



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
.312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
February 14, 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:**

1. An ordinance to adopt the recommendation of the Zoning Commission not to expand the Hammond Historic District. Dr. Lacy Landrum, presented item to council and reviewed information provided to council for consideration. On December 13, 2016 the council was delivered a report on the proposed expansion of the Hammond Historic District The report that the council received were Attorney memos, reports of the Zoning Commission -along with their meeting minutes and the map of the of the expansion area, Study Committee- Reports, meeting minutes & map, City outreach notices & survey responds cords, and public comments. She stated on the spreadsheet that you received tonight is a summary of everything that was received starting Dec., 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Council President Marshall explained that since agenda items 1 & 2 both deal with the question of expansion of the Historic District, the Council would take comments on both ordinances at one time.

There were public comments:

**Persons Opposed to Expansion:**

**Michael Minkus: 408 E. Charles St.** - Asked council to follow the recommendation of the Zoning Commission and vote no to the Ordinance to Expand the Hammond Historic District. Mr. Minkus stated that homeowners should not be burdened with additional regulations, processes, and costs which could be subject to subjective interpretations of guidelines. He also believes the diversity of the Adams Lilly neighborhood would challenge the committee with significantly different views of the residents and what's important to an individual's quality of life. Mr. Minkus stated he's fearful of their future and how this may apply to their living standards and in the ability to maintain their property.

**Anthony Ruratz: 600 East Robert St.** - Stated he's been a resident of Hammond for over 15yrs., and values the work of the Historical District with the commercial side of Downtown Hammond but, these guidelines are not relevant for the residents in the Adam Lilly's Neighborhood. This will increase cost for repairs and not everyone has the resources and limitations to pay additional cost. He stated that the expansion of the Historical District will not increase the property values.

**Jennifer White: 601 East Charles Street** - Passed out a list of neighbors who opposed expansion along with a map. Jennifer stated she would like council to follow the recommendation of the Zoning Commission and vote not to include Adams Lilly. She stated they are willing to come together as a neighborhood and work out a set of guidelines to preserve their neighborhood as well as having everyone comfortable. Her concerns are having to seek approval for every home project & the increase in cost.

**Greg Drude: 1500 University Drive-** Stated he did not own in this neighborhood but, has sold property in this neighborhood for the last 25yrs. He informed the council he purchased a home that's 64 yrs. old to tear down due to the land was worth more than the home, and if this home was in this district he could not do it if the district is expanded. The other concern is if this is approved there will be bringing property into the district that does not belong.

**Jinnie Wilson: 720 East Charles Street-** Stated she's on Banker's Row and she does not want to be in the Historic District. The Preservation District has tied her hands to be able to do things like subdivide, sell, & rebuild. She stated no one should tell her what to do with her property and would like to be excluded from the Preservation & Historic District. Jinnie expressed that she wants to be excluded.

**Councilman Mike Williams** asked a question on how could one property be excluded

**City Attorney Andre Coudrain** states that 212 North Chestnut was excluded because a council member asked that the Ordinance exclude that property.

**City Attorney Andre Coudrain** informed Council that they can amend, adopt, reject or send the recommendation back to the Zoning Commission for further study.

**Persons In Favor of Expansion:**

**Michael Holly: 604 East Robert** – Stated that he was on the first Historic commission in Hammond. There was opposition to the first Historic District but, the most verbal opponent later became a member of the Historic District Commission. The commission is there to assist homeowners not to be a hindrance. He stated this is the oldest neighborhood in the City it's important to protect it as a resource, and also look at the long term benefit of District.

**Maria McClellan: 309 North Holly Street** - Ms. McClellan stated she's a Real Estate Broker and purchased her home after Katrina. She informed the council that Historic Buildings are important and enhances property values- this is for Economic Development. She stated we need a new Economic Development driver and she thinks becoming a Certified Retirement community for Hammond by using the Historic District would be a benefit.

**Pat Macaluso: 701 East Charles Street** - Stated she has come before the commission on numerous occasions and it's been a process but, easy. The commission tries to work with the property owners and solve the problems to guide the property owners in the right direction to find other alternatives.

**Tom Anderson: 706 East Charles Street** – Stated that their neighborhood has a rich history and the council can make a statement of not only preserving the past but, to ensure the quality of life that would enrich their future by expanding the district. He asked the members in support of the Expansion to stand & he presented (4) affidavits in support that were not able to attend meeting.

Several persons in the audience stood up.

**Council Lemar Marshall:** Allowed members in opposition also to stand to be recognized.

Several persons in the audience stood up

**Patty Pitzer: 210 North Holly Street** – Informed council that the Historic Guidelines were recently updated and believes will serve the neighborhood well.

**Ron Macaluso: 701 East Charles Street** – Stated he lived in the neighborhood for a long time. He stated he has seen what the Historic District has done to downtown. Mr. Macaluso suggested the ordinance has a sunset provision of 2yrs. to see how it works. There are compromises that could work because it works in downtown Hammond and thinks it will work for their neighborhood.

**Other comments**

**Anthony Ruratza:** Asked if there has been any communication from the City Administration to renters or Lessees. **Dr. Lacy Landrum, Director of Administration** stated there were not.

**Dr. Lacy Landrum** informed Mr. Anthony there were no direct letters sent to renters. She stated the Tangipahoa Assessors Office website was used with their ownership listed so letters were sent out to owners of the properties. There were public hearing notices posted in the council records and newspaper which was publicized several times but, no direct correspondence mailed to renters.

**Melanie Ricketts- Acting Administrative Officer for the current Hammond Historic District, 607 Joe Ferris Drive** - Stated the Preservation & Historic District Commission does not regulate use. The Historic District is based on the integrity of Historic Materials & structures. Mrs. Ricketts informed that there are conflicts with the Residential Preservation District and the current Historic District guidelines. She stated that this would be need to be resolved before the expansion. If there is an increase in properties for the Historic District that would be reviewed this will affect the office and the City will need more staffing if the District is expanded. The commission is a resource and information is online to review.

**Councilman Jason Hood:** Asked about map that was presented the yellow shows property owned by the City. The property of the City would be in the proposed expansion and if the City should expect other people to fall in line we should lead by example. Councilman Hood stated it's not fair if one is excluded but not the others for the proposed expansion.

**Councilman Mike Williams:** Stated that this is a very difficult decision. Councilman Williams other concern is he would like to have this process delayed until a Director is hired and would need to be full time. If 2 commission members told him they would not want this passed due to the increase in the number of properties and applications and enforcement of the properties.

**Melanie Ricketts:** Stated the new staff person hired for the position needs to know what properties are involved. She also stated that the new person will have a huge learning curve and it may be something that overwhelming.

**Mary Ann Callais: 412 East Charles Street-** She lived in this neighborhood for 23yrs. The interpretation of the guidelines is very confusing. If the council voted to expand she would comply. If the vote is in favor the community needs to be educated on the process and guidelines.

2. An ordinance to expand the Historic District. Dr. Lacy Landrum, presented this item informed council this is to expand the district but, to excluded the property at 212 North Chestnut Street.

There were public comments

(See above under agenda item #1)



HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
February 14, 2017  
6:00pm Immediately following Public Hearing.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Lemar Marshall

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 Jason Hood

V. **REPORTS:**

1. **Council:** President Marshall requested that goals from councilmembers be moved back to next meeting due to the length of this meeting.

2. **Mayor:** Chief Stewart & other agencies arrested 84 people since January 11, 2017 for drugs, warrants, and counterfeiting ring. They all did a very good job with providing good service for the community. There will be a Hammond Cleanup Day Saturday, February 18, 2017 @ 8:00 am will meet up at the African American Museum. The Mardi Gras -Omega Parade will be Friday, February 17, 2017 @ 6:30pm.

3. **Recognition of New Businesses:** NONE

VI. **Minutes of January 24, 2017:** After review it was motioned by Johnny Blount and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve the minutes of January 24, 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: NONE

### B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to approve Kinchen's Restaurant, LLC. , located at 221 E. Thomas St., moving to 200 SW Railroad Ave., Hammond La., to obtain a High/Low alcohol content permit. Jinnie Wilson, presented this item stated that Kinchen's Restaurant, LLC currently holds licensed at its current location but, is requesting for new location that's under construction. Jinnie stated with the conditions of approval subject to inspections.

**Megan Kinchen:** 221 East Thomas – Owner was present

There was a motion by Mike Williams and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve Kinchen's Restaurant, LLC. , located at 221 E. Thomas St., moving to 200 SW Railroad Ave., Hammond La., to obtain a High/Low alcohol content permit with the conditions of approval subject to inspections.

**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 appointment of Cyril Gaiennie as the Building Official for the City of Hammond with an annual salary of \$66,165 (Pay Grade 131, Step 21) effective February 10, 2017. Loretta Severan, presented this item stated they interviewed candidates & recommends appointment of CC Gaiennie. Mr. Gaiennie was previously with the City for 9yrs.

**Mayor:** Stated the he's been a contractor for 25yrs. and when he first started Mr. Gaiennie was the Building Official. The qualities that he holds helped him as a contractor.

**Cyril Gaiennie:** 2203 West Church Street – The reason he accepted the offer was he cares about the City and wants it to prosper.

There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve the appointment of Cyril Gaiennie as the Building Official for the City of Hammond with an annual salary of \$66,165 (Pay Grade 131, Step 21) effective February 10, 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 authorizing the demolition of a property located at 509 Noah James Drive (90% damaged), located in Council District 1. The owner is Jake D. Johnson, ETAL, C/O Regina Jones, 2911 Oliver St., Bossier, LA 71112. Bobby Mitchell, presented this item – he stated he had conversations with several of the owners and they agreed with demolition. **There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Mike Williams authorizing the demolition of a property located at 509 Noah James Drive (90% damaged), located in Council District 1. The owner is Jake D. Johnson, ETAL, C/O Regina Jones, 2911 Oliver St., Bossier, LA 71112.**

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

4. A resolution authorizing the demolition of a property located at 808 E. Robinson St., (96% damaged), located in Council District 1. The owner is Jerrilyn Hall, 61116 Vining Rd., Amite, LA 70422. Bobby Mitchell, presented this item and his recommendation to demolish. **There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Johnny Blount authorizing the demolition of a property located at 808 E. Robinson St., 96% damaged), located in Council District 1. The owner is Jerrilyn Hall, 61116 Vining Rd., Amite, LA 70422**

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

5. A resolution authorizing the demolition of a property located at 903 E. Coleman Ave., (91% damaged), located in Council District 1. The owner is Pearly Hutton, C/O Zena Hayes, 910 E. Coleman Ave., Hammond, LA 70401. Bobby Mitchell, presented this item stated there were representatives in the audience but, had to leave. The owners are in favor of demolition Bobby Mitchell would like to give them 45 days to demolish. There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Jason Hood authorizing the demolition of a property located at 903 E. Coleman Ave., (91% damaged), located in Council District 1. The owner is Pearly Hutton, C/O Zena Hayes, 910 E. Coleman Ave., Hammond, LA 70401 with 45 days to demolish.

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

6. A resolution authorizing the demolition of a property located at 45334 Hoover Alley, (95% damaged), located in Council District 1. The owner is Scenie Mae Williams, C/O Elma Johnson, P.O. Box 503, Hammond, LA 70404. Bobby Mitchell, presented this item and recommends demolition. There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Mike Williams authorizing the demolition of a property located at 45334 Hoover Alley, (95% damaged), located in Council District 1. The owner is Scenie Mae Williams, C/O Elma Johnson, P.O. Box 503, Hammond, LA 70404.

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

7. A resolution authorizing the demolition of a property located at 209 Peach St., (87% damaged), located in Council District 3. The owner is Jo Ann Drake, C/O Chiquita Kelly, P.O. Box 613, Hammond, LA 70404. Bobby Mitchell, presented this item recommending demolition. There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Mike Williams authorizing the demolition of a property located at 209 Peach St., (87% damaged), located in Council District 3. The owner is Jo Ann Drake, C/O Chiquita Kelly, P.O. Box 613, Hammond, LA 70404.

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

8. A resolution authorizing the demolition of a property located at 1007 Varnado Lane, (98% damaged), located in Council District 3. The owner is Helen Coleman, 1007 Varnado St., Hammond, LA 70401. Bobby Mitchell, presented this item and recommendation to demolish. There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Mike Williams authorizing the demolition of a property located at 1007 Varnado Lane, (98% damaged), located in Council District 3. The owner is Helen Coleman, 1007 Varnado St., Hammond, LA 70401.

Councilman Blount temporarily left meeting

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (A). Motion Approved 4-0

9. A resolution authorizing the demolition of a property located at 2005 Corbin Rd., (88% damaged), located in Council District 3. The owner is Edward Clyde Cummings, 639 Solomon Dr., Covington LA 70433. Bobby Mitchell, presented this item and his recommendation to demolish. There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Jason Hood authorizing the demolition of a property located at 2005 Corbin Rd., (88% damaged), located in Council District 3. The owner is Edward Clyde Cummings, 639 Solomon Dr., Covington LA 70433.

Councilman Johnny Blount returned to meeting

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

10. A resolution authorizing the demolition of a property located at 217 Scanlan St., (93% damaged), located in Council District 4. The owner is Annie Richardson & M. Richardson Enterprises, LLC. P.O. Box 578, Natalbany, LA 70451. Bobby Mitchell, presented this item recommending demolition. There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Jason Hood authorizing the demolition of a property located at 217 Scanlan St., (93% damaged), located in Council District 4. The owner is Annie Richardson & M. Richardson Enterprises, LLC. P.O. Box 578, Natalbany, LA 70451.

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

11. A resolution authorizing the demolition of a property located at 2806 W. Church St., (90% damaged), located in Council District 4. The owner is Doris Tate Achord, 11700 E. Brickyard Rd., Hammond, LA 70401. Bobby Mitchell, presented this item informed council that he spoke with representative of this property Glenn Butler. He stated that there is a purchase agreement for this property the owner is requesting 90 days to do the transaction of sale. Mr. Mitchell stated he still would like to recommend demolition in the event the property is not sold. There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Johnny Blount authorizing the demolition of a property located at 2806 W. Church St., (90% damaged), located in Council District 4. The owner is Doris Tate Achord, 11700 E. Brickyard Rd., Hammond, LA 70401 with 90 days to demolish.

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

12. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Tangipahoa Parish Government and the City of Hammond for the purchase and installation of bus shelters and benches.

Council President Lemar Marshall temporarily left meeting.

Mayor, stated grant money will be used & will look better and the highest use will get shelters.

Dr. Lacy Landrum, stated this is a grant and part of the Federal money to improve our roadways and transit in Hammond. There will be a total of 10 permanent bus stops- (5) will include shelters & (5) will include the foundation with the thought of shelter based on the usage. Requesting council permission to use up to \$10,000 out of the Grant Match Fund. The agreement specifies the federal fund covers 80% of the project cost and the City 20% of the project cost.

There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Janice Carter Beard authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Tangipahoa Parish Government and the City of Hammond for the purchase and installation of bus shelters and benches.

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

Councilman Mike Williams: Thanked the administration for providing Shelters

13. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Tangipahoa Parish School Board and the City of Hammond for the use of Reimers Field. Mayor Panepinto, presented this item stated the Baseball Coach at Hammond High stated that their field was not completed. The City is making Reimers Field available for practice and games. There was a motion by Mike Williams and second by Janice Carter Beard authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Tangipahoa Parish School Board and the City of Hammond for the use of Reimers Field.

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:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to adopt the recommendation of the Zoning Commission not to expand the Hammond Historic District. (Lacy Landrum)

Johnny Blount made a motion to deny the recommendation of Zoning Commission. The a motion was seconded by Janice Carter Beard

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (N), Mike Williams (N), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion 3-2; - Rejects recommendation of Zoning Commission not to Expand

**2. Final adoption of an ordinance to expand the Historic District. (Lacy Landrum)**

Council President Lemar Marshall stated he wanted to factor in the time preparing the Historic District ready to handle the new additional work. He asked for a motion to amend the effective date to July 1, 2017. There was a motion by Johnny Blount and second by Janice Carter beard to provide for an effective date of July 1, 2017.

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

Councilman Mike Williams made a motion to amend the item to add a sunset provision of 2yrs., to expire June 30, 2019. Councilman Jason Hood seconded the motion.

Vote Sunset Provision: Lemar Marshall (N), Jason Hood (Y), Janice Carter Beard (N) Mike Williams (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). 3-2 Motion Passes

There was a motion by Johnny Blount and second by Janice Carter Beard to adoption of an ordinance to expand the Historic District, effective July 1, 2017 expiring June 30, 2019.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (N), Mike Williams (N), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). 3-2 Motion Approved

**IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:**

**1. Introduction of an Ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Vollen G. Washington (owner) and Alma M. Robinson (applicant) to allow placement of 2016 Mobile Home meeting all code requirements on Lot 6 Square 10 Greenville Park Subdivision located at 104 W. Louisa West St.; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2017-01-00034) recommended denial by Zoning Commission.** Tracie Schillace, presented this item and stated this is to introduce a request for Expanded Conditional Use for a mobile home. There was a motion by Mike Williams and second by Jason Hood to introduce an Ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Vollen G. Washington (owner) and Alma M. Robinson (applicant) to allow placement of 2016 Mobile Home meeting all code requirements on Lot 6 Square 10 Greenville Park Subdivision located at 104 W. Louisa West St.; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2017-01-00034) recommended denial by Zoning Commission.

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 March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

**2. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a budget transfer of \$31,000 from the General Fund (100) Balance to General Administration – Payments to Animal Shelter (100158000-560249).** Mayor Pete Panepinto, presented this item and informed council that there were some issues with the shelter. Mayor stated they will continue with the contract instead of cancelling would like to provide funds. There was a motion by Mike Williams and second by Jason Hood to introduce an ordinance to approve a budget transfer of \$31,000 from the General Fund (100) Balance to General Administration – Payments to Animal Shelter (100158000-560249).

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 March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Janice Carter Beard 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 **February 14, 2017** BEING **8 PAGES** IN LENGTH

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**TONIA BANKS  
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK**

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**PRESIDENT LEMAR MARSHALL  
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL**