

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
APRIL 25, 2017

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, James Fontenot, Tim Hymel, Mark Stephens 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.

This month the Positive Image recipients were Mr. Shawn Long and Mr. Willie Aucoin. Mr. Long could not be at the meeting so his brother, Courtney Long accepted the award on his behalf. He thanked the City officials for the award. Mayor Grizzaffi and Chief James Blair presented awards to Mr. Willie Aucoin for his many years of service to the reserve officers of the Police Department. Mr. Aucoin thanked the Mayor and Council as well as Chief Blair and the Police Department for the honor.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the BBQ Bash request from the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce was in the packet. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Reverend Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that Bishop Jerry Hebert had submitted a request to use Lawrence Park tennis courts for the 3rd annual Free Tennis Lessons. A motion to approve the request was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Dameta Hawkins with Baby Bear Head Start addressed the council regarding problems she was having with dogs and cats that belonged to neighbors of the facility. The seven to ten dogs were escaping from the trailer and defecating in the playground used by the children. She was also concerned that the dogs may harm someone on the property. Chief Blair stated that he spoke with Reverend Bias regarding the problems and they were investigated. The owners would be given the opportunity to remove the dogs in a timely manner or they would be picked up by the animal warden.

Mr. Cyrus Kiyafar stated that the community as a whole needed to find something other than oil to base the economy on. He said that I-49 would be coming in the near future, we had water, a beautiful golf course, and a casino down the road. He said that on this morning's news he heard that New Orleans was rated the #1 tourist destination in the United States. He felt with our close proximity to New Orleans we should try to get cruise ships or riverboats into our City. He stated that he knew that dredging needed to be done, but the Port should dredge it. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he completely agreed. He said he would take Mr. Kiyafar to the next Mayor's meeting and get him involved with some Port issues so he could express his thoughts to other leaders in our area.

Mr. Pat Cloutier addressed the Council regarding an insurance claim made on a property with bad elevation. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that an insurance claim had been filed because Mr. Cloutier had complained for numerous years to City officials. He said that FEMA was not particularly concerned about the building but a citizen continued to call and complainto them until something was done about it. The City would be responsible for the \$50,000 deductible but the building next door to Mr. Cloutier would now be in 100% compliance. Mr. Cloutier asked if the insurance claim would be considered fraudulent. Mayor Grizzaffi said he had no clue what Mr. Cloutier was talking about.

The minutes of the March 27, 2017 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Reverend Bias, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending March 31, 2017.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: April 25, 2017
 TO: Mayor and Council
 FROM: Deborah Garber
 RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended March 31, 2017.

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 March 31, 2017. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are under budget by \$129,800. Sales taxes in the General Fund were under budget by \$7,500. Occupational licenses were under budget by 173,000. Operating expenses are below budget by \$271,000. The net loss, after transfers, of \$229,000 is a favorable variance of \$141,000 compared to the budget.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues are under budget by \$344,300, with operational expenses also under budget by \$519,000. Energy and gas costs are \$358,550 under budget. The net income, after transfers, of \$137,000 creates another favorable variance of \$191,200.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$18,300 under budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$71,800. The net income, after transfers, of \$179,000 leaves another favorable variance of \$53,700.

**CITY OF MORGAN CITY
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT**

Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
 Period Ended March 31, 2017

	MARCH 2017	MARCH 2017	
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUES			
General Fund	1,438,374	1,599,752	(161,378)
Recreation Fund	28,561	23,301	5,260
Library Fund	5,657	3,516	2,141
Auditorium Fund	36,850	19,667	17,183
Lake End Park Fund	166,075	159,163	6,912
Total Revenues	1,675,517	1,805,399	(129,882)
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	2,461,637	2,577,521	(115,884)
Recreation Fund	66,582	122,811	(56,229)
Library Fund	31,500	35,240	(3,740)
Auditorium Fund	112,307	141,211	(28,904)
Lake End Park Fund	162,514	228,709	(66,195)
Total Expenses	2,834,540	3,105,492	(270,952)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	965,000	965,000	0
Transfers to Funds	(35,000)	(35,000)	0
Net Transfers	930,000	930,000	0

EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	<u>(229,023)</u>	<u>(370,093)</u>	<u>141,070</u>
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UTILITY FUND

Total			
Revenues	4,077,132	4,421,420	(344,288)
Total Expenditures	<u>3,396,429</u>	<u>3,915,476</u>	<u>(519,047)</u>
Net Excess	680,703	505,944	174,759
Net Transfers and non-oper.	<u>(817,780)</u>	<u>(834,253)</u>	<u>16,473</u>
Excess net of transfers	<u>(137,077)</u>	<u>(328,309)</u>	<u>191,232</u>

SANITATION AND SEWER FUND

Total			
Revenues	648,666	667,000	(18,334)
Total Expenses	<u>755,577</u>	<u>827,462</u>	<u>(71,885)</u>
Net Excess	(106,911)	(160,462)	53,551
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	<u>286,778</u>	<u>286,598</u>	<u>180</u>
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	<u>179,867</u>	<u>126,136</u>	<u>53,731</u>

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

Mr. Pete Lawton, Compliance Officer for the Planning & Zoning Department, stated that they had been in the process of trying to condemn a house located at 706 Marshall Street. The house had been adjudicated to the Parish. It recently caught on fire and was now considered a public emergency. He said it would cost the City about \$2,000 for crews to tear it down and haul everything off to the landfill. He stated Section 22-272 of the Code of Ordinances stated that the Council could empower the Mayor to have it torn down. The cost of the tear down would be added to the City taxes. A motion to allow the house to be torn down by City crews and have the cost added to the City taxes was made by Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Cordell Grand, General Manager of LEPA addressed the Council with an update. He stated that the Power Plant that had been constructed on Young's Road had a 64 megawatt capacity. Morgan City was a partial owner in the plant. It was owned by six municipalities in all, but Morgan City had the benefit of it being built in their City. The new plant was extremely efficient and gave the City local generation. This would be of great benefit to the City during hurricanes or other disasters. He said there were still some kinks in the plant that were being worked out, but that was to be expected in a plant of this size. He stated that during the startup of the plant there was some noise associated with it. He said that silencers had been fabricated and installed recently and should reduce the startup noise by about 40 decibels.

The next matter on the agenda was the systems survey and compliance questionnaire, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 17-23

WHEREAS, as required by the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana, a Systems Survey and Compliance Questionnaire is to be completed and submitted to the firm of Kolder, Champagne, Slaven, & Company for the City of Morgan City and

WHEREAS, along with the audit report, the results of this questionnaire must be submitted to the Legislative Auditor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that it hereby approves and adopts the Systems Survey and Compliance Questionnaire as completed and submitted by the Finance Director.

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Fontenot, Bias, Hymel, Stephens

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of April, 2017.

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that every four years the Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority Director and Alternate had to be appointed by the Mayor and Council, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 17-24

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR AND AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS PURCHASING AND DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 10-B OF TITLE 33 OF LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950.

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana, has previously become a member of the Authority in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4546.2 of the Act, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana, desires to approve the appointment of William Cefalu to serve as Director of the Authority and to approve the appointment of Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, to serve as an alternate Director to act in the absence of the director herein above named;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana, acting in such capacity:

Section 1. That, pursuant to the Act, the appointment of William Cefalu to serve as a Director of the Authority for a term of four (4) years from the date hereof is approved and that the appointment of Mayor Frank P. Grizzaffi, III to serve as an alternate Director, for like term, to act in the absence of the director is approved.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Hymel, Fontenot, Stephens, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of April, 2017.

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the Substantial Completion for the Front Street Wharf Rehabilitation project. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that a change was made from using wood to composite decking early on in the project. When the change was made neither the engineer nor the contractor specified the size of the deck screws. The contractor had used a 2 ½" screw that was on the original plans and some of the deck boards were already coming up. It was decided that a 3 ½" screw should have been used to secure the boards. A motion to table the Substantial Completion until more information could be obtained from both the Engineer and the Contractor was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the Blue Cross Administrative Services Agreement needed to be signed. He said the rates were the same as the previous contract, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 17-25

WHEREAS, the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Louisiana Health Insurance Policy administered through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co has expired; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of renewing the Health Insurance Policy with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Louisiana under the same terms and conditions.

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 for the self-funded plan option for the January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 term.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Fontenot, Tamporello, Bias, Hymel, Stephens

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of April, 2017.

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the Resolution of Support for the Public Defender's office, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 17-26

WHEREAS, THE Louisiana State Court System is designed to fairly and adequately protect all the people that it serves, whether such persons are litigants or victims or involved in civil, criminal, juvenile or other such proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the operations of the Louisiana State Court System is antiquated, inadequate, unstable and unduly burdens the parish governments of this state; and

WHEREAS, adequate and stable state funding is necessary for optimal operation of the Louisiana State Court System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana that it supports adequate and stable state funding for all aspects of the Louisiana State Court System, including but not limited to the judiciary, prosecution, indigent defense, probation, and security personnel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Honorable Governor John Bel Edwards.

Reverend Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 25th day of April, 2017.

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Kawika Kaai with the Water, Sewer and Gas Department stated that a change order was needed on the Myrtle Street Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation project because the

estimated amount of cement was not adequate. This would add an additional \$22,000 to the project, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 17-27

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 in the name of and on behalf of said municipal corporation, to execute Change Order Number 1 under Contract Number R: 17-04, between the City of Morgan City and PM Construction & Rehab, LLC, for the Myrtle Street Gravity Sewer Line Upgrade project.

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 25th day of April, 2017.

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the Millage Ordinance. This was a first reading and no definitive action was necessary.

The Class "B" Liquor and Beer application for DG Louisiana, 818 Brashear Avenue was submitted. A motion to approve the permit was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Hymel and voted unanimously in favor.

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

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Frank P. Grizzaffi, III
Mayor