The Mayor and Council of the City of Gretna met this day Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., in Regular Session with the following members present: Mayor Belinda C. Constant Councilmen Wayne A. Rau, Milton L. Crosby, Michael A. Hinyub, Mark K. Miller and Jackie J. Berthelot.

Absent: None

Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Crosby offered a prayer upon the opening of the meeting; thereafter the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Notice of the Meeting

Notice of the scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting was appropriately advertised in the Times-Picayune (Official Journal) on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 and posted on the bulletin board at the main entrance of Gretna City Hall, 740 2nd Street, Gretna, Louisiana.

Agenda amended.

On motion by **Councilman Rau** and seconded by **Councilman Berthelot, IT WAS RESOLVED** to amend the Agenda to add a presentation: Recognition of New Businesses and to pull from the CONSENT AGENDA resolution Item Nos. 7C(1) and 7C(2) and place under new category: Consideration and Adoption of Resolutions; and the same were unanimously approved.

Opening Remarks by the Mayor.

Mayor Constant had no other remarks but to wish everyone a Happy New Year for 2017. Thank you to the city's administration and the Police Department for a great 2016 and look forward to another great year.



Presentations:

Certificate of Recognition –Roland LaBauve, City Employee (from 1986 to 2016)

Mr. Roland LaBauve informed Mayor Constant back in November 2016 that he would be retiring. Mr. Roland's sudden retirement was due to health concerns; and the city administration never had the opportunity to bid him farewell/celebrate him on his retirement in the well deserving manner. He is very loved and cared for by everyone in the City administration and the Police Department. Mr. Roland has worked for the City since 1986 and most of the time he did his job alone for most of those years, which now takes 2 people to do. He took care of every city owned building; every function that happened in the city and everything else. He was the "go to" for the administration. Expressed gratitude for staying with her administration when she was elected mayor in 2013; but the time came that it was important to him to leave and celebrate his retirement.

Police Chief Lawson and the Council members roasted Mr. LaBauve with comments of gratitude. Mr. Mark Morgan shared an experience he had with Mr. LaBauve; at the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, it was a time of chaos and opposition to magnet schools; was concerned in protecting the schools. Mr. LaBauve and he rolled yards of tarpaulin on the school roof to protect it from rain and will never forget the cooperation received from Mr. LaBauve.

Mayor Constant expressed gratitude and presented Mr. LaBauve with a Plaque of Recognition in appreciation of his many years of outstanding devotion and service to the City of Gretna. Mayor Constant presented Mrs. Debbie LaBauve with flowers.

Recognition—"Police Officer of the Year"

The Gretna Police Academy annually recognizes outstanding police officers and Mr. Russell S. Lloyd II was bestowed the honor as "Officer of the Year"; the City Administration wanted to recognize him for his his hard work and dedication to the Gretna Police Department. Mayor Constant read and presented a Proclamation from the City of Gretna Administration to Russell S. Lloyd II as "Officer of the Year" in recognition of his efforts to maintain the security and welfare of the residents of the City of Gretna.

Employee of the Quarter.

Mr. Randolph "Randy" Chappel, a Department of Public Works' employee was the recipient of the "Employee of the Quarter" recognition.

Mayor Constant expressed gratitude for Mr. Randy Chappel's dedication, hard work and loyalty throughout his years of service to the City of Gretna. He consistently exceeds and excels his job duties and responsibilities to the City of Gretna and very proud to have him as part of our team.



Recognition of New Businesses:

NOLA Autoworks, LLC (1615 Hancock Street) Clayton R. Curole, Owner-President

Councilman Crosby (**District 1**) read aloud and presented the *Certificate of Appreciation* acknowledging and welcoming the **NOLA Autoworks, LLC** (**1615 Hancock Street**) as a new business to the City of Gretna. Mr. Curole briefed on the activities of the new business, and thanked the City of Gretna for recognizing and welcoming their business into the community.



Variance Request(s):

49 Smithway Drive - Jonathan P. Liberto, Applicant Variance side yard setback for pool equipment. (District 4)

Mrs. Azalea Roussell, Planning & Zoning Official provided a variance report:

Factual Background

Municipal Address: 49 Smithway Drive

Applicant: Jonathan P. Liberto

Legal Description: #1 and #2 Plot A being Lot 13 and part of Lot 14, Square 25, Garden Park Ext.

Council District: 4 Historic District: N/A

The subject property is zoned Single Family Residential District (R-1) and contains a single family dwelling.

The applicant is proposing to install a swimming pool in the rear yard. In an effort to accommodate the pool, the application is requesting to move the air conditioning compressor from the rear yard into the side yard, and place the pool equipment in the side yard as well, which would encroach into the 5' side-yard setback required for said zoning district.

The applicant is requesting a variance to Gretna Code of Ordinances, Section 58-101 Single Family Residential District (R-1) (e) Area Regulations, (1) Yard, (b)Side Yard:

There shall be two side yards, one on each side of the building. In no case shall either side yard be less than five feet.

Section 102-60 Approval Standards.

- (a) *General*. In the consideration of all appeals and all proposed variances and/or exceptions, under the terms of this chapter, the city council shall not grant approval unless it makes a finding, based upon the evidence presented to it, that each case shall indicate all of the following:
- (1) The approval, if granted, will not cause any diminution or depreciation of property values of any surrounding property or will not alter the essential character of the locality.
- (2) The approval, if granted, will tend to preserve and advance the prosperity and general welfare of the neighborhood and community.
- (3) The approval, if granted, will not be detrimental to the public welfare or seriously affect or be injurious to other property in which the property is located, in that it will not: impair an adequate supply of light and air; or increase substantially the congestions in the public streets, create a traffic hazard, or permit inadequate parking; or increase the danger of fire; or substantially affect or overburden existing drainage or sewerage systems; or otherwise endanger the public safety; or cause serious annoyance or injury to occupants or adjoining premises by reason of emission of odors, fumes, gases, dust, smoke, noise, vibration, light or glare, or other nuisances.
- (4) A physical hardship with special conditions and circumstances exists which are peculiar to the land, structure, or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures, or building in the same zoning district; and the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the intentional actions of the applicant or any person who may have or had interest in the property; and the strict adherence to the regulation for the property would result in a demonstrable hardship upon the owner as distinguished from mere inconvenience.
- (5) Literal interpretation of the provisions of this chapter would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the terms of this chapter; and granting the variance requested will generally not confer on the applicant any special privilege which is denied by this chapter to other lands, structures, or buildings in the same district similarly situated; and the purpose of the variance is not based exclusively upon a desire to serve the convenience or profit of the property owner or other interested party.

Applicant's Hardship

The applicant submitted a hardship letter asking that this variance be granted based upon the contents of their letter. (Attached)

Analysis

The applicant provided the City a letter of no objection from the adjoining neighbor where the equipment is proposed to be located. The City Council has previously granted variances for equipment to be located within required side yards within residential districts.

The property was posted with a "Variance Applied For" sign since December 29, 2016. My office received two telephone inquiries regarding the posting. One was informational in nature and the other supported the request.

Recommendation

These particular cases satisfy all of the above listed approval standards that must be met for a variance to be granted. Approval is recommended.

On motion by **Councilman Berthelot** and seconded by **Councilman Miller, IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation and to approve the variance request for 49 Smithway Drive for side yard setback to pool equipment and relocate air conditioning compressor, by the following vote:

Yeas: Councilmen Berthelot, Miller, Rau, Crosby and Hinyub

Nays: None Absent: None

There were no comments from the public and/or Council members.



Site Plan Review Request(s):

1027 Westbank Expressway - Jason Halley, Applicant For landscaping and parking for used car lot. (District 2)

Mr. David Boyd, City Engineer provided the report on the above site plan review request:

Reviewed the subject Site Plan Review request and offered the following observations:

The parking and landscape requirements for the C-2 zoning of this property have been met. Those requirements are 1 Class A and 2 Class B trees for every 2500 sf of property and this proposed projects meets that requirement. The site plan request for 10278 Westbank Expressway was recommended for approval.

On motion by **Councilman Hinyub** and seconded by **Councilman Rau, IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the site plan report and to approve the site plan review request for 1027 Westbank Expressway for landscaping and parking for used car lot, by the following vote:

Yeas: Councilman Hinyub, Rau, Crosby, Miller and Berthelot

Nays: None Absent: None

There were no comments from the public and/or Council members.



City Clerk read aloud in its entirety all items on the January 11, 2017 **CONSENT AGENDA**:

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Approval of Meeting Minutes:

November 22, 2016 Special Meeting and the December 14, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Adoption of Ordinance(s) by Consent: None

Adoption of Resolution(s) by Consent:

The two resolutions below, were pulled from the CONSENT AGENDA and placed under Consideration and Adoption of Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda:

(1) A resolution ordering and calling for a special election to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017, in the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a levy of a special tax of four (4.00) mills on all property subject to taxation in precincts G-1 through G-11 of the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana; and establish a new tax on all property subject to taxation in the newly annexed portion of the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana, consisting of precincts G-12 and G-13 Parts, for the object and purpose of providing ambulance service; that being the same area contained wholly within voting precincts G-1 through G-13 Parts.

Requested by: Administration Sponsor: Councilman Rau

(2) A resolution ordering and calling for a special election to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 in the pre-Timberlane Annexation area of the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana, that being the same area contained wholly within voting precincts G-1 through G-11, but excluding the area included in voting precincts G-12 and G-13 Parts (the annexed area), to authorize the renewal of a levy of a special tax of (8.5) mills for fire protection in the pre-Timberlane Annexation area of the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana, that being the same area contained wholly within voting precincts G-1 through G-11; but excluding the area in voting precincts G-12 and G-13 Parts (the annexed area).

Requested by: Administration Sponsor: Councilman Rau

On motion by **Councilman Rau** and seconded by **Councilman Hinyub, IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve and adopt all the items read aloud from the <u>Consent Agenda for the January 11, 2017 Council Regular</u> meeting, by the following vote:

Yeas: Councilmen Rau, Hinyub, Crosby, Miller and Berthelot

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

There were no comments from the public and/or City Council.



Consideration and Adoption of Resolutions pulled from the Consent Agenda:

On motion by **Councilman Rau** and seconded by **Councilman Crosby**, the following resolution was read and adopted section by section and then as a whole by the following vote:

Yeas: Councilmen Rau, Crosby, Hinyub, Miller and Berthelot

Nays: None Absent: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-001

A resolution ordering and calling for a special election to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017, in the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a levy of a special tax of four (4.00) mills on all property subject to taxation in precincts G-1 through G-11 of the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana; and establish a new tax on all property subject to taxation in the newly annexed portion of the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana, consisting of precincts G-12 and G-13 Parts, for the object and purpose of providing ambulance service; that being the same area contained wholly within voting precincts G-1 through G-13 Parts.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as governing authority of the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana (the "City") that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 27, 30, and 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Gretna on **Saturday, April 29, 2017**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

CITY OF GRETNA PROPOSITION AMBULANCE SERVICE

Shall the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana (the "City"), renew a special tax of four (4.00) mills on all property subject to taxation in precincts G-1 through G-11 in the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana, and establish a new tax on all property subject to taxation in the newly annexed portion of the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana, consisting of precincts G-12 and G-13 Parts (an estimated \$672,093.00 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), all for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2018 and ending with the year 2027, both inclusive for the object and purpose of maintenance and operation of providing ambulance service in the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana, a work of permanent public improvement, title to which shall be in the public?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of the Special Election shall be published in the "Times-Picayune" a daily (published on Thursday) newspaper of general circulation within the City, published in New Orleans, Louisiana, and being the Official Journal of the Governing Authority, once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

- **SECTION 3.** Canvass. The Governing Authority, acting as the governing authority of said City, shall meet at its regular meeting place, Gretna City Hall, 740 2nd Street, 2nd Floor, Council Chambers, Gretna, Louisiana 70053, on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, AT FIVE-THIRTY (5:30) P.M., and shall then and there in open session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.
- **SECTION 4.** <u>Polling Places</u>. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same person as those designated in accordance with law.
- **SECTION 5.** Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 thereof, or such substitutes therefore as may be selected and designated in accordance with *Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:1287*, shall hold the special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the City are entitled to vote at said election and voting machines shall be used thereat.
- **SECTION 6.** Authorization of Officers. The Clerk of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Mayor and/or Clerk of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election, including but not limited to, appropriate submission to the Federal Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.
- **SECTION 7.** Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Elections, the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, and the Registrar of Voters in and for the said Parish, as notification of the election herein called in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.
- **SECTION 8.** Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the aforesaid special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to renew a levy and collect the special tax provided for therein, and a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.
- **SECTION 9.** Additional Notice Requirement. This Governing Authority publicly announced with respect to the adoption of this resolution as required by La. R.S. 42:19.1 at its public meeting; published in the Official Journal of the city; and transmitted to each voting members of the Gretna City Council and to the respective state senator and state representative.

Exhibit "A"

NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF GRETNA

Pursuant to the provisions of Resolution No. 2017-001 adopted by the City Council on January 11, 2017 acting as governing authority of the City of Gretna, notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the City of Gretna on Saturday, April 29, 2017. The purpose of this election is to authorize the renewal of a levy of a special tax of four (4) mills for the object and purpose of providing ambulance service in the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana, that being the same area contained wholly within voting Precincts G-1 through G-13 Parts, a work of permanent public improvement, title to which shall be in the public. The proposition shall read as follows:

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On Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Gretna City Hall, 740 Second Street, Gretna, Louisiana, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gretna in open session will proceed to canvass and declare the results of the April 29, 2017 election.

This election has been called in conjunction with the statewide election on Saturday, April 29, 2017. The following is a list of precincts and polling places where the proposition will be voted on and all registered voters in each precinct will be eligible to vote on said proposition in this election:

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Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

This notice is hereby executed by the City of Gretna through its City Clerk on this the 13th day of January, 2017.

NORMA J. CRUZ
CITY CLERK
CITY OF GRETNA
STATE OF LOUISIANA

Mayor Constant reiterated on the announcement made that this proposition was not a new tax; it was simply a renewal for ambulance services in the City of Gretna including Timberlane annexed area.

There were no comments from the public and/or City Council.

On motion by **Councilman Rau** and seconded by **Councilman Crosby**, the following resolution was read and adopted section by section and then as a whole by the following vote:

Yeas: Councilmen Rau, Crosby, Hinyub, Miller and Berthelot

Nays: None Absent: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-002

A resolution ordering and calling for a special election to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 in the pre-Timberlane Annexation area of the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana, that being the same area contained wholly within voting precincts G-1 through G-11, but excluding the area included in voting precincts G-12 and G-13 Parts (the annexed area), to authorize the levy of a special tax of eight and five-tenths (8.5) mills for fire protection in the pre-Timberlane Annexation area of the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana, that being the same area contained wholly within voting precincts G-1 through G-11; but excluding the area in voting precincts G-12 and G-13 Parts (the annexed area).

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CITY OF GRETNA PROPOSITION (FIRE PROTECTION)

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Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

This notice is hereby executed by the City of Gretna through its City Clerk on this the 13th day of January, 2017.

Mayor Constant reiterated that this proposition was <u>not a new tax</u>, was <u>strictly a renewal</u> of 8.5 Mills to provide fire protection only to the City of Gretna, separate from Timberlane Subdivision. The fire protection for Timberlane is provided through a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Terrytown-Fifth District Volunteer Fire Department. This proposition is up for renewal on April 29, 2017; cordially invited everyone to vote in favor of this proposition.

There were no comments from the public and/or City Council on this resolution.



REPORTS:

Police Department: None

City Engineer (Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc.)

Mr. David Boyd, City Engineer provided a written monthly Project Status report dated January 11, 2017; gave a brief overview of the projects included in the report. The report was distributed and e-mailed to each council member, and on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Councilman Crosby commented having questions relative to the Hancock Street Canal Improvements Project, but it was explained to him thoroughly, and was satisfied.

Departmental Reports distribution:

The monthly reports dated January 11, 2017 were uploaded to the Novus agenda. Received said reports from the following departments: Public Works Department, Building Department, Historic District Commission and Code Enforcement. Said reports are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Council District Reports:

Councilman Crosby (District 1) – None

Councilman Hinyub (District 2)

Councilman Hinyub wished everyone a Happy New Year. The Year 2017 has begun, wanted to remind all, there will be a Blood Drive (for 9-year old Madisyn Duet) this coming Saturday at Mel Ott Park. He attended the Pre-Construction meeting for the 4th Street Extension Project; will help the city as a whole and especially Districts 1 and 2.

Lastly, there were suggestions and or discussions relative to having Lundy Gras celebration under the Gretna Market on Monday, February 27, 2017. Would like to offer a discussion to the Council members for this event to happen on February 27, 2017 with a music band, food and drinks from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. He requested each Council member to allocate \$1,000.00 from their Discretionary Fund to help defray the cost of the Lundy Gras celebration.

On motion by **Councilman Hinyub** and seconded by **Councilman Crosby, IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve a Special Event (endorsed by the city) "Lundy Gras Celebration" on Monday, February 27, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, each Council member to allocate \$1,000.00 (Discretionary Fund) to defray the cost for this event, and the same were unanimously approved.

Councilman Miller (District 3)

Councilman Miller wished everyone a Happy New Year. He proceeded to point out that in 2016, there were 2000 officers killed in the line of duty; and increase of 7% from 2015. There were 63 officers killed by gunfire, which is an increase of 62% from 2015. The other officers were killed in auto accidents or by other means. The alarming thing is the 62% increase; he hopes and prays for our local officers and throughout the nation because one officer is too many. Hoped that Year 2017 would be better for law enforcement officers.

Councilman Berthelot (District 4)

Councilman Berthelot thanked everyone for the successful Ribbon Cutting of Centennial Park. There was a good attendance and thanked Councilman Templet for his involvement and fruition of the Centennial Park. Thanked everybody that made the project happen; it is a great addition to Garden Park. Been receiving nothing but good compliments on the park. Wished everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to a wonderful 2017. Thanked all the city employees for everything they do for the Council members on a day to day basis.

Lastly, Councilman Berthelot congratulated a fellow Shaw Eagle, Mr. Vance Joseph as the new head coach of the Denver Broncos; he expressed he was proud to have Mr. Joseph as a friend and that he is from the Westbank. Congratulations to Vance Joseph!

Mayor Constant announced that the Gretna Recreation Department is presently promoting registration for Soccer. (District 3)

Councilman at Large Rau (Citywide)

Councilman Rau wished everyone a New Year and congratulated his fellow council members for the good job they are doing in their district. Citizens are very happy with what they are doing. Every department in this city deserves recognition for the job they do. Service of the Police and Fire Departments is envied overall. We have a great city and had a great 2016 year and hopes 2017 will be even better and continue to work to make this city the place that everybody wants to live in.



Introduction of Ordinances:

A. An ordinance adopting the Amended Budget for the City of Gretna, Louisiana for the Fiscal Year of April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

Requested by: Administration Sponsor: Councilman Rau

B. An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lots 1-C and 1-D, Section B, Farm Block A, Oakdale Subdivision, Gretna, Louisiana **INTO** Lots 1-C1 and 1-D1, Section B, Farm Block A, Oakdale Subdivision, as per the plan of survey and resubdivision by Dufrene Surveying and Engineering Inc., dated August 15, 2016.

Municipal Address: #1 Westbank Expressway. Sponsor: Councilman Crosby

C. An ordinance amending the Gretna Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58.-Zoning and Subdivisions; Article III.-Zoning Districts, Division 1.—Generally; particularly amending by adding a paragraph to Sections 58-108, 58-116, 58-117, 58-118 and 58-119.

Requested by: Administration Sponsor: Councilman Rau

D. An ordinance amending the Gretna Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12. –Businesses; particularly amending Section 12-3. - Permits to sell fireworks.

Requested by: Administration Sponsor: Councilman Rau

Above ordinances will be considered for adoption at the February 8, 2017 Council Regular meeting.



Citizens Addressing the Mayor and City Council:

For the record, no citizen officially signed in to address Mayor and the Council Members.

Mr. Brad Gattuso, a Gretna resident and business owner addressed the Mayor and City Council with a proposed event. He requested the opportunity to rent the rear of the Gretna Cultural Center for the Arts for a special event. Would like to have St. Patrick's Day event, Friday, March 17, 2017 and would like to rent the rear of the Cultural Center to place a music band and continue business as usual across the street (Gattuso's Deli); tentatively from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Mayor Constant spoke with Mr. Gattuso this afternoon regarding this proposed event; based on the request, she advised him to address the City Council from the floor with this proposal; it will be up to the will of the Council. She informed that Mr. Gattuso understood all the requirements and fees involved for a special event and the rental. If approved, it will be contingent of Mr. Gattuso completion of all the necessary paperwork; now is just a matter of approval of the rental and the special event requests, by the City Council.

Councilman Hinyub expressed concerns of the time, street closure and other logistics involved. -- Mr. Gattuso informed there will be no street closure and there will be a detail officer at the event.

Councilman Crosby expressed it could set a precedent for someone else wanting to do the same in other areas of the city.

On motion by **Councilman Hinyub** and seconded by **Councilman Rau, IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the special event (St. Patrick's Day Celebration), Friday, March 17, 2017, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM by Mr. Brad Gattuso (Gattuso's Deli); and rent the rear of the Gretna Cultural Center for the Arts, contingent upon there are no street closures; event will be from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and that all the necessary paperwork and requirements are to be completed and processed, and the same were unanimously approved.



There was no further business to conduct.

On motion by **Councilman Rau** and seconded by **Councilman Hinyub**, the Mayor and City Council Regular meeting for January 11, 2017 adjourned at 6:22 PM, and the same was unanimously approved.

The Mayor and City Council will meet on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 in Regular Session.

Respectfully submitted:

/S/ NORMA J. CRUZ CITY CLERK CITY OF GRETNA STATE OF LOUISIANA

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