

**For the Meeting of Mayor and Council  
City of Zachary, LA  
Council Chambers, 4700 Main Street  
Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 6:30 P.M.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Amrhein called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday February 9, 2021 at the Zachary City Hall located at 4700 Main Street, Zachary, LA

**B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation by Councilman LeBlanc

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Nezianya

**C. OPENING PROCEDURES**

1. ROLL CALL

MAYOR

David Amrhein

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Francis Nezianya – District 1

John LeBlanc– District 2

Laura O’Brien – District 3

Hunter Landry – District 4

Lael Montgomery – District 5

2. READING OF CITY POLICY RELATIVE TO OPEN MEETINGS

Before proceeding with the meeting, Mayor Amrhein read a statement into the record regarding the Open Meetings Law, and citizens’ right to participate in public meetings. The statement set forth general rules of conduct of the public meeting and outlined the process through which a citizen can have items placed on the Council agenda. A copy of the rules is available at City Hall, Mayor’s Office or by calling the Clerk of the City Council. The rules will also be available at every Council meeting. Electronic voting was implemented at this meeting.

3. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

**D. READING OF THE MINUTES**

1. Approval of Minutes of the January 26, 2021 regular meeting and approve them as written.

The Minutes of the January 26, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written and by a vote as follows.

YEAS: Nezianya, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Landry, Montgomery  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None

**E. HONORS, RECOGNITIONS, AND INTRODUCTIONS**  
**F. CONTRACT ITEMS/CONTRACTS OR ITEMS RELATING TO PROJECTS**

- 1. Street/Road Projects**
- 2. Sewer**
- 3. Subdivision Inspections**
- 4. Water and Gas Projects**

- a. Water System Improvements Contract #2- Water Project Pay Request #3 to Southern Underground of La.

The Water System Improvements Contract #2- Water Project Pay Request #3 to Southern Underground of La in the amount of \$87,375.60 was approved by a vote as follows.

YEAS: Nezianya, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Landry, Montgomery  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None

- 5. Other Projects**

**G. PRESENTATION OF DELEGATIONS**

- 1. Requests to Speak**
- 2. Hardship Waivers**
- 3. Other Variances**

- a. Variance Request – Jeremy Bowley – 2215 South Turnberry Avenue – request for a fence location along the alley way.

The Variance Request – Jeremy Bowley – 2215 South Turnberry Avenue – request for a fence location along the alley way was approved contingent upon approval by the City of Zachary Planning and Zoning Department and a vote was taken viva voce as follows.

YEAS: Nezianya, LeBlanc, Landry, Montgomery  
NAYS: O'Brien  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None

**4. Exceptions to Regulations**

**H. ACTION MANDATED BY HOME RULE CHARTER**

**1. Election of the Mayor Pro Tempore**

Councilman Montgomery was approved as the 2021 Mayor Pro Tempore with a vote as follows.

YEAS:                   Nezianya, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Landry, Montgomery  
NAYS:                   None  
ABSENT:               None  
ABSTAINED:           None

**I. PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS**

**1. Receive Minutes of the Regular meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ of the Planning Commission and the Minutes of the Regular meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ of the Zoning Commission.**

**2. Planning Matters REQUIRING a Public Hearing**

a.       Final Plat – Fairview Gardens filing 2 and 3 Phase II

Mayor Amrhein declared a PUBLIC HEARING to be in session at 6:59 p.m. There being no one to speak in favor or against the Final Plat Mayor Amrhein declared the PUBLIC HEARING to be closed at 7:00 p.m.

The Final Plat – Fairview Gardens filing 2 and 3 Phase II was approved by a vote as follows.

YEAS:                   Nezianya, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Landry, Montgomery  
NAYS:                   None  
ABSENT:               None  
ABSTAINED:           None

**3. Planning Matters NOT requiring a Public Meeting**

**4. Zoning Matters REQUIRING a Public Hearing**

**5. Zoning Matters NOT Requiring Public Hearing**

**6. Other Matters**

**J. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**1. Approval of accounts payable for January 2021 and the natural gas bill when it is received.**

Accounts payable for January 2021 and the natural gas bill when it is received was approved by a vote as follows.

YEAS: Nezianya, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Landry, Montgomery  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None

**K. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL MATTER**

**L. OLD BUSINESS PENDING FOR FINAL ACTION**

- 1. Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance 2021-01** ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF ZACHARY BY THE ANNEXATION OF TRACT 1-A CONTAINING 5.39 ACRES AND BEING A RESUB. OF TRACTS 1 & 2-A OF THE CLARENCE E. LINDSLY PROPERTY AND A RESUBUBDIVISION OF THE GEORGE BLANKENSHIP PROPERTY IN § 58 & 59 R2S R1W, GREENSBURG LAND DISTRICT, AND WITHIN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH LOUISIANA INTO THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ZACHARY.

Mayor Amrhein declared a PUBLIC HEARING to be in session at 7:03 p.m. Randy Herring, a representative for the owners of the property was present to speak in favor of the adoption. There being no one else to speak in favor or against the adoption Mayor Amrhein declared the PUBLIC HEARING to be closed at 7:04 p.m.

The **Adoption of Ordinance 2021-01** ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF ZACHARY BY THE ANNEXATION OF TRACT 1-A CONTAINING 5.39 ACRES AND BEING A RESUB. OF TRACTS 1 & 2-A OF THE CLARENCE E. LINDSLY PROPERTY AND A RESUBUBDIVISION OF THE GEORGE BLANKENSHIP PROPERTY IN § 58 & 59 R2S R1W, GREENSBURG LAND DISTRICT, AND WITHIN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH LOUISIANA INTO THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ZACHARY was approved with a vote as follows.

YEAS: Nezianya, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Landry, Montgomery  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None

**M. OLD BUSINESS PENDING**

**N. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1.** Appointment of John K. "Rusty" McCay (&/or his firm) to represent the City for purposes of handling all litigation surrounding expropriation of parcels necessary for the construction of the new City of Zachary Police and Law Enforcement Complex and to allow the Mayor to negotiate the terms and conditions of the special counsel contract allowing same.

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YEAS:                   Nezianya, LeBlanc, O’Brien, Landry, Montgomery  
NAYS:                   None  
ABSENT:               None  
ABSTAINED:          None

2.     Appointment of two (2) certified commercial appraisers for purposes of appraising two (2) immovable property parcels necessary for the construction of the new City of Zachary Police and Law Enforcement Complex and to allow the Mayor to select the appraisers and to negotiate the terms and conditions of those contracts allowing same.

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YEAS:                   Nezianya, LeBlanc, O’Brien, Landry, Montgomery  
NAYS:                   None  
ABSENT:               None  
ABSTAINED:          None

3.     Discussion and Adoption of Resolution giving notice of the City’s intention to enter into a long-term lease of City owned immovable property known as Lots 1 & 2, Block 55 of the George Brown Tract and which property is located at the southeast corner of Main St. and Florida St to a private third party.

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YEAS:                   Nezianya, LeBlanc, O’Brien, Landry, Montgomery  
NAYS:                   None  
ABSENT:               None  
ABSTAINED:          None

4.     Discussion and possible resolution to be offered to determine the procedure to follow including the method and manner of the selection of the Mayor Pro Tempore by the Council. After discussion by the council members no action was taken on this item.

5.     Nomination of Thomas Scott by Mayor Amrhein to the Zachary Planning and Zoning Commission to serve out the remaining unexpired term of Mr. John Dry which ends on December 31, 2021.

The Nomination of Thomas Scott by Mayor Amrhein to the Zachary Planning and Zoning Commission to serve out the remaining unexpired term of Mr. John Dry which ends on December 31, 2021 was approved by a vote as follows.

YEAS: Nezianya, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Landry, Montgomery  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None

- 6.** Nomination of Mindy Ashmore Slaughter by Councilman LeBlanc to the Zachary Planning and Zoning Commission to serve a four (4) year term ending on December 31, 2024 filling one (1) of the two (2) expired terms which ended on December 31, 2020.

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YEAS: Nezianya, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Landry, Montgomery  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None

- 7.** Nomination of Professor Russel Jones by Councilman Montgomery to the Zachary Planning and Zoning Commission to serve a four (4) year term ending on December 31, 2024 filling one (1) of the two (2) expired terms which ended on December 31, 2020.

The Nomination of Professor Russel Jones by Councilman Montgomery to the Zachary Planning and Zoning Commission to serve a four (4) year term ending on December 31, 2024 filling one (1) of the two (2) expired terms which ended on December 31, 2020 was approved by a vote as follows.

YEAS: Nezianya, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Landry, Montgomery  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None

- 8.** Appointment of the Zachary Historic Village Advisory Board  
No action was required for this item.

- 9.** Approval of appointments of the Municipal Civil Service Board  
No action was required for this item.

- 10.** Approval of appointments of the Fire and Police Civil Service Board  
No action was required for this item.

- 11.** Approval of appointments of the ABC board  
No action was required for this item.

**12. Approval of appointment of the Economic Development Board**

The appointment of the Economic Development Board was approved to be removed from the agenda with a vote as follows.

YEAS: Nezianya, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Landry, Montgomery  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None

**13. Approval of appointment of the surplus sale committee member.**  
No action was taken on this item.

**14. Approval of appointment of the LMS Gas District #1 delegate (John Hopewell)**  
No action was taken on this item.

**O. CONDEMNED BUILDINGS - PUBLIC HEARINGS OR OTHER ACTION REGARDING BUILDINGS BEING CONSIDERED FOR CONDEMNATION**

**1. Review/Reports relative to Proposed/Active Condemnations**

**P. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**1. Inspection Report for the fiscal year to date as of January 2021.**  
A vote was approved to receive the Inspection Report for the fiscal year to date as of January 2021 with a vote as follows.

YEAS: Nezianya, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Landry, Montgomery  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None

**Q. DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS NOT ON AGENDA  
(No Action May Be Taken Unless Declared an Emergency)**

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

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**Dana LeJeune, Clerk of City Council**  
**CITY OF ZACHARY**  
**PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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**David Amrhein, Mayor**

I, Dana LeJeune, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Clerk of the City Council for the City of Zachary, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I further certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Zachary, Louisiana, held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 a proper quorum being there and then present.