

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
JULY 28, 2020

The Mayor and City Council of Morgan City, Louisiana, met at 6:00 pm (local time) in regular session, this date, in the East Concourse of the Morgan City Municipal Auditorium, 725 Myrtle Street, Morgan City, Louisiana.

There were present: Honorable Frank P. Grizzaffi, III Mayor; and Council Members Ron Bias, Steve Domangue, 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 Mo Seneca.

There was no Positive Image recipient for the month of July.

Mrs. Stacie Simmons presented the Council with a request to hold a new Mardi Gras parade on the Monday night before Mardi Gras (copy on file). She stated that a new krewe, the Krewe of Hera, was being formed and they planned to hold all balls starting with the year 2022 at the Municipal Auditorium. She stated that the Auditorium was booked for the 2021 Mardi Gras season. The Krewe of Hera parade would take the same route as the existing parades. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Tamporello and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that he had received a phone call from Representative Beryl Amedee stating that she would not be able to make the meeting and would reschedule for a future meeting.

The minutes of the June 23, 2020 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending June 30, 2020.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DATE: July 28, 2020
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Deborah Garber
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended June 30, 2020.

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 June 30, 2020. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: Revenues are now slightly under budget by \$6,500. Sales taxes in General Fund are over budget by \$92,800. Revenues in the Auditorium, Lake End Park, Parkway and Recreation are all considerably under budget by a combined total of 160,300 due to COVID-19. Operating expenses are below budget by \$361,500. The net loss, after transfers, of \$1,098,600 is a favorable variance of \$354,980 compared to the budget.

Utility Fund: Actual revenues continue to be increasingly under budget by \$1,281,400, with operational expenses also under budget by \$1,299,300. The net loss, after transfers, of \$113,270 creates a favorable variance this month right at \$15,000.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$37,000 over budget, with total operating expenses under budget by \$118,700. The net income, after transfers, of \$420,900 leaves a favorable variance this month of \$156,000.

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

CITY OF MORGAN CITY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget
Period Ended June 30, 2020

	JUNE 2020	JUNE 2020	
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUES			
General Fund	2,813,488	2,659,333	154,155
Recreation Fund	27,970	82,386	(54,416)
Library Fund	6,930	7,262	(332)
Auditorium Fund	29,294	43,858	(14,564)
Lake End Park Fund	271,368	362,732	(91,364)
Total Revenues	3,149,050	3,155,571	(6,521)
EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL			
General Fund	5,089,364	5,253,089	(163,725)
Recreation Fund	154,719	267,155	(112,436)
Library Fund	47,089	60,772	(13,683)
Auditorium Fund	202,611	243,935	(41,324)
Lake End Park Fund	384,865	415,198	(30,333)
Total Expenses	5,878,648	6,240,149	(361,501)
TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Funds	1,850,000	1,850,000	0
Transfers to Funds	(219,000)	(219,000)	0
Net Transfers	1,631,000	1,631,000	0
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	(1,098,598)	(1,453,578)	354,980
UTILITY FUND			
Total			
Revenues	9,476,205	10,757,646	(1,281,441)
Total Expenditures	7,810,761	9,110,030	(1,299,269)
Net			
Excess	1,665,444	1,647,616	17,828
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(1,778,714)	(1,775,862)	(2,852)
Excess net of transfers	(113,270)	(128,246)	14,976
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total			
Revenues	1,489,107	1,452,140	36,967
Total			
Expenses	1,602,812	1,721,526	(118,714)
Net			
Excess	(113,705)	(269,386)	155,681
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	534,626	534,371	255
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	420,921	264,985	155,936

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

Mr. Gerald Thibodeaux with Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Co. gave the annual audit report for the City for the year ending December 31, 2019 (copy on file).

The next matter on the agenda was the purchase of a Ford truck for the cement department. Mayor Grizzaffi state that Public Works Director Mike Loupe had submitted a request to purchase a truck on a piggyback bid from Alexandria. He stated that it had been discussed and they felt that leasing a truck would be a better option. The Police Department and the Electrical Department both had leased vehicles that were working out well for the City; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 20-24

WHEREAS, Public Works is in dire need of a Ford F250 XL truck to be used in the concrete department, and

WHEREAS, Enterprise Fleet Management has been working with the City to facilitate a lease of a Ford F250 XL truck.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that it hereby approves the lease of one Ford F250 XL Truck for use in the concrete department.

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of July, 2020.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Ms. Cassie Parker with South Central Planning & Development stated that the Department of Transportation had a grant that the City could apply for in order to make improvements to pedestrian crossings. Each pedestrian improvement would cost between \$10,000 to \$15,000. In the grant, there was an 80/20 match; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 20-25

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development provides funding for the LADOTD Transportation Alternatives Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City is in need of improvements for bicycle and pedestrian crossings at the intersections of LA 182 at Myrtle Street, LA 182 at Federal Avenue, and LA 182 at Roderick Street; and

WHEREAS, South Central Planning & Development Commission is able to assist the City of Morgan City in preparing a Transportation Alternatives Program Application; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Morgan City does hereby approve the assistance of South Central Planning & Development Commission to assist in the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development Transportation Alternatives Program Application

Mr. Domangue seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Stephens, Domangue, Bias, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of July, 2020.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the area of LA 70 and Brashear Avenue near Whitney Bank had been a very dangerous situation for years. A letter would be sent to DOTD to request an updated traffic study on the area; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R:20-26

WHEREAS, several accidents and several near-accidents have occurred at that intersection of the Brashear Avenue down ramp (traveling west) and Ninth Street (Louisiana Highway 70); and

WHEREAS, this intersection, not only is a dangerous intersection, but becomes a traffic jam, especially during rush hours; and

WHEREAS, it appears that motorists exiting this down ramp are not realizing that there is a stop sign for the exiting traffic, and are therefore not yielding to the traffic on Louisiana Highway 70 traffic; and

WHEREAS, in October, 2001, the City of Morgan City requested the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, install a traffic light at this intersection.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City that it hereby requests the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development conduct the necessary traffic study of this intersection that analyzes and compares spot improvements at the exiting intersection and the possibility of

rerouting of LA 70 to eliminate this intersection completely to make this intersection safer for those traveling this area.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of July, 2020.

/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 2020 Millage Ordinance. Mayor Grizzaffi stated that property values went down and to make the same money that was made last year the millage rate needed to be set at 16.07 mils and that another millage ordinance would be adopted at the August meeting for 2.0 mils pending approval by the voters at an election on August 15, 2020.; whereupon,

This Ordinance introduced with first reading on June 23, 2020. Published by title on June 25, 2020.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 20-04

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES OF TAX TO BE ASSESSED BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, in regular session convened:

SECTION 1

That the tax roll of the City of Morgan City as prepared by the St. Mary Parish Assessor, showing the assessed value of all property subject to taxation within the said City, on said roll, to amount to the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN MILLION, NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR and no/100 DOLLARS (\$127,900,474) to be and the same is hereby ratified and approved by this body.

SECTION 2

That for the purpose of meeting the ordinary, municipal expenses of said City for the year 2020 there is hereby levied upon all property within said City, subject to taxation, an ad valorem tax of SIXTEEN AND SEVEN ONE HUNDREDTHS (16.07) mills on the dollar, upon the assessed value of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN MILLION, NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR and no/100 DOLLARS (\$127,900,474)

SECTION 3

That the City Tax Collector of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of said City, according to law; that the taxes herein levied shall be a permanent lien

and privilege on all of the property subject to taxation as herein set forth; and the collection hereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 4

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict hereby be and the same are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption, the public welfare so demanding.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Tamporello, Domangue, Hymel, Stephens

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

Certified approved and adopted this 28th day of July, 2020.

Delivered to Mayor Grizzaffi at 9:00 AM, this 29th day of July, 2020.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 29th day of July, 2020.

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

Received from Mayor Grizzaffi at 9:30 AM on July 29, 2020.

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: August 5, 2020

Mayor Grizzaffi stated that the final matter on the agenda was the resolution of respect for Reverend Dr. "C.F." Chrispin Smith, Sr., whereupon,

Messrs. Bias, Domangue, Hymel, Stephens, Tamporello offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 20-27

IN MEMORIAM

Reverend Dr. Chrispin Finnegan "C.F." Smith, Sr.

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom has taken Dr. Smith from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith graduated from Morgan City Colored High School in 1950;
and

WHEREAS, he received his degree in Education from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. While attending Southern University he gained the desire to preach the gospel. After graduating, he furthered his study at Virginia Union Theological Seminary in Richmond Virginia, conferring both Bachelors and Masters of Divinity Degrees; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, he received the call to the ministry and received his minister's license at Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church and in June 1964 he was called to the position of Pastor of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, where he retained membership since youth. He faithfully led the congregation for 56 year, until his demise; and

WHEREAS, in 1961he was ordained at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Franklin, Louisiana by the Board of the Union Sixth District Missionary Baptist Association where he served as Assistant Pastor. In 1971, the Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him at the United Theological Seminary in Monroe, Louisiana. In 1972, he earned the Doctor of Letters Degree from the International Baptist Seminary in Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, he taught in the St. Mary Parish School System from 1961 to 1964, and served as Instructor of Christian Education in the Louisiana State Missionary Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Trustee Board of the Alcoholic and Drug Abuse Program of St. Mary Parish, Morgan City Health Planning Board, Acadiana Health Planning Board, St. Mary Retarded Program, Morgan City Recreation Department, Morgan City Charter Committee, and the Advisory Board for Young Memorial Technical College, the Fifth District Baptist Association serving as President, Vice-President and Secretary, the Finance and Enrollment Committees of the National Baptist Association, and the Inter-Denominational Ministers Alliance; and

WHEREAS, he served as Colonel on the staffs of Governors John McKeithen and Edwin Edwards, Institutional Director of the Boy Scouts, Chaplain for the Morgan City Police Department and the Louisiana House of Representatives, Chairman of the Morgan City Housing Authority, Treasurer of Morgan City Main Street, and President of the St. Mary Parish Ministers Alliance; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his four children, Stephanie Carbin, Chrispin Smith, Jr, Sonia D. Smith and Jonathan Smith; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.; 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 Reverend Dr. Chrispin Finnegan "C.F." Smith, 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; and that this meeting adjourn out of respect for the late Reverend Dr. Chrispin Finnegan "C.F." Smith, Sr.

Messrs. Bias, Domangue, Hymel, Stephens, Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28th day of July, 2020.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

/s/ Debbie Harrington
Debbie Harrington
Clerk

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