



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
January 24, 2017
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Lemar Marshall
The Public Hearing was called to order by President Lemar Marshall at 5:30pm
- II. ROLL CALL:** Johnny Blount (P), Jason Hood (P), Janice Carter Beard (P), Lemar Marshall (P),
Mike Williams (P)
- III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**



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6:00 PM or immediately following public hearing.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Lemar Marshall
Regular session was called to order by President Lemar Marshall at 5:32pm
- II. ROLL CALL:** Johnny Blount (P), Jason Hood (P), Janice Carter Beard (P), Lemar Marshall (P),
Mike Williams (P)
- III. PRAYER:** Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
Councilman Johnny Blount
- V. REPORTS:**
 - 1. Council:**
 - A. Council President Lemar Marshall informed Councilmembers that they can present their goals for the year at the next council meeting.**
 - 2. Mayor:** Stated that tax for the month of November was up and over budget
 - 3. Recognition of New Businesses: NONE**

VI. Minutes of January 10, 2017, After review it was motioned by Johnny Blount and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve the minutes of January 10, 2017.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y).

Motion Approved 5-0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles and the City of Hammond for the public license tag agent. Lacy Landrum, presented this item stated this is the annual contract that's renewed with the state for public tag agent.

Tracy Wells- 610 Mooney Avenue Hammond, LA. , asked who would be the subcontractor & whether the City is paying the rent of the building.

Dr. Lacy Landrum- Stated the Subcontractor is approved by the state and the Subcontractor is Auto Title Services. The lease of the building is paid from the \$18 fee that's is collected upon transaction that's authorized by state statue under this public private partnership. The City receives \$3 from the \$18 to keep in a specific fund to cover the rent, utilities payments, and janitorial services.

Councilman Marshall asked about the three services that are provided in the Hammond area due to the agency relationship, which otherwise would be provided in Amite.

Dr. Landrum informed Councilman Marshall the services are the Real ID License which will allow you to board plane without a passport or Military ID, Out of State transfers, and name change are the three services in Hammond otherwise you will go to Amite.

Stacy Vaught- 9739 Spike Ridge Avenue Zachary, La., Deputy Commissioner for the OMV Ms. Vaught stated that Karen St. Germain is the Commissioner of the Office of Motor Vehicles. The only two tag agents that are allowed to provide the three services are the City of Hammond and the City of Baker.

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard informed Mrs. Wells that the contract is renegotiated each year.

Tracy Wells- Asked if an individual could become a public tag agent

Stacy Vaught- Stated that an individual could make obligation to become a public tag agent. They could submit an application and if approved by the Commissioner can provide public tag agent services.

Tracy Wells- Asked if there is a new tag agent in the city would this service will be Bid out

Stacy Vaught- Stated in order for the City to make the decision to bid it out they would first find out from the state who is approved as a public tag agent in the area.

There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Mike Williams authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles and the City of Hammond for the public license tag agent.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to approve the Hammond Blues & BBQ Challenge, Inc. to hold the 2017 It's A Smokin' BBQ Challenge in downtown Hammond on March 24th & 25th, 2017, lying within boundaries of S. W. Railroad Ave., from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; East Charles Street to Hanson Street; and Coleman Street from Cate Street to S. W. Railroad Ave. Eric Phares, President of the Hammond Blues & BBQ Challenge introduced the Vice President Brian Shirey. He stated there are more than 60 teams this year and contestants from over 18 states.

Marguerite Walter- 309 Lindon Street Hammond, La. Requested that no parking be allowed along trees to protect trees. Brian Shirey said they would do their best to protect the trees.

There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve the Hammond Blues & BBQ Challenge, Inc. to hold the 2017 It's A Smokin' BBQ Challenge in downtown Hammond on March 24th & 25th, 2017, lying within boundaries of S. W. Railroad Ave., from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; East Charles Street to Hanson Street; and Coleman Street from Cate Street to S. W. Railroad Ave.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

2. A resolution to approve the Hammond Blues & BBQ Challenge, Inc. to obtain a waiver of the City of Hammond Open Container Law within the boundaries of S. W. Railroad Ave., from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; East Charles Street to Hanson Street; and Coleman Street from Cate Street to S. W. Railroad Ave., for the hours 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017, and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Eric Phares, stated that quiet time is between 11 to 6am. Mr. Phares informed the council that the Hammond Police presence in the area has made a big difference. There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Mike Williams to approve the Hammond Blues & BBQ Challenge, Inc. to obtain a waiver of the City of Hammond Open Container Law within the boundaries of S. W. Railroad Ave., from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; East Charles Street to Hanson Street; and Coleman Street from Cate Street to S. W. Railroad Ave., for the hours 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017, and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2017.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

3. A resolution to approve the Hammond Blues & BBQ Challenge, Inc. to sell beer and alcoholic beverages, specifically "Daiquiris", on City property lying within the boundaries of S. W. Railroad Ave., from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; East Charles Street to Hanson Street; and Coleman Street from Cate Street to S. W. Railroad Ave., for the hours 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017, and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Eric Phares, recommending approval. There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve the Hammond Blues & BBQ Challenge, Inc. to sell beer and alcoholic beverages, specifically "Daiquiris", on City property lying within the boundaries of S. W. Railroad Ave., from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; East Charles Street to Hanson Street; and Coleman Street from Cate Street to S. W. Railroad Ave., for the hours 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017, and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2017.

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4. A resolution to approve Low Road Brewing, LLC. , located at 1110 CM Fagan Dr., Hammond La., to obtain a permit to sell packaged High/Low alcohol. Owner is Low Road Brewing, LLC. Jinnie Wilson, presented this item stated that Low Road Brewing, LLC applied for alcohol permit as a result from the approval of an Expanded Conditional Use approved by the Council in June of 2016.

Joe Ribando 21035 Beau Chateau Blvd Ponchatoula, La. is the owner's representative and was present at the meeting

President Lemar Marshall: Informed Mr. Ribando the awareness of underage drinking law and it is strictly enforced by the City's Law Enforcement Team.

There was a motion by Mike Williams and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve Low Road Brewing, LLC. , located at 1110 CM Fagan Dr., Hammond La., to obtain a permit to sell packaged High/Low alcohol. Owner is Low Road Brewing, LLC.

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5. A resolution (1) accepting a \$150,000 States' Economic Development Assistance Program grant from the Delta Regional Authority for improvements to the Air Traffic Control Tower at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; (2) approving a cash match of up to \$186,666 in State Capital Outlay and local funds; and (3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to sign grant documents. Charles W. Borchers IV, presented this item stated that the City will be receiving the full \$150,000 that the City applied for and this grant will be matched with Local & State funds. This will be to install an elevator and to build out other interior floors.

Councilman Mike Williams asked if the money was budgeted in the grant match fund and what were the plans for the additional floors.

Charles Borchers stated the additional floors will be office space, bathroom facilities, meeting space, and the National Guard has an interest to use as bunk space in case of emergency to man the tower 24/7. He stated the exact amount of the City funds will depend on the State Capital Outlay contribution.

There was a motion by Mike Williams and second by Janice Carter Beard 1) accepting a \$150,000 States' Economic Development Assistance Program grant from the Delta Regional Authority for improvements to the Air Traffic Control Tower at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; (2) approving a cash match of up to \$186,666 in State Capital Outlay and local funds; and (3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to sign grant documents.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

6. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to release a Request for Proposal, as recommended by the Zemurray Park Focus Group, for a master plan for the reuse and redevelopment of all Zemurray Park athletic fields and other spaces not currently in use, including but not limited to, additional aquatics facilities, tennis courts, basketball courts, and a possible amphitheater. The primary centerpiece of the proposal will be the redevelopment of the Zemurray Park Pool to include a 25-yard, 10-lane pool, suitable for competitive and recreational use, with a new pool house. Janice Carter Beard, stated that their looking to make this a destination for aquatic meets, but also providing for recreational use.

Councilman Marshall stated that a focus group met and their primary goal is the redevelopment to the pool.

Tom Anderson- 706 E. Charles Street: asked about the focus group was it a group assembled for ideas or was the group appointed.

Mayor- proposed the focus group and the conclusion of the focus group was to have a competitive pool.

Tom Anderson-suggested to get women involved in the focus group

Councilman Mike Williams- stated that some concerns of the public is how long will the pool be out of service.

Councilman Lemar Marshall – responded that the pool could start construction in full for use in summer of 2018.

Mayor informed everyone that the City is looking for grants for this project.

Louise Bostic: 112 Elm Drive Hammond: (1) asked if there were any swim facilities at the Hammond Recreational Center- The response was no **(2) On Zemurray Pond-** will emphasis on competitive swimming negatively affect use of the pond.

Councilman Marshall: stated the pond will be included in the master plan and this should not be a conflict this should enhance the Zemurray Park area.

There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Johnny Blount to authorize the Mayor to release a Request for Proposal, as recommended by the Zemurray Park Focus Group, for a master plan for the reuse and redevelopment of all Zemurray Park athletic fields and other spaces not currently in use, including but not limited to, additional aquatics facilities, tennis courts, basketball courts, and a possible amphitheater. The primary centerpiece of the proposal will be the redevelopment of the Zemurray Park Pool to include a 25-yard, 10-lane pool, suitable for competitive and recreational use, with a new pool house.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

7. A resolution to approve Change Order No. One (1) – on “Woodbridge Sewer Rehabilitation”, (Project # 616-11605). Webb Anderson, presented this item informing council that the increase is \$46,820.00 all of this work is within the Woodbridge Subdivision. He’s recommending approval and this should relieve the sewer the issues in the Woodbridge Subdivision and increases the time by 85 days.

There was a motion by Mike Williams and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve Change Order No. One (1) – on “Woodbridge Sewer Rehabilitation”, (Project # 616-11605).

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

8. A resolution to approve the appointment of Osa Williams, Kip Andrews, Delmas Dunn, Gwendolyn Young Bell, and Bianca Roberts to serve on the Wilbert Dangerfield Award of Excellence Committee for a two-year term effective January 25, 2017 to January 25, 2019. Janice Carter Beard, informed council that based on the Wilbert Dangerfield resolution that the President would choose (2) candidates then the others would be from the library, MLK Association, and the African American Museum for a 2 year term. This committee will chose the recipient of the Wilbert Dangerfield Award. The award ceremony will be held March 14th after the City Council Meeting. There was a motion by Johnny Blount and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve the appointment of Osa Williams, Kip Andrews, Delmas Dunn, Gwendolyn Young Bell, and Bianca Roberts to serve on the Wilbert Dangerfield Award of Excellence Committee for a two-year term effective January 25, 2017 to January 25, 2019.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to adopt the recommendation of the Zoning Commission not to expand the Hammond Historic District. Lacy Landrum, presented this item informed council that on December 13, 2016 council received a report on possible expansion on the historic district. This first ordinance is adopt the recommendation of the Zoning Commission not to expand. There was a motion by Mike Williams and second by Janice Carter Beard to introduce an ordinance to adopt the recommendation of the Zoning Commission not to expand the Hammond Historic District.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

Public Hearing Set for February 14, 2017 @ 5:30 pm

2. Introduction of an ordinance to expand the Historic District. Lacy Landrum, informed council this is a companion ordinance to expand the Historic District along with the map recommended by the study committee & the recommendation of the Zoning Commission that if you choose to expand the Historic District that you also include Bankers Row and it does exclude the property at 212 N. Chestnut Street. Dr. Lacy Landrum, also informed the council that post cards were mailed out if the introductions were passed to all property owners advising them of public hearing scheduled for February 14, 2017.

There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Johnny Blount to introduce an ordinance to expand the Historic District.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

Public Hearing set for February 14, 2017 @ 5:30pm

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Johnny Blount to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I TONIA BANKS, CLERK OF COUNCIL, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECITATION OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD **January 24, 2017** BEING **6 PAGES** IN LENGTH

**TONIA BANKS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK**

**PRESIDENT LEMAR MARSHALL
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL**