

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
DECEMBER 20, 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.

Remington Begley was the recipient of the Positive Image Award for his Eagle Scout work at the Carillion Towers. Mayor Grizzaffi and the Council thanked him for his efforts.

Bonnie Knobloch with Café Jojo's addressed the Council regarding the seventh annual Rhythms on The River event. She stated that they would like to hold the event on Friday nights beginning on April 21, 2017 and ending on June 9, 2017 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. She requested that Front Street from Everett Street to Freret Street be blocked off to vehicular traffic from 4:30 PM to 10:30 PM (copy on file).

Mr. Kevin O'Gorman with T. Baker Smith gave the Council an update on the levee construction (copy on file). He advised that the project was scheduled to begin early 2017 and all property owners that would be affected would be notified by certified mail before any construction would begin.

Ms. Charlotte Kahl with the Old Spanish Trail presented Mayor Grizzaffi and the City Council with a lithograph of the original Old Spanish Trail Crest and named Morgan City an official OST City.

Mr. Pat Cloutier addressed the Mayor and Council and asked if another \$50,000 was approved by LEPA for legal counsel. He asked if LEPA approved another \$25,000 for a potential Personal Service Agreement with an engineering firm for the reverse osmosis unit. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that they had both been approved by the LEPA board. Mr. Cloutier asked if the engineering firm received \$2.8 million dollars for Engineering on LEPA 1. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he would have to get that information for Mr. Cloutier as it was before his administration. Mr. Cloutier had several other questions regarding LEPA. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he would get the answers to Mr. Cloutier's questions. Mr. Cloutier also discussed the Mayor and Council going into executive session to discuss legal matters. He said that it was a violation of the State Statute because the agenda did not give the parties name or the case number. Mr. Paul Landry said that the City always tried to follow the law. Mr. Cloutier stated that he asked for the information during a filmed meeting and it was never divulged. Mr. Landry advised Mr. Cloutier to make a public records request for any information he desired.

The minutes of the November 22, 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 November 30, 2016.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: December 20, 2016
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended November 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 November 30, 2016. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are over budget by \$413,500 however, Sales taxes in General Fund remain under budget by \$222,362. Operating expenses are currently over budget by 41,900. The net loss, after transfers, of \$141,700 creates a favorable variance of \$411,700.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues are over budget by \$706,000. A portion of the revenue that is over budget is the Surcharge totaling \$350,000 year-to-date which was not included in the 2016 budget. This money is used for capital expenditures to upgrade and improve the electrical system. Capital expenditures such as those are not reflected as expenses in these statements, only as increases in assets on the Balance Sheet. Operational expenses are under budget by \$308,000. Energy and gas costs are \$257,000 under budget. The net income, after transfers, of \$78,800 creates a favorable variance of \$1,063,700.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$47,600 over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$327,000. The net income, after transfers, of \$509,100 leaves a favorable variance of \$401,700.

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

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

GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS	November 2016 ACTUAL	November 2016 BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUES			
General Fund	6,576,106	6,212,826	363,280
Recreation Fund	170,525	92,288	78,237
Library Fund	18,895	13,301	5,594
Auditorium Fund	336,634	315,377	21,257
Lake End Park Fund	639,091	693,921	(54,830)
Total Revenues	<u>7,741,251</u>	<u>7,327,712</u>	413,539
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	9,519,387	9,364,200	155,187
Recreation Fund	482,403	446,909	35,494
Library Fund	119,655	121,706	(2,051)
Auditorium Fund	451,685	498,649	(46,964)
Lake End Park Fund	692,141	791,925	(99,784)
Total Expenses	<u>11,265,271</u>	<u>11,223,390</u>	41,881
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	3,920,334	3,880,334	40,000
Transfers to Funds	(538,000)	(538,000)	0
Net Transfers	<u>3,382,334</u>	<u>3,342,334</u>	40,000
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	<u>(141,686)</u>	<u>(553,343)</u>	411,657
UTILITY FUND			
Total Revenues	17,099,065	16,392,976	706,089
Total Expenditures	<u>13,890,200</u>	<u>14,198,258</u>	(308,058)
Net Excess	3,208,865	2,194,718	1,014,147
Net Transfers and non-oper.	<u>(3,130,053)</u>	<u>(3,179,645)</u>	49,592
Excess net of transfers	<u>78,812</u>	<u>(984,927)</u>	1,063,739

SANITATION AND SEWER FUND

Total			
Revenues	2,492,572	2,444,923	47,649
Total Expenses	2,741,349	3,068,435	(327,086)
Net Excess	(248,777)	(623,512)	374,734
Net Transfers/non- operating expenses	757,877	730,863	27,014
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	509,100	107,352	401,748

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

The supplemental funding resolution for the Wharf Rehabilitation project was the next matter on the agenda, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 16-34

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan city has submitted an application for funding under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Infrastructure Program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations require that the City certify that these activities for which CDBG funds are being requested are designed to alleviate existing conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community; which are of recent origin or which recently became urgent, and that the City is able to commit local funding in the total amount of \$619,218 (SIX HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS), for the activity on its own, and that no other funds are available. This amount includes a previous commitment of \$354,048.00 (THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND AND FORTY EIGHT DOLLARS) as stated on Resolution R: 15-17.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Morgan City hereby certifies that the activities for which CDBG funds are being requested for the Morgan City – Ice and Cold Storage facility with Wharf Improvements project are designed to alleviate existing conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community; are of recent origin or which recently became urgent and that the City of Morgan City is able to commit local funding in the total amount of \$619,218 (SIX HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS) for the activity on its own, and there are no other funds available. This amount includes a previous commitment of \$354,048.00 (THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND AND FORTY EIGHT DOLLARS) as stated on Resolution R: 15-17.

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 20th day of December, 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 2016 Budget Amendment Ordinance, whereupon,

This Ordinance introduced with first reading on September 27, 2016, a second reading on October 25, 2016, and a third reading on November 22, 2016. Published by title on October 3, 2016, November 1, 2016 and December 1, 2016.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 16-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016.

WHEREAS, by Ordinance Number 15-10 dated November 17, 2015, the City Council adopted the operating budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016, and

WHEREAS, during the year certain amendments were deemed necessary,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that revenues for 2016 be amended to \$33,813,552 and the expenditures be amended to \$32,904,288 leaving a net excess of \$909,264.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that said net excess in the amount of \$909,264 be applied to the fund balance of \$27,296,286 leaving a fund balance of \$28,205,550 for the fiscal year ended 2016.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

Certified approved and adopted this 21st day of December, 2016.

Delivered to Mayor Grizzaffi at 9:00 am, this 21st day of December, 2016

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Approved this 21st day of December, 2016.

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

Received from Mayor Grizzaffi at 9:05 am on December 21, 2016.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Published: December 23, 2016

The application for a Class A liquor & beer permit (copy on file) for Sahilkumar K. Patel d/b/a Fire and Ice of Morgan City, LLC, was submitted. A motion to approve the application was made by Mr. Dufrene, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

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

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

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