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ACTING MAYOR MICHAEL SIGUR: 'THERE WILL BE NO LULL'

Kenner, LA. – Kenner is in the middle of a time of change, as former Mayor Michael Yenni has moved on to take over as Jefferson Parish President.

That has triggered some shuffling on the Kenner City Council. We have scheduled a special mayoral election for Nov. 8 and elected new council officers for the next six months. I was honored to be named Council President. Dominick Impastato, District 5 councilman, is the vice-president.

Under the Kenner City Charter, the Council President serves as acting mayor when the current mayor has resigned. That change of leadership took place on Wednesday, and I am honored to be acting mayor, as well as the District 2 councilman.

For those of you who do not know, I worked in the Kenner Police Department in a variety of capacities for 33 years, including director of administrative services. I managed the construction of the \$12 million police headquarters – which came in under budget, and on time, by the way.

I have also been very active in the community and am particularly proud of my longtime association with the Boy Scouts of America. I am currently on the executive board of the Southeast Louisiana Council of the Boy Scouts of America. I retired from the Police Department when I decided to run for the District 2 seat in 2014, but have continued to serve the department and the city as a reserve officer.

As acting mayor, I believe the most important thing I can do is to make sure important projects that are underway or scheduled to begin soon continue to move forward. I think there may be a natural tendency to perhaps relax a bit during this period without an elected mayor. I will not let that happen.

Mike Yenni always talked about keeping the “pedal to the metal” and I could not agree more. While I am generally familiar with what is going on as a councilman, I am scheduling meetings with individual departments to make sure I am up to speed on everything.

Some areas of focus will include:

Economic Development Committee – I definitely want to continue the regular meetings of the EDC, which was created in 2010 by Mike Yenni. They did the research that led to the creation of Kenner’s first charter

school and continue to work in a number of key areas, including both retaining existing businesses and residents and attracting new companies and families to the city.

Kenner 2030 Program – The EDC helped to create the 2030 Program, which includes nine projects that will improve and beautify important corridors throughout the city. One of those projects, at Erlanger Road, has begun. Many of the rest are in the design phase and it's vital that we move forward as quickly as possible with these individual projects.

Sewer System Work – I will work closely with Public Works Director Jose Gonzalez to make sure there are no delays or issues with the remaining projects that are part of the \$80 million overhaul of the sewer system. We should be able to provide all families living in Kenner, as well as all businesses operating in Kenner, trouble-free sewerage service, and the sooner we can finish the work on our aging system, the better.

Quality of Life - During the next six months, there are a number of annual events that help to make Kenner stand out from other communities in our area. These include the meeting of the courts of the krewes of Argus and Zulu on Lundi Gras and the month-long free movies and concerts in Heritage Park in Rivertown during the month of May.

BP Projects – The BP settlement money will pay for a number of important projects and improvements throughout the city, from the Pontchartrain Center to equipment to benefit Public Works, Recreation and the Fire Department. Those important projects are beginning now, with the first being the design of a new generator warehouse.

Lake Pontchartrain commercial development - Talks continue between the city's blue ribbon panel and the developers who want to build a boardwalk-type complex on the shores of Lake Pontchartrain. I will help in any way I can to speed the talks along so that we can decide whether to move forward with a proposal from the developer.

Of course, this is only a very partial list of the many things going on in Kenner right now. I also plan to be quite busy handling my District 2 responsibilities. I want everyone in the district to know they can continue to call my office and we will handle issues as we have in the past.

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