,600.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues are over budget by \$151,800. Operational expenses are under budget by \$570,400. Energy and gas costs are \$354,000 under budget. The net income, after transfers, of \$106,000 creates a favorable variance of \$773,500.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$23,700 over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$226,000. The net income, after transfers, of \$475,700 leaves a favorable variance of \$291,800.

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
 Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
 Period Ended September 30, 2016

GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS	September 2016 ACTUAL	September 2016 BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUES			
General Fund	4,269,805	3,856,392	413,413
Recreation Fund	162,924	84,004	78,920
Library Fund	15,913	10,883	5,031
Auditorium Fund	89,244	70,914	18,331
Lake End Park Fund	513,860	568,683	(54,823)
Total Revenues	<u>5,051,746</u>	<u>4,590,875</u>	460,872
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	7,799,696	7,745,354	54,342
Recreation Fund	427,096	371,570	55,526
Library Fund	103,409	100,506	2,903
Auditorium Fund	375,336	414,126	(38,790)
Lake End Park Fund	578,360	650,061	(71,701)
Total Expenses	<u>9,283,897</u>	<u>9,281,617</u>	2,280
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	3,187,000	3,187,000	0
Transfers to Funds	(482,000)	(482,000)	0
Net Transfers	<u>2,705,000</u>	<u>2,705,000</u>	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	<u>(1,527,151)</u>	<u>(1,985,743)</u>	458,592
UTILITY FUND			
Total Revenues	13,974,816	13,823,033	151,783
Total Expenditures	11,353,350	11,923,754	(570,404)
Net Excess	<u>2,621,466</u>	<u>1,899,279</u>	722,187
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(2,515,518)	(2,566,804)	51,286
Excess net of transfers	<u>105,948</u>	<u>(667,525)</u>	773,473
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total Revenues	2,035,067	2,011,370	23,697
Total Expenses	2,314,026	2,540,063	(226,037)
Net Excess	<u>(278,959)</u>	<u>(528,693)</u>	249,734
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	754,692	712,619	42,073
Excess net of transfers	<u>754,692</u>	<u>712,619</u>	42,073

and non-operating

475,733

183,927

291,807

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

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the Insurance Committee had met and made several proposed changes to the health insurance policy for City employees. The Health Insurance Committee would pay up to \$550 per employee and up to \$650 for each family plan. The proposal would include three different plans of Health Insurance that the employee could choose. One would be a lesser plan that would be of no cost to the employee, one would be current plan that would require employee contribution and one would be a richer plan that would be a higher employee contribution. Eric Pearson with A.J. Gallagher stated that the first three months of the self-funded arrangement seemed to be successful. He stated a proposal was procured from Blue Cross for a fully funded plan and it came at a 77% rate increase. He stated that increase would have costed the City about \$3 million annually, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 16-27

WHEREAS, the City's health insurance policy will expire December 31, 2016, and

WHEREAS, the Health Insurance Committee, after reviewing the proposal from A. J.

Gallagher made the following recommendations:

1. Accept the proposed renewal for the Stop Loss Insurance with no changes.
2. The City will continue funding health insurance premiums for a single employee plan up to \$550 with an additional \$100 allowance on employees who choose to elect a family plan.
3. To continue with a two tier medical insurance structure versus the proposed four tier option.
4. To move Medicare retirees to the Hartford Insurance Company as recommended by A. J. Gallagher.
5. To transfer voluntary and basic life insurance carriers to Standard Life Insurance from MetLife.
6. To offer three different plans: an adjusted benefits package to City employees at no cost and two varying levels of coverage that will require employee contribution.

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 to execute the contract between the City and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana, as per the recommendations of the Health Insurance Committee.

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of October, 2016

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the Advertisement for Fiscal Agent, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 16-28

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the following "Notice of Intention" be published in the manner provided by law, to-wit:

NOTICE OF INTENTION OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY
TO
SELECT A FISCAL AGENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Morgan City will receive sealed bids for selecting a fiscal agent for said City for the period ending December 31, 2020. Said bids to be received on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 10:00 am (local time), in the Conference Room, City Hall, 512 First Streets. If bids are mailed they shall be addressed as follows: Ms. Genie Bonner, Administrative Secretary, City of Morgan City, P. O. Box 1218, Morgan City, Louisiana 70381 and shall be mailed to arrive before the above mentioned time and date.

Each and every bank in the City of Morgan City is invited and requested to submit a sealed bid, in writing, for said purpose, which must be in conformance and compliance with the provisions and requirements of the laws of the State of Louisiana relating to Fiscal Agents. The bid documents shall also include the total assets of the local depository bank.

Any information desired can be obtained by contacting Mr. Marcus Folsie, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Morgan City, 985-385-1770.

The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

/s/ Frank P. Grizzaffi, III

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of October, 2016.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that a resolution of support had to passed each year in order to submit a Capital Outlay application, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 16-29

WHEREAS, the Mayor submitted to the council, the following projects for re-submission to the State requesting Capital Outlay funding:

LA Highway 70 Drainage Improvements	\$1,468,407
Morgan City Water System Improvements	\$1,250,000
Brashear Avenue Extension	\$2,000,000
Brashear Avenue Drainage Improvements	\$1,218,228
Lake End Parkway Cabins	\$5,041,024

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana that it hereby supports the Mayor's request, to the state, for Capital Outlay Funds to complete these projects.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Dufrene, Hymel, Bias, Fontenot, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of October, 2016.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The first reading for the 2016 Budget Amendment was opened. No definitive action necessary.

The second reading for the 2017 Budget was opened. The Council decided to adopt that ordinance at the November meeting.

Mayor Grizzaffi offered the names of Mr. Kenneth Arceneaux, Jr. and Mrs. Sara Kidd for reappointment on the Civil Service Board. A motion to concur in the reappointments was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

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