

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF MORGAN CITY
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2021

The Mayor and City Council of Morgan City, Louisiana, met at 6:00 PM in special session, this date, in the City Court Building, Highway 90 East, Morgan City, Louisiana.

There were present:

HONORABLE FRANK P. GRIZZAFFI, Mayor
TIM HYMEL, Councilman
MARK STEPHENS, Councilman
PASTOR RON BIAS, Councilman
STEVE DOMANGUE, Councilman
LOUIS J. TAMPORELLO, Jr., Councilman

There were absent: None

Also present were: Marc Folse, Chief Administrative Officer.

Mayor Grizzaffi welcomed everyone in attendance He then extended "Thanks" for the support given him by his family and friends, city employees, and a special "Thanks" to the present City Council who served with him. He said he was proud of what had been accomplished in his time as Mayor of Morgan City.

Mayor Grizzaffi opened the floor to the City Council members for their departure remarks.

Mr. Hymel thanked Mayor Grizzaffi and said that a lot had been accomplished in the last eight years. He looked forward to working with Mayor Dragna and accomplishing many more things.

Mr. Stephens thanked Mayor Grizzaffi for his leadership and stated that he looked forward to working with Mayor Dragna.

Pastor Bias thanked Mayor Grizzaffi and Marc Folse and all other department heads.

Mr. Domangue

Mr. Tamporello extended "Thanks" to his family and the Mayor and Council. He said the City had moved forward in the past four years.

It was then announced that the time had come for a motion that the present administration adjourn "**SINE DIE**".

Whereupon, a motion was made by Pastor Bias and seconded by Mr. Tamporello, that the meeting adjourn "**SINE DIE**", and the vote thereon was unanimously in favor, as follows:

FRANK P. GRIZZAFFI, III
Mayor

TIM HYMEL
Councilman

MARK STEPHENS
Councilman

PASTOR RON BIAS
Councilman

STEVE DOMANGUE
Councilman

LOUIS J. TAMPORELLO, JR.
Councilman

"The four (4) year terms of Frank P. Grizzaffi, Mayor; and Councilmen Ron Bias, Steve Domangue, Tim Hymel, Mark Stephens and Louis Tamporello, Jr., who have served during the years 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020, have expired and this administration has adjourned

"Sine Die" at 6:05 PM, this date.

The Administering of the Oaths of Office was the next matter on the agenda. Judge Ed Leonard administered the oath of office to the following elected officials:

Lee Dragna, Mayor

Steve Domangue, Councilman

Mayor Grizzaffi introduced Judge Kim Stansbury who administered the oath of office to the following elected officials:

Tim Hymel, Councilman

Mark Stephens, Councilman

Ron Bias, Councilman

Louis J. Tamporello, Jr., Councilman

The meeting then reconvened beginning the new administration.

There were present:

HONORABLE LEE DRAGNA, Mayor
REVEREND RON BIAS, Councilman
MARK STEPHENS, Councilman
STEVE DOMANGUE, Councilman
TIM HYMEL, Councilman
LOUIS J. TAMPORELLO, Councilman

The Council then took up the matter of the authorization of bank signatures, whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 21-01

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the following persons are hereby authorized to sign checks for the City of Morgan City, Louisiana bank accounts.

<u>NAME AND TITLE</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
Charlie Solar, Jr. Chief Administrative Officer	_____
Genie G. Bonner Administrative Secretary	_____
Ron Bias Councilman	_____
Shawn St. Romain Treasurer	_____
Daniel Aucoin Customer Service Representative	_____
Elisabeth Price Portero Main Street Payroll Accounts Only	_____

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 11th day of January, 2021.

Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The next matter on the agenda was the appointment of the LEPA Director and Alternate; whereupon,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 21-02

BE IT RESOLVED, etc., that Lee Dragna, Mayor, is hereby appointed to serve as Director on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (LEPA), and William Cefalu, Sr., Utilities Director, is hereby appointed to serve as Alternate Director.

Mr. Stephens seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 11th day of January, 2021.

Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The Mayor made the following Department Head appointments: Charlie Solar, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer; Paul Landry, City Attorney; Leo Landry, City Prosecutor; Deborah Garber, Finance Director; William Cefalu, Utilities Director; Michael Loupe, Public Works, Dwayne Barbier, Recreation and Culture; Gerri Besse, Archives and Library; Alvin Cockerham, Fire Chief; and James Blair, Police Chief. A motion to concur in these appointments was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

In the matter of the Mayor Pro-tempore,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 21-03

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 01-3, the council approved a change to the charter to provide for the annual selection of the mayor pro-tempore by a majority vote of the council, said selection to be made at the first meeting in January of each year, and

WHEREAS, this home rule charter amendment, in an election held on October 12, 2002, was approved by a majority vote of the qualified electors voting in this election.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that Ron Bias is hereby selected as Mayor Pro-tempore of the City Council for the year 2021.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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

The resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 11th day of January, 2021.

Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington, Clerk

In the matter of the appointment of the Clerk of the Council,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R: 21-04

WHEREAS, the City Council of Morgan City's home rule charter provides for a clerk of the council,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana that Debbie Harrington be and she is hereby appointed to the position of "Clerk of the Council" and shall assume all duties of that position.

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 11th day of January, 2021.

Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Harrington, Clerk

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

Debbie Harrington
Clerk

Lee Dragna
Mayor