



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
November 14, 2017
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Lemar Marshall
No Scheduled Public Hearing
- II. ROLL CALL:** Johnny Blount (), Jason Hood (), Janice Carter Beard (), Lemar Marshall (), Mike Williams ()
- III. PUBLIC HEARING:** NONE



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November 14, 2017
6:00pm Immediately following Public Hearing.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Lemar Marshall
Regular Session was called to order by Councilman Marshall at 5:30pm
- 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:

Council President Lemar Marshall asked Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to conduct the meeting as Vice Chairman. Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard thanked Councilman Marshall for the opportunity to conduct the meeting.

1. Council:

Councilman Lemar Marshall: stated that on Saturday, November 18th, 2017 the Neighborhood of Assistance Corporation of America a non-profit corporation is holding a seminar to help potential homeowners to become homeowners in the Hammond Community.

2. Mayor: Dr. Landrum informed council that the Mayor attended the monthly Transportation meeting with the Regional Planning Commission.

Sales Tax for the City is running ahead of budget

Friday, November 17, 2017 she invited everyone to come out to downtown from 6pm to 10pm for Starry November Night.

Voting is on Saturday, November 18, 2017 she encouraged everyone to cast their ballot.

Thanksgiving is next week City Hall will be closed next Thursday & Friday and she wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

3. Recognition of New Businesses: NONE

VI. Minutes of October 24, 2017: After review it was motioned by Councilman Johnny Blount and second by Councilman Jason Hood to approve the minutes of October 24, 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 the Police Department to purchase 9 digital Ally DVM-800 complete kit camera systems with Vulink kits in the amount of \$38,500.00. Jana Thurman, presented this item informing the council that this is part of the equipment that was approved for the new vehicles to be purchased in the 2018 budget and the equipment is the in-car camera systems. The vehicles came in earlier than scheduled and the camera systems have not been ordered and is requesting approval from the council to purchase the camera systems. **There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilman Johnny Blount to approve the Police Department to purchase 9 digital Ally DVM-800 complete kit camera systems with Vulink kits in the amount of \$38,500.00.**

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 Approve Change Order No. 1 on "Hammond Northshore Regional Airport Phase III Drainage Improvements" (State Project No. H.011255) for an increase of \$26,276.16. Jay Pittman, informed the council that the increase is due to additional improvements. He stated that this is all State Grant money and it does not impact the City of Hammond Finances and is requesting approval of Change Order No.1. **There was a motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilman Jason Hood to Approve Change Order No. 1 on "Hammond Northshore Regional Airport Phase III Drainage Improvements" (State Project No. H.011255) for an increase of \$26,276.16.**

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

3. A resolution (1) accepting a \$5,683.09 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant to purchase new/replacement bulletproof vests for Hammond Police officers; (2) agreeing to a cash match of \$5,683.09 to come from the Hammond Police Department (10020300-540153—Supplies—Uniforms and Related); and (3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign grant documents. Charles W. Borchers IV, presented this item informing the council that this is a dollar for dollar matching program which will allow the purchase of 16 vests and over the next 2 years a total of 33 vest will be purchased. **There was a motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilman Jason Hood (1) accepting a \$5,683.09 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant to purchase new/replacement bulletproof vests for Hammond Police officers; (2) agreeing to a cash match of \$5,683.09 to come from the Hammond Police Department (10020300-540153—Supplies—Uniforms and Related); and (3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign grant documents.**

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

4. A resolution (1) accepting as substantially complete as of November 7, 2017 State Capital Outlay Project 50-MB9-15-02—Gateway to Hammond, Phase I, Planning and Construction; and (2) commencing as of November 8, 2017 the 45-day clear lien period to release 5% retainage. Charles W. Borchers IV, informed the council that this is the landscaping project @ I-12 which is finally at the substantial completion phase. He stated it is sufficiently complete to move forward to approve the project and completely closing the project by the end of the year.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: Asked who has responsibility for damage?

Charles Borchers: Stated the City is responsible for the maintenance and any repairs for the brick, fences, & landscaping. The State is responsible for the road.

Louise Bostic: 112 Elm Drive Hammond, LA- Stated it's easier to maneuver the roundabouts since the landscape has been completed.

There was a motion by Councilman Johnny Blount and second by Councilman Lemar Marshall (1) accepting as substantially complete as of November 7, 2017 State Capital Outlay Project 50-MB9-15-02—Gateway to Hammond, Phase I, Planning and Construction; and (2) commencing as of November 8, 2017 the 45-day clear lien period to release 5% retainage.

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

5. A resolution updating the City of Hammond's Citizen Participation Plan with current contact information and for improved clarity. Charles W. Borchers IV, Stated that this is the requirement of the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program if the City is awarded the grant - the last update was in 2011. Mr. Borchers is the point of contact for this update

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Jason Hood to update the City of Hammond's Citizen Participation Plan with current contact information and for improved clarity.

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6. A resolution to accept the proposed insurance package for calendar year 2017.

Henry Powell, 110 West Morris Hammond LA, presented this item asked to change the year to 2018.

There was a motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilman Jason Hood to amend the agenda to show the insurance package is for calendar year 2018.

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

Mr. Powell informed the council that United Healthcare had an increase of 19.8%. Blue Cross Blue Shield came back with a proposal for slightly less premiums with some changes to policy but, overall there will be a slight reduction in premium for medical insurance as of January 1, 2018 and the Bennie Cards funding will remain the same.

Lacy Landrum: There was an employee committee who has been working with the administration and Mr. Powell on the selection of insurance coverage.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Johnny Blount to accept the proposed insurance package for calendar year 2018.

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 to an Ordinance 1) To accept dedication of the west portion of Westpark Drive (approx. 60'x 667.97') in accordance with survey by Andrew N. Faller dated 9/22/2017; and 2) To accept dedication of a southern strip of land on the east portion of West Park Drive (2'x 1018.98') in accordance with survey by Gilbert Sullivan dated 10/1983; Recommend approval by the Planning Commission. Tracie Schillace, Presented this Ordinance informing the council that this is part of a street already dedicated – some portions were left out and never dedicated so they would like to dedicate the remainder of the street to the City.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Mike Williams to introduce an ordinance 1) To accept dedication of the west portion of Westpark Drive (approx. 60'x 667.97') in accordance with survey by Andrew N. Faller dated 9/22/2017; and 2) To accept dedication of a southern strip of land on the east portion of West Park Drive (2'x 1018.98') in accordance with survey by Gilbert Sullivan dated 10/1983; Recommend approval by the Planning Commission.

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Public Hearing is set for November 28th, 2017

2. Introduction of an Ordinance to rename existing right of way from Westpark Drive in its entirety to PFC Matthew E. Wildes Street (ROW-2017-10-00005) Recommend approval by the Planning Commission. Tracie Schillace, informed the council that this is the same street that North Oaks is dedicating to the City and it was proposed to change the name to honor Private First Class Matthew Wildes who passed away serving our country.

There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilman Mike Williams to introduce and ordinance to rename existing right of way from Westpark Drive in its entirety to PFC Matthew E. Wildes Street (ROW-2017-10-00005) Recommend approval by the Planning Commission.

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

Public Hearing is set for November 28th, 2017

3. Introduction of an Ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Oscar Dantzler (owner) to allow placement of a modular home with chassis meeting all code requirements located at 1203 Apple St in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 9/6/2017; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2017-09-00042) with the following conditions:

- 1) Modular Home must meet all requirements for placement of a modular home 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 by Oscar Dantzler (owner); and
 - 3) The existing house to be demolished before placement of new structure.
- Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission

Tracie Schillace, presented this item and informed the council that this will have a chassis but, the area is not currently zoned for mobile homes. Also, in the following conditions the existing house that's in poor condition will have to be demolished before placement of new structure.

There was a motion by Councilman Johnny Blount and second by Councilman Jason Hood to introduce an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Oscar Dantzler (owner) to allow placement of a modular home with chassis meeting all code requirements located at 1203 Apple St in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 9/6/2017; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2017-09-00042) with the following conditions:

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

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X. ADJOURN:

**There was a motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilman Lemar Marshall to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.
Motion Approved to Adjourn 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 **November 14th, 2017 BEING **5 PAGES** IN LENGTH**

**TONIA BANKS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK**

**PRESIDENT LEMAR MARSHALL
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL**