

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
MARCH 26, 2013

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. Gregory Aucoin, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Reverend Bias.

Mayor Grizzaffi read his Annual Administrative Report to the Council (copy on file).

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that Mr. Mark Jeff had called and asked to address the Council. Mr. Jeff stated that his problem was rectified earlier in the afternoon by Chief Crouch.

Ms. Noel Birriel representing Relay for Life addressed the Council requesting their permission to use the Municipal Auditorium facilities on May 18, 2013 to hold their annual event. She also asked that the Council proclaim May 12 through May 18, 2013 as Relay for Life Week, whereupon,

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Relay for Life is the signature activity of the American Cancer Society and celebrates cancer survivors and caregivers, remembers loved ones lost to the disease, and empowers individuals and communities to fight back against cancer; and

WHEREAS, money raised during Relay for Life of East St. Mary – Morgan City, supports the American Cancer Society's mission of saving lives and creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays – by helping people stay well, by helping people to get well, by finding cures for cancer and fighting back; and

WHEREAS, Relay for Life helped fund more than \$150 million in cancer research last year.

NOW THEREFORE DO I, Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, Mayor of Morgan City, hereby proclaim the week of May 12 – May 18, 2013 as:

“RELAY FOR LIFE WEEK”

And encourage all citizens to participate in the Relay for Life event at the Morgan City Auditorium on May 18, 2013.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Morgan City to be affixed this 26th day of March, 2013.

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

seal

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that Ms. Marie Siracusa had submitted a letter requesting a date change for the 2013 Atchafalaya Eastern Divisional boat races. The races would now take place on June 29 and 30, 2013. A motion to concur in her request was made by Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Marvin Young addressed the Council requesting permission to place a memorial for the late Mr. William Bradford on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. Mr. Tamporello and Mr. Fontenot questioned the size and placement of the memorial. Mr. Young stated that he

was not sure. Mr. Fontenot suggested that Mr. Young come back to the Council with a concrete plan for the placement and the monument before voting on it.

Mr. Mark Verrett with Lirette Ford addressed the Council and requested the closure of Everett Street from Louisiana Highway 182 to Eighth Street from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on April 13, 2013 to host a car show to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. A motion to approve the request was made Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, and voted unanimously in favor.

The minutes of the February 26, 2013 meeting and the March 12, 2013 special meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

In the absence of Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, Mr. Barry Dufrene submitted the following financial statement for the period ending February 28, 2013.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: March 26, 2013
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended February 28, 2013.

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 February 28, 2013. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Actual total revenues are below budget by \$43,800. The sales taxes in the General Fund are \$33,300 under budget. Operating expenses are below budget by \$186,900. The net income, after transfers, of \$291,000 creates a favorable variance of \$143,000.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues are under budget by \$146,500, with operational expenses also under budget by \$192,300. The net income, after transfers, of \$2,700 creates a favorable variance of \$45,900.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$600 over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$48,100. The net loss, after transfers, of \$145,600 leaves a favorable variance of \$48,700.

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
 Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
 Period Ended February 28, 2013

	February 2013 ACTUAL	February 2013 BUDGET	VARIANCE
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS			
REVENUES			
General Fund	1,178,094	1,236,764	(58,670)
Recreation Fund	22,025	25,517	(3,492)
Library Fund	64	467	(403)
Auditorium Fund	31,956	18,783	13,173
Lake End Park Fund	56,249	50,738	5,511
Total Revenues	1,288,388	1,332,270	(43,882)
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	1,515,851	1,624,404	(108,553)
Recreation Fund	89,953	115,720	(25,767)
Library Fund	15,073	20,973	(5,900)
Auditorium Fund	60,953	76,453	(15,500)
Lake End Park Fund	100,559	131,803	(31,244)
Total Expenses	1,782,389	1,969,354	(186,965)

TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	708,958	708,958	0
Transfers to Funds	76,028	76,028	0
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Net Transfers	784,986	784,986	0
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EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	290,985	147,902	143,083
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UTILITY FUND

Total			
Revenues	3,099,900	3,246,448	(146,548)
Total Expenditures	2,539,318	2,731,685	(192,367)
Net Excess	560,582	514,763	45,819
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(557,797)	(557,917)	119
Excess net of transfers	2,785	(43,154)	45,939
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SANITATION AND SEWER FUND

Total			
Revenues	366,166	365,592	574
Total Expenses	452,989	501,090	(48,101)
Net Excess	(86,823)	(135,497)	48,675
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	(58,774)	(58,833)	59
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	(145,597)	(194,331)	48,734
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A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Reverend Bias, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

The next matter on the agenda was the Finance Committee Recommendations, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-24

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the following Finance Committee recommendations be and the same are hereby approved:

1. Allocate up to \$30,000 from Capital Additions & Contingency to water, sewer, gas to tear down and rebuild office and remove and replace roof.

Mr. Dufrene seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Hymel, Dufrene, Bias, Fontenot, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26th day of March, 2013.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
 Debbie Harrington
 Clerk

In the matter of the Health Insurance Servicing Agent, Mrs. Shelly Leblanc with Paul's Agency stated that the price was the same as it had been in the past several years. She stated that their company marketed the City coverage at the recommendation of the Insurance Committee, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-25

WHEREAS, the Health Plan Management Consultant/Servicing Agent Agreement with the firm of Paul's Agency, to provide services to assist in administering the City's health insurance plan expires April 30, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of continuing this service with Paul's Agency under the same terms and conditions at a fee of \$2.75 per month per covered employee/retiree/cobra beneficiary, for the period to end April 30, 2014,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that it hereby approves the contract between the City of Morgan City and Paul's Agency, to act as the servicing agent for the City of Morgan City's health insurance plan at a cost of \$2.75 per month per covered employee/retiree/cobra beneficiary/ per month and that the Mayor be authorized to execute any documents necessary in connection with this project.

Reverend Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Bias, Dufrene, Fontenot, Hymel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26th day of March, 2013.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mrs. Leblanc stated that the Health Insurance renewal reflected a 12.7 percent increase, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-26

WHEREAS, the City's health insurance policy will expire April 30, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the City's present carrier, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana, has proposed to continue its service with a 6.5% increase in premiums.

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.

Mr. Fontenot seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Dufrene, Fontenot, Bias, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26th day of March, 2013.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

In the matter of the St. Mary Levee District Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, Mr. Andrew Mancuso addressed the Council. He stated that this was basically a way for the Levee District to become one voice for St. Mary Parish when it comes to dealing with the Corps of Engineers regarding federal levees. He advised it would not cost the City anything and it could be terminated at any time with a letter from the City. Mayor Grizzaffi asked about the intention of the other entities. Mr. Manucos stated that the only people that had passed a resolution of support to date was the Levee District. Mr. Tamporello stated that he was in favor of it because it did not cost the anything and only required a letter to terminate the agreement, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R:13-27

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City, the Parish of St. Mary, the Town of Berwick, and the St. Mary Levee District are desirous of maximizing hurricane protection, minimizing riverine flooding, centralizing and organizing flood control and maintenance efforts, improving public safety, improving regulatory compliance, and communicating with other state and federal agencies including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Morgan City, the Parish of St. Mary, the Town of Berwick and the St. Mary Levee District must be executed to give the St. Mary Levee District full responsibility for the ongoing compliance

inspections and oversight of the East and West Atchafalaya Basin Protection levees constructed as a part of the MR&T Atchafalaya Basin project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that they support the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Morgan City, the Parish of St. Mary, the Town of Berwick and the St. Mary Levee District.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Hymel, Bias, Dufrene, Fontenot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26th day of March, 2013.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that former Mayor Tim Matte would stay on as Director of LEPA, but he needed to be named as the alternate director, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-28

BE IT RESOLVED, etc., that Mr. Timothy Matte, is hereby appointed to serve as Director on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (LEPA), and Mr. Frank P. Grizzaffi, III, Mayor, is hereby appointed to serve as Alternate Director.

Reverend Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Dufrene, Bias, Fontnot, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26th day of March, 2013.

/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 Fiscal Agent designation, whereupon, Mr. Fontenot offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-29

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE FISCAL AGENT OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY

WHEREAS, in response to the City's public notice requesting bids for a Fiscal Agent, six (6) local banks (MC Bank and Trust Company, MidSouth Bank, Patterson State Bank, Regions Bank, Teche Federal Bank, and Whitney National Bank) submitted one (1) joint bid, and

WHEREAS, each bank is qualified and capable of handling the account of the City as a Fiscal Agent,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the MC Bank and Trust Company, MidSouth Bank, Patterson State Bank, Regions Bank, Teche Federal Bank, and Whitney National Bank are hereby named and designated as the Fiscal Agents for the City of Morgan City, Louisiana,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the MC Bank and Trust Company is designated as Managing Depository bank for the accounts of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that the accounts of the City now on deposit with each of the said banks or any future accounts of the City shall be divided equally among the said six (6) banks as allowable by state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that investments of funds in excess of those required for demand accounts shall be invested at the discretion of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that any account now on deposit with any bank by virtue of a resolution naming said bank as official depository of a trust agreement shall not be affected by this resolution.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Fontenot, Hymel, Bias, Dufrene, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26th day of March, 2013.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

In the matter of the Resolution of Support for the South Louisiana Technical College, Mr. Earl Meador stated that he and Mr. Carl Moore were working with Representative Sam Jones to secure funding to expand the Marine Safety Center, whereupon

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-30

WHEREAS, the Young Memorial Campus of the SCL Technical College system, ("Young Memorial") is hereby recognized for its great success, including: Serving Industry since 1960; Currently offers 29 Coast Guard and 2 American Petroleum Institute approved courses; Provides training for over 200 companies; Industry has relocated to the area because of the training provided by the Marine Safety Center; Second in the nation to offer Coast Guard Approved Apprentice Mate/Steersman including Western Rivers; Second Able Seaman course in the nation approved by the United States Coast Guard; First Full Offshore Supply Vessel Bridge Simulator in the world; Over 10,000 students taught during the past 6 years in helicopter egression only; First offshore living simulator offered on a college campus; Only Commercial Diving Program Offered in the State of Louisiana; First Remote Operated Vehicle program in public schools; First Offshore Safety classes offered to High School students in the State of Louisiana; and First Department to create a partnership on campus with a public training company (PEC); and

WHEREAS, Young Memorial is currently seeking to expand upon its great successes by establishing a Marine Safety Center which will serve as a one-stop-shop for all programs and services related to Marine Operations, Commercial Diving, ROV Training, and Oil Field Safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City ("City") believes that the Young Memorial is uniquely qualified by its past and current successes to move forward with the establishment of such a Marine Safety Center and that such a center will provide much needed to training for the workers within the District and State for industries based in the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City does wholeheartedly support the creation and establishment of the contemplated Marine Safety Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that that it hereby supports the establishment of the Marine Safety Center by Young Memorial.

Messrs. Bias, Dufrene, Fontenot, Hymel and Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Tamporello, Fontenot, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26th day of March, 2013.

/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 Roadway Repairs & Improvements Phase V change order. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the change order would include some repairs on Levee Road, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 13-31

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, an increase in the amount of \$460,003.00, under Contract Number R:12-49, between the City of Morgan City and Larry Doiron, Inc. for the Roadway Repairs & Improvements, Phase V project.

Mr. Dufrene seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 26th day of March, 2013.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The Declaration of Results of Public Hearing for the LEPA Power Sales Agreement ordinance was introduced. This was a first reading and no definitive action was necessary.

Mr. Jerry Osborne with Foley & Judell gave the Mayor and Council a brief history of the bond issues.

The Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 09-6 Providing for Separate Reserve Fund Accounts Ordinance was introduced. This was a first reading and no definitive action was necessary.

The Issuance and Sale of Utilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 Ordinance was introduced. This was a first reading and no definitive action was necessary.

The application for a Class A liquor and beer permit (copy on file) for Ramesh Patel d/b/a Hampton Inn, Highway 182 East, was submitted. A motion to approve the application was made by Mr. Dufrene, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Greg Aucoin, City Attorney, stated that in regards to the Pre-Clearance for Prime Time Sports Bar, it had come to his attention that Mr. Thomas has some issues with delinquent taxes that needed to be cleared up. He advised that it was his recommendation to the Council that the issue be tabled until the tax matter had been rectified. Mr. Edward Jones, attorney for Mr. Thomas, stated that he also felt that it should be tabled. A motion to table the Pre-Clearance was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

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

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

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