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YENNI APPOINTING MICHAEL J. POWER INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY PENDING COUNCIL RATIFICATION TONIGHT

Kenner, LA. – Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni is seeking council approval to ratify his appointment of Mr. Michael J. Power as the Interim City Attorney at tonight’s Kenner City Council Meeting. Yenni believes the experience of Mr. Power will seamlessly transition the leadership necessary to make legal decisions for Kenner.

The position is open because of the sudden death of Louis Gruntz on Friday. Gruntz, who worked for decades in the Jefferson Parish Attorney’s office, took the office in February when At-Large City Councilman Keith Conley resigned as City Attorney to pursue opportunities in private practice.

“Mr. Gruntz had over 30 years of experience in governmental law. There is no doubt he was a rare find and a good friend,” Yenni said. “While we can never replace Louis, I believe we are extremely fortunate to have found someone with many years of experience – specifically tackling Kenner’s legal issues - to keep this city moving forward.”

Power was first hired as a litigator in 1971 by Hubert Vondenstein. Vondenstein served as Kenner’s City Attorney under the administration of Joseph S. Yenni, Mayor Michael Yenni’s grandfather.

Power is well versed in Kenner’s Charter, as he also worked for the outside firm that handled all of Kenner’s legal matters from the 80’s through the early 2000’s, Ansardi, Maxwell and Power. Mayor Ed Muniz brought the City Attorney’s office in-house in 2006, which resulted in significant cost savings for the city.

Mr. Power holds his Juris Doctorate from Loyola University and has been practicing law for over 40 years.

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