



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
September 12, 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 declaring (3) Bullet Proof Vest surplus property and providing for a donation to benefit the safety of the Independence Police Department. Jana Thurman, presented this item informed council that these vests are no longer being used by Officers and the Town of Independence Police Department, will accept these vests in As – Is conditions and she is requesting approval.

There were no public comments

2. An ordinance to amend the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018 to transfer \$353,000 from the General Fund Balance (Fund 100) to Police Administration (10020100). Lacy Landrum, presented this item informing the council this would enable the transfer of money to the Police Administration budget to be able to provide funds for a settlement with Roddy Devall if a settlement is reached. The terms of the settlement are confidential until the settlement is reached.

There were no public comments

3. An ordinance to amend the Hammond Criminal Code (Chapter 21) of the Code of ordinances Regarding Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions. Assistant City Attorney Britain Sledge III, informed the council that this is a response to recent State legislation and to match up the Hammond criminal code with State law.

There were no public comments



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**REGULAR SESSION
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

September 12, 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 5:35pm

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 Mike Williams

V. REPORTS:

1. Council: NONE

Pierre E. Theriot, AIA, HOLLY & SMITH ARCHITECTS: Informed the Council the Plan that has begun for the Master Plan for Zemurray Park. Mr. Theriot stated that the first meeting will be held Thursday, September 14, 2017 @ 5:30pm in Council Chambers. Then there will be a week long Planning Charrette Saturday, September 16 thru Thursday, September 21, from 9am – 5pm each day at the Hammond Fire Dept., on 405 S. Oak Street. There will also be a Steering Committee that will contain between 6-8 members. At the end of the Planning Charrette week they would present the product of that week.

2. Mayor: After School Program started on Monday, September 11th with 125 Children

Sales Tax is up first month of the Fiscal year \$56,000 over budget

Eunice Harris from Entergy was recognized for increasing the contribution for Entergy to the After School Program.

Eunice Harris Stated that Entergy it's always an honor to give back to the communities to Educational initiatives, Economic Development, Community Development. The After School Program is one way to give back. The program play a significant role in the developing of the children academically, & socially to become productive citizens in the communities in which they live.

3. Recognition of New Businesses: NONE

VI. Minutes of August 22, 2017: After review it was motioned by Janice Carter Beard and second by Mike Williams to approve the minutes of August 22, 2017.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution authorizing the Holy Ghost Parish Fair to be held on October 27th, 28th & 29th, 2017. Boundaries set for the fair are: Magnolia Street from W. Colorado to the railroad track and NW Railroad Avenue from W. Colorado to the railroad track. Brandi Cambre, 46178 W. Jake Drive, Hammond, Louisiana. (Co – Chair for Holy Ghost Fair) presented this item and informed the council that this is a family friendly event and it will finish on Sunday, October 29th, 2017 at 8pm. **There was a motion by Johnny Blount and second by Janice Carter Beard authorizing the Holy Ghost Parish Fair to be held on October 27th, 28th & 29th, 2017. Boundaries set for the fair are: Magnolia Street from W. Colorado to the railroad track and NW Railroad Avenue from W. Colorado to the railroad track.**

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

2. A resolution authorizing the Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to sell alcohol on Friday, October, 27th from 5pm – 11pm, Saturday, October 28th from 8am – 11pm & Sunday, October, 29th from 10am – 7pm within the boundaries set. Brandi Cambre, informed the council that there will be police on site and teachers will be checking IDs. **There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Mike Williams authorizing the Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to sell alcohol on Friday, October, 27th from 5pm – 11pm, Saturday, October 28th from 8am – 11pm & Sunday, October, 29th from 10am – 7pm within the boundaries set.**

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

3. A resolution authorizing the Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to obtain a waiver of the open container law on Friday, October, 27th from 5pm – 11pm, Saturday, October, 28th from 8am – 11pm, & Sunday, October 29th from 10am – 7pm within the boundaries set. Brandi Cambre, presented this item and stated this request is due to the selling of alcohol at the fair. **There was a motion by Mike Williams and second by Janice Carter Beard authorizing the Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to obtain a waiver of the open container law on Friday, October, 27th from 5pm – 11pm, Saturday, October, 28th from 8am – 11pm, & Sunday, October 29th from 10am – 7pm within the boundaries set.**

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

4. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement on behalf of the City of Hammond with the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the project: “Upgrader Rwy 18, Rwy 13 & Rwy 31 Papi-4 systems to LED Hammond Northshore Regional Airport Tangipahoa Parish (State Project No. H.012717). David Lobue, stated these are lights on the side of the runway that assist the pilots if there at the right level as the approaching the end of the runway. The state will replace the existing lights with digital up to date LED Systems with no expense to the City. **There was a motion by Mike Williams and second by Janice Carter Beard authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement on behalf of the City of Hammond with the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the project: “Upgrader Rwy 18, Rwy 13 & Rwy 31 Papi-4 systems to LED Hammond Northshore Regional Airport Tangipahoa Parish (State Project No. H.012717).**

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

5. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement on behalf of the City of Hammond with the Federal Aviation Administration (DOT) and to receive up to \$300,000 in Federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds for a new Airport Master Plan (FAA Grant No. 3-22-0018-020-2017). David Lobue, presented this item and informed the council that this is to map out a Master Plan for the Airport. The FAA & State are funding but, there is a \$20,000 match and it’s already in the Airport Budget. **There was a motion by Mike Williams and second by Janice Carter Beard authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement on behalf of the City of Hammond with the Federal Aviation Administration (DOT) and to receive up to \$300,000 in Federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds for a new Airport Master Plan (FAA Grant No. 3-22-0018-020-2017).**

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

6. A resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order #3, a deductive change order removing work related to wildflower plantings from State Capital Outlay Project 50-MB9-15-02—Gateway to Hammond, Phase I, Planning and Construction.

Charles W. Borchers IV, stated this is the landscaping project for the roundabouts and surrounding area. The total being deducted is \$5,620.27 for the wildflower planting. He spoke with the landscape architect, contractor, & local seed supplier's decision was better to wait until conditions were improved so there will be a successful eradication.

Louise Bostic, 112 Elm Drive, Hammond: Asked why we are planting Wildflowers, since weeds usually take over.

Charles Borchers: Stated the Wildflower seedings are being removed

There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Johnny Blount approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order #3, a deductive change order removing work related to wildflower plantings from State Capital Outlay Project 50-MB9-15-02—Gateway to Hammond, Phase I, Planning and Construction.

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

7. A resolution (1) supporting the submission of a \$150,000 grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts to install public art in the roundabouts along Southwest Railroad Avenue/US 51 Business at I-12; and (2) supporting a cash match of \$150,000 to come from the Grant Match Fund.

Charles W. Borchers IV, presented this item informing the council that this is a resubmission of an application to the National Endowment for Arts to install artwork around the roundabouts. He stated that there has been a lot of progress in the area. Charles stated that they re-applied for funding thru the NEA with \$150,000 grant opportunity with a \$1 for \$1 match. The City is currently working with local partners in the business community to find some funding to offset the City's match cost and this will also be grant funds that would probably have to come out of the next fiscal year budget. In April he would know whether the application was successful but, the actual funding will be obligated in August 2018.

Councilman Mike Williams: Asked whether the \$300,000 is for all (3) roundabouts?

Charles Borchers: Stated Yes

Councilman Hood: Asked if this was \$1 for \$1 match

Charles Borchers: Stated yes it' \$150,000 grant with a \$150,000 match requirement

Councilman Lemar Marshall: Stated this is why you are in the process of seeking to raise money from private donations so it could offset some of the cost, if not the City would have to agree to the match

There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Mike Williams (1) supporting the submission of a \$150,000 grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts to install public art in the roundabouts along Southwest Railroad Avenue/US 51 Business at I-12; and (2) supporting a cash match of \$150,000 to come from the Grant Match Fund.

Vote: Johnny Blount (Y), Jason Hood (N), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Lemar Marshall (Y). Motion Approved 4-1

8. A resolution to approve the Water & Sewer Department to purchase a 2018 Chevy Tahoe, from Gerry Lane Chevrolet in the amount of \$31,830.81. Jana Thurman, informed the council that this is an emergency purchase with two time restraints. This is off a State contract which ended at the end of August and that department had (2) vehicles that had to be surplus due to the repair cost exceeding the value of the vehicles which were over 15yrs. old. The vehicle has been purchased due to the contract ending time and the department has the funds available. **There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve the Water & Sewer Department to purchase a 2018 Chevy Tahoe, from Gerry Lane Chevrolet in the amount of \$31,830.81.**

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

9. A resolution to approve the Streets Department purchase of a 2017 F550 Regular Cab 4 x 2 Chassi Cab DRW State Contract #4400010201, from Bill Hood Ford in the amount of \$32,216.00, Jana Thurman, presented this item and stated this is off a State Contract that is a truck which goes with Resolution # 10 that's the body. The funds were appropriated for this year budget and will come from the sales tax account. **There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Johnny Blount o approve the Streets Department purchase of a 2017 F550 Regular Cab 4 x 2 Chassi Cab DRW State Contract #4400010201, from Bill Hood Ford in the amount of \$32,216.00,**

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

10. A resolution to approve the Streets Department purchase of a new mechanics body & small Aerial Bucket Equipment off Co-Operative Municipal purchase contract #55-000155567, from Truck and Transportation Equipment in the amount of \$80,848.00. Jana Thurman, presented this item and stated this will be the mechanics body & Aerial bucket and once the truck comes in the company would put all together and deliver to the city in working condition. East Jefferson agreed to let the City participate in a CEA to purchase vehicle body & accessories. **There was a motion by Mike Williams and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve the Streets Department purchase of a new mechanics body & small Aerial Bucket Equipment off Co-Operative Municipal purchase contract #55-000155567, from Truck and Transportation Equipment in the amount of \$80,848.00.**

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

11. A resolution to purchase 1 (one) 2018 Chevy Tahoe for the Police Department from Gerry Lane Chevrolet in the amount of \$31,732.27. Jana Thurman, stated this is a state contract and this Tahoe is replacing the unit that was total out from the past flood. She stated the funds will be used from the millage account. **There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Johnny Blount to purchase 1 (one) 2018 Chevy Tahoe for the Police Department from Gerry Lane Chevrolet in the amount of \$31,732.27.**

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

There was motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Mike Williams to amend the agenda to add resolution # 12 to the Agenda regarding an Historic Preservation Fund Grant from the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation .

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

12. A resolution (1) accepting a \$6,000 Historic Preservation Fund Grant from the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation to conduct a historic structures survey in central Hammond; (2) agreeing to a cash and inkind match of \$6,000 to come from the Downtown Development District and Hammond Historic District Commission; and (3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to sign grant documents.

Charles Borchers, stated the contract was received this morning which is a grant for \$6,000 to survey Historic properties in central Hammond which is a \$6,000 match.

Leah Solomon, Hammond Historic District; Stated she's putting in \$1,000 of inkind donation of her time & the Historic District is contributing \$500 and \$4500.00 will come from from the DDD and the City will not have to match anything.

There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Janice Carter Beard (1) accepting a \$6,000 Historic Preservation Fund Grant from the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation to conduct a historic structures survey in central Hammond; (2) agreeing to a cash and inkind match of \$6,000 to come from the Downtown Development District and Hammond Historic District Commission; and (3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to sign grant documents.

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

13. Discussion of the case entitled Roddy Devall v. City of Hammond and Hammond Municipal and Fire Civil Service Board docket # 2015-0000382, Twenty First Judicial District Court Tangipahoa Parish*

*The council may go into executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17

There was a motion by Mike Williams and second by Janice Carter Beard to enter executive session.
Vote: Johnny Blount (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Lemar Marshall (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

The Council convened in executive session.

There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Mike Williams to exit executive session.
Vote: Johnny Blount (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Lemar Marshall (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

The Council re-convened in regular session.

President Councilman Marshall announced that no motions were made or votes taken while in executive session.

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance declaring (3) Bullet Proof Vest surplus property and providing for a donation to benefit the safety of the Independence Police Department.

There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Janice Carter Beard to adopt an ordinance declaring (3) Bullet Proof Vest surplus property and providing for a donation to benefit the safety of the Independence Police Department.

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018 to transfer \$353,000 from the General Fund Balance (Fund 100) to Police Administration (10020100).

There was a motion by Mike Williams and second by Janice Carter Beard to adopt an ordinance to amend the City of Hammond budget or Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018 to transfer \$353,000 from the General Fund Balance (Fund 100) to Police Administration (10020100).

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend the Hammond Criminal Code (Chapter 21) of the Code of ordinances Regarding Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions. (Britain Sledge III)

There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Janice Carter Beard to adopt an ordinance to amend the Hammond Criminal Code (Chapter 21) of the Code of ordinances Regarding Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions.

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction to an Ordinance for Annexation into the Hammond City Limits, Initial Zoning to C-N, and to be placed in the City Council District # 3 requested by Monroe Manor Limited Partnership for 11.427 Acres being Lot 1A of the Rose Stassi Mini Partition located at 42250 North Oaks Drive in accordance with survey by Andrew Faller (Z-2017-07-00040) Recommended approval by the Planning Commission. Tracie Schillace, presented this item and stated this is property to Annex on North Oaks Drive which is the rear property near the Golf Course on Club Deluxe Road. There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Janice Carter Beard to introduce an Ordinance for Annexation into the Hammond City Limits, Initial Zoning to C-N, and to be placed in the City Council District # 3 requested by Monroe Manor Limited Partnership for 11.427 Acres being Lot 1A of the Rose Stassi Mini Partition located at 42250 North Oaks Drive in accordance with survey by Andrew Faller (Z-2017-07-00040) Recommended approval by the Planning Commission.

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

2. Introduction to amend Ordinance UDC#14-5364 Appendix E Historic District Appendix A: Residential Clarifications (TA-2017-08-00010) Recommend approval by Zoning Commission.

Leah Solomon, informed the council that the Hammond Historical District Commission would like to add in a Residential Appendix based on a current work session & public meeting. She stated about 30 neighbors came out to the work sessions to discuss what they would like to see as residential Historic Homeowners. She stated in these sessions they explained the different needs for certain areas of concerns. **There was a motion by Mike Williams and second by Jason Hood to introduce an ordinance to amend UDC#14-5364 Appendix E Historic District Appendix A: Residential Clarifications (TA-2017-08-00010) Recommend approval by Zoning Commission.**

Vote: Johnny Blount (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Lemar Marshall (Y). Motion 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 **September 12, 2018**
BEING 7 PAGES IN LENGTH

**TONIA BANKS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK**

**PRESIDENT LEMAR MARSHALL
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL**