



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
July 25th, 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



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
July 25th, 2017  
6:00pm 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 Jason Hood
- V. REPORTS:**
  - 1. Council:**
    - A. Solicitation-** Hammond Police Chief James Stewart was asked to report on the Panhandling issue in the City of Hammond. Chief Stewart stated that Panhandling is a problem but, not a huge problem. This is mostly at the I-12 exchange and around convenience stores. On public access soliciting for money is not a crime, there must be a violation of traffic law or aggressive behavior. The problem is when it's on Private Property. He suggested not to give money or food to panhandlers. Chief Stewart stated on private property police can come and check things out, and ask the person to leave the property in a friendly manner. If a person feels threatened, the panhandler can be arrested for threatening behavior. A balance has to be met between enforcement & asking a person to move on.  
  
Councilman Lemar Marshall: Asked will the Citizen be required to be present to make the complaint  
  
Chief Stewart: Stated that the citizen is not required to stay if they feel threaten, they should make sure that when they call in to provide a clear identity of the individual and the location.

**Councilman Jason Hood:** Panhandling paints city in a bad light. He asked if the city could put up a sign saying the City does not encourage panhandling with a contact number to call if anything needs to be reported.

**Chief Stewart** said he would support that.

**Councilman Lemar Marshall:** Asked the City to review and come up with verbiage for signage.

**B. Therese Domiano-** TPSS School Board Vice President, 13095 Shannon Lane ,Hammond:

Informed Council that Mike Whitlow TPSS President was also present. Mrs. Domiano stated that the Hammond City Government has provided support to the Parish Schools & she also thanked the Council for the support. She stated the Tangipahoa School Board is concerned with being proactive not reactive and wants to build a culture of excellence. She stated she supports the upgrade of the Greenville Park area and the STEM program.

**Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard:** Stated she supports Greenville Park School's STEM program and rejuvenating the area. The STEM program would prepare the students for Hammond High & for the workforce. Councilwoman Beard also supports home ownership in the Greenville area.

**Councilman Lemar Marshall:** Stated that this is a community initiative.

**2. Mayor:** Informed the Council that he's excited about Home Depot Opening tomorrow. Home Depot has provided 150 jobs for individuals. Mayor Panepinto connected Home Depot on behalf of the Fuller Center and Home Depot donated \$5000.00 & will partner with the Fuller Center for home ownership.

The Back to School Bash will be Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> @ Hammond Westside Montessori from 9am to 2pm.

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

**VI. Minutes of July 11, 2017:** After review it was motioned by Jason Hood and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve the minutes of July 11, 2017. Vote: Janice Carter Beard (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Johnny Blount (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Lemar Marshall (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

## VII. RESOLUTIONS

**A. OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. A resolution to approve Mojitos Bistro located at 207 East Thomas St., Hammond La., 70401 to sell High/Low Alcohol. The owner is LIL, HAVANA LLC.** Jinnie Wilson, presented this item informed the council that this is a new restaurant in the area and they have met all requirements requesting approval to sell alcohol. She recommended approval.

**Owner representative was present: Jose Valencia, 207 East Thomas, Hammond:** Stated the restaurant will be serving Fresh Latin Food with a Caribbean theme & he's hoping to open by Hot August Night.

**Councilman Lemar Marshall:** Explained that the City has laws on the sale of alcohol to minors & underage drinking and this will be enforced.

There was a motion by Mike Williams and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve Mojitos Bistro located at 207 East Thomas St., Hammond La., 70401 to sell High/Low Alcohol. The owner is LIL, HAVANA LLC. Vote: Janice Carter Beard (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Johnny Blount (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Lemar Marshall (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

**2. A resolution to authorize the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve alcohol during the event Hot August Night, held on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St. and N. and S. Pine St.** Chelsea Tallo, presented this item informing council that the boundaries are the same and requesting approval. There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Mike Williams to authorize the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve alcohol during the event Hot August Night, held on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St. and N. and S. Pine St.

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

3. A resolution to grant a Waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants during the event Hot August Night, held on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St. and N. and S. Pine St. Chelsea Tallo, Invites everyone to come out and there will be new things to see this year & requested approval of a waiver of the Open Container Law. There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Jason Hood to grant a Waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants during the event Hot August Night, held on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St. and N. and S. Pine St.

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

4. A resolution to approve Budget Change Form No. 18-01 transferring \$325,000 from "Concrete Street Repairs FY2018" (project #420-11809) to "Street Improvements FY2017" (project #420-11713). Chuck Spangler, presented this item informing the council that this was late in last year's fiscal year project and he would like to add areas to the contract to cover repairs and not open new bid to continue the benefits of good contractor prices. He recommended approval. There was a motion by Johnny Blount and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve Budget Change Form No. 18-01 transferring \$325,000 from "Concrete Street Repairs FY2018" (project #420-11809) to "Street Improvements FY2017" (project #420-11713).

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

5. A resolution to approve Change Order No. 1 adding not to exceed \$250,000 to "Street Improvements FY2017" contract (Byron E. Talbot, contractor) for additional street work per FY2018 Five Year Capital Improvements Ordinance, plus Coleman Street crossing at CNRR, plus E. Coleman street repairs associated with sewer line collapse. Chuck Spangler, Stated that this Change Order refers to the previous Budget Change Form No. 18-01 & requesting approval for Change Order No.1.

Councilman Jason Hood: Asked what happens to the extra \$75,000

Chuck Spangler: Stated this could be added to the priority list or to cover for an emergency.

There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve Change Order No. 1 adding not to exceed \$250,000 to "Street Improvements FY2017" contract (Byron E. Talbot, contractor) for additional street work per FY2018 Five Year Capital Improvements Ordinance, plus Coleman Street crossing at CNRR, plus E. Coleman street repairs associated with sewer line collapse.

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

6. A resolution to approve Budget Change Form No. 18-02 transferring \$163,000 from "Drainage Improvements FY2018" (project #420-11806) to "Drainage Improvements FY2017" (project #420-11707). Webb Anderson, presented this item to the council stating this is to add areas to existing drainage contract due to good prices on the existing contract. He recommended approval. There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Mike Williams to approve Budget Change Form No. 18-02 transferring \$163,000 from "Drainage Improvements FY2018" (project #420-11806) to "Drainage Improvements FY2017" (project #420-11707).

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

7. A resolution to approve Change Order No. 1 adding not to exceed \$145,000 to "Drainage Improvements FY2017" contract (Stranco, contractor) for additional drainage work per FY2018 Five Year Capital Improvements Ordinance, plus Brandi Lane, and Airport East Ramp. Webb Anderson, Presented this item informing the council that applies to the previous Budget Change Form No. 18-02 with adding additional areas into the contract. He recommended approval. There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Johnny Blount to approve Change Order No. 1 adding not to exceed \$145,000 to "Drainage Improvements FY2017" contract (Stranco, contractor) for additional drainage work per FY2018 Five Year Capital Improvements Ordinance, plus Brandi Lane, and Airport East Ramp.

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

There was a motion by Jason Hood and Second by Janice Carter Beard to **ADD TO AGENDA** a resolution approving Change Order #1 to State Capital Outlay Project 50-MB-15-02-Gateway to Hammond, Phase I, Planning and Construction in the amount of \$18,700 to effect a paint color change and extend the project's contract period by 30 days pending approval by the Capital Outlay Section.

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

8. A resolution approving Change Order #1 to State Capital Outlay Project 50-MB-15-02-Gateway to Hammond, Phase I, Planning and Construction in the amount of \$18,700 to effect a paint color change and extend the project's contract period by 30 days pending approval by the Capital Outlay Section. Charles W. Borchers IV, presented this item to the council explaining the reason for the Changes to the roundabout at the intersection of I-12 & SW Railroad. The landscaping work & painting on the overpass which consist of some painting but, the color is not meeting the approval and is looking to change the color. He recommended approval.

There was a motion by Jason Hood and Second by Mike Williams to approve Change Order #1 to State Capital Outlay Project 50-MB-15-02-Gateway to Hammond, Phase I, Planning and Construction in the amount of \$18,700 to effect a paint color change and extend the project's contract period by 30 days pending approval by the Capital Outlay Section.

Vote: Janice Carter Beard (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Johnny Blount (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Lemar Marshall (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 authorize the Mayor to sign all documents in connection with acceptance of Right of Way dedication of Tiffany Lynn Court, a 10' foot Servitude dedication, and renaming of Right of Way to Falcon Drive request by Gemma Holdings LLC. Located in Chase Plaza Subdivision in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. (ROW-2017-06-00004) Recommend approval by Planning Commission. Tracie Schillace, Introduced this item to the council informing them that this street is located outside of Piggly Wiggly but, has not been previously dedicated. There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Mike Williams to introduce an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents in connection with acceptance of Right of Way dedication of Tiffany Lynn Court, a 10' foot Servitude dedication, and renaming of Right of Way to Falcon Drive request by Gemma Holdings LLC. Located in Chase Plaza Subdivision in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. (ROW-2017-06-00004) Recommend approval by Planning Commission.

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

**Public Hearing is set for August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**2. Introduction of an Ordinance to amend UDC Ord#14-5364 Article 11.5 Communication Towers/Satellite to revise and add Standards for Wireless Facilities in Public Rights of Way (TA-2017-05-00006) Recommend approval by Zoning Commission.** C.C. Gaiennie, Introduced this item stating that AT&T currently has a request for 9 locations of these wireless towers and the City needs to adopt an ordinance to revise and add standards for wireless facilities in public rights of way. .

**Councilman Lemar Marshall: Asked for locations of the wireless facilities**

**CC Gaiennie: Informed Councilman Marshall he will provide locations**

**Councilman Mike Williams: Asked will this include neighborhoods**

**CC Gaiennie: Stated most will be in commercial areas**

**There was a motion by Mike Williams and second by Janice Carter Beard to introduce an ordinance to amend UDC Ord#14-5364 Article 11.5 Communication Towers/Satellite to revise and add Standards for Wireless Facilities in Public Rights of Way (TA-2017-05-00006) Recommend approval by Zoning Commission.**

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

**Public Hearing is set for August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**3. Introduction of an Ordinance for Expanded Conditional Use request by Johnny Jackson to allow placement of Manufactured Home meeting all code requirements located at 304 Mississippi St. in accordance with survey by Roy C. Edwards Jr. dated revised 2/10/1984 (Z-2017-06-00038) Recommend approval by Zoning Commission with the following conditions:**

- 1.) The manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards; and
- 2.) The approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership by Johnny Jackson.

Tracie Schillace, introduced this item and informed the council that it is in a proposed mobile home area and recommended approval with standard conditions. **There was a motion by Johnny Blount and second by Janice Carter Beard to introduce an ordinance for Expanded Conditional Use request by Johnny Jackson to allow placement of Manufactured Home meeting all code requirements located at 304 Mississippi St. in accordance with survey by Roy C. Edwards Jr. dated revised 2/10/1984 (Z-2017-06-00038) Recommend approval by Zoning Commission with the following conditions:**

- 1.) The manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards; and
- 2.) The approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership by Johnny Jackson.

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

**Public Hearing is set for August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

4. Introduction of an Ordinance of Rezoning request by Lawanda Smith to rezone from RS-3 to MX-N located on Lot 2 Blk 1 Lincoln Park Subdivision located at 2701 Anderson St. (Z-2017-05-00036) Recommend Approval by Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, presented this item and stated this is a piece of property on the corner of Anderson and Harden Ms. Lawanda wants to use for several different usage for this property.

There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Jason Hood to introduce an Ordinance of Rezoning request by Lawanda Smith to rezone from RS-3 to MX-N located on Lot 2 Blk 1 Lincoln Park Subdivision located at 2701 Anderson St. (Z-2017-05-00036) Recommend Approval by Zoning Commission.

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

**Public Hearing is set for August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

5. Introduction of an Ordinance for Expanded Conditional Use request by Lawanda Smith to allow sweet shop meeting all code requirements on Lot 2 BLK 1 Lincoln Park Subdivision located at 2701 Anderson St.; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2017-05-00037) Recommend Denial by Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, presented this item and asked to remove this item from the agenda at the request of Ms. Smith. There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Jason Hood to **REMOVE** an Ordinance for Expanded Conditional Use request by Lawanda Smith to allow sweet shop meeting all code requirements on Lot 2 BLK 1 Lincoln Park Subdivision located at 2701 Anderson St.; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2017-05-00037) Recommend Denial by Zoning Commission.

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

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. Motion Approved 5-0

**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 **July 25, 2017** BEING **6 PAGES** IN LENGTH

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**TONIA BANKS**  
**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK**

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**PRESIDENT LEMAR MARSHALL**  
**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL**