



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
December 26, 2017
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Council Vice President Janice Carter Beard
Public Hearing was called to order by Vice President Janice Carter Beard @ 5:30 pm
- 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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REGULAR SESSION
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
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December 26, 2017
6:00pm Immediately following Public Hearing.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Council Vice President Janice Carter Beard
Regular Session was called to order by Vice President Janice Carter Beard @ 5:32 pm
- 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 Lemar Marshall

V. REPORTS:

1. Council: Councilman Lemar Marshall stated that there were 15 members at the final public hearing for the Zemurray Park Master Plan. The Council should be receiving the final draft of that plan & he hopes to move the project forward in 2018. He stated that Holly & Smith did a great job capturing the essence of what was wanted in the plan.

Councilman Marshall informed the Council that this will be his last meeting as President and he thanked the council for the privilege of serving. He wanted Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to lead meetings for the last several meetings to serve in the capacity of President hoping to move Councilwoman Beard from Vice President to President. Councilman Marshall stated that Councilwoman Beard did a great job as Vice President and the work that's is needed as the President of Council is tremendous and having the checks and balances that we need between legislative and executive functions is very critical. He informed the council that in his opinion Councilwoman Beard would be great as Council President.

2. Mayor: Informed the Council that the Audit has been submitted to Legislative Auditor for review.

There was great reception for Christmas, lights, trees, & train ride this year. He thanked all who helped this year grounds, street department, Whitney Statham, Lisa Lambert, Robert Morgan, Robert Williams, and the entire team.

The City of Hammond Offices will be closed December 29th, 2017 – January 1, 2018

The Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year!

3. Recognition of New Businesses: NONE

VI. Minutes of December 12, 2017: After review it was motioned by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Jason Hood to approve the minutes of December 12, 2017.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of City Council Officers for 2018:

It was motioned by Councilman Lemar Marshall to nominate Councilwoman Beard for President and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard.

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

It was motioned by Councilman Mike Williams to nominate Councilman Blount for President and second by Councilman Johnny Blount.

Vote: Johnny Blount (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (N), Lemar Marshall (N), Jason Hood (Y). Motion Approved 3-2. Councilman Blount will serve as Council President next year.

It was motioned by Councilman Johnny Blount to nominate Councilman Williams for Vice President and second by Councilman Jason Hood.

Vote: Johnny Blount (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (N), Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y). Motion Approved 4-1. Councilman Williams will serve as Council Vice-President next year.

2. A resolution to approve the appointment of Cassie Regan, representing the Greater Hammond Chamber of Commerce, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019. Chelsea Tallo, presented this item informing the council that this is a new board member appointment that is being recommended. She stated that they worked very hard this year to make sure the board & the community is clear on the procedure that it takes to be appointed to the board. There was a motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilman Jason Hood to approve the appointment of Cassie Regan, representing the Greater Hammond Chamber of Commerce, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019.

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

3. A resolution to approve the appointment of Sharon Smith, representing the Majority Property Owners, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019. Chelsea Tallo, presented this item informing the council that this is a new board member appointment that is being recommended. There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilman Mike Williams to approve the appointment of Sharon Smith, representing the Majority Property Owners, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019.

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

4. A resolution to approve the appointment of Justin Thornhill representing the Mayor of Hammond, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019. Chelsea Tallo, presented this item informing the council that this is a new board member appointment that is being recommended. **There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilman Mike Williams to approve the appointment of Justin Thornhill representing the Mayor of Hammond, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019.**

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

5. A resolution to approve the appointment of Pierre Theriot representing the Eastside Property Owners, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019. Chelsea Tallo, presented this item informing the council that this is a new board member appointment that is being recommended. **There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Jason Hood to approve the appointment of Pierre Theriot representing the Eastside Property Owners, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019**

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

6. A resolution to approve Runway Food Mart located at 1345 Hwy., 190 East, Hammond La., to sell High/Low packaged alcohol. This is a change of ownership of an existing business. The new owner is Shiv Hari 2017, LLC. Jinnie Wilson, presented this item stated that the owner met all qualifications of the application.

Representative: Snehal Patel, 1345 Hwy., 190 East, Hammond La., was present at the meeting.

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard: Informed Mr. Patel the City of Hammond has rules on the sale of alcohol and it will be enforced by the Police Department.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Mike Williams to approve Runway Food Mart located at 1345 Hwy., 190 East, Hammond La., to sell High/Low packaged alcohol. This is a change of ownership of an existing business. The new owner is Shiv Hari 2017, LLC.

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

7. A resolution to approve Iron Horse Sports Grill and Spirits located at 123 Cate Street, Hammond La., to sell High/Low alcohol. This is a change of ownership of an existing business. The owner is Paesano Hospitality Group, LLC. Jinnie Wilson, presented this item informing council that they have met all qualifications of the application.

Representative: Vince Garafola, 44575 S. Coburn Road was present at the meeting.

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard: Informed Mr. Garafola the City of Hammond has rules on the sale of alcohol and it will be enforced by the Police Department.

There was a motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilman Jason Hood to approve Iron Horse Sports Grill and Spirits located at 123 Cate Street, Hammond La., to sell High/Low alcohol. This is a change of ownership of an existing business. The owner is Paesano Hospitality Group, LLC.

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

8. A resolution authorizing the Hammond Regional Arts Center to host and serve alcohol on Friday, January 26, 2018 from 6:30pm until 9:30pm at 217 East Thomas Street and within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park for the 2nd Annual Art of the Cocktail. Lacy Landrum, President of the Art Center Board presented this item and informed the Council that this fundraiser last year was successful. There will be at least 10 other businesses participating and the event is a cocktail contest.

Councilman Mike Williams- Asked about selling tickets to minors

Lacy Landrum, informed Councilman Williams that no tickets will be sold to anyone under the age of 21& IDs will be checked.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Mike Williams authorizing the Hammond Regional Arts Center to host and serve alcohol on Friday, January 26, 2018 from 6:30pm until 9:30pm at 217 East Thomas Street and within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park for the 2nd Annual Art of the Cocktail.

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

9. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Roofing Solutions, LLC., for a total of \$135,286.00 to Re-Roof the Building Department. Jana Thurman, presented this item and informed the Council that Roofing Solutions, LLC., was the low bidder in the amount of \$135,286.00 & it was approved in this year budget. There was a motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilman Lemar Marshall to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Roofing Solutions, LLC., for a total of \$135,286.00 to Re-Roof the Building Department.

Councilman Jason Hood: Stated that \$95,000 in the budget and asked if the remaining \$40,000 will be transferred from the building department

CC Gaiennie: Informed Councilman Hood that the additional funds for the canopy will come out of the building department budget

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

10. A resolution to accepting work as substantially complete for "Drainage Improvements FY 2017" (Project #420-11707), commencing 45 day lien period withholding 10% retainage. Webb Anderson, presented this item and stated the work is finished and recommends accepting the job. This is for work on Whitmore, E. Merry, Judge Leon Ford, Cypress & Magazine Street. There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Mike Williams accepting work as substantially complete for "Drainage Improvements FY 2017" (Project #420-11707), commencing 45 day lien period withholding 10% retainage.

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

11. A resolution to reappoint Howard Nichols to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a Four- Year term from January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2021. Mayor Panepinto, informed the Council that Mr. Nichols is very knowledgeable of the Historic District area and would be great for the Historic District Commission. There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Mike Williams to reappoint Howard Nichols to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a Four- Year term from January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2021.

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

12. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Roofing Solutions for \$43,680.00 to remove and replace existing PBR panel roof system for Hanger #15. Jana Thurman, asked that this item be removed from agenda, they are not ready to move forward. There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Mike Williams to remove this item from the agenda.

Vote: Johnny Blount (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y). 5-0 Item **Removed** from Agenda

13. A resolution to award the contract to Ronald Morse Construction Inc., for \$76,000.00 for the (Morris & Cypress Sidewalk Improvements) Project. Lacy Landrum, asked that this item be **tabled**. She stated that the DDD Design Committee has not reviewed it. This will be a three way split with (3) partners DDD, City, & building owner sharing a third of the cost. **There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Mike Williams to **Table** this item.**

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilman Lemar Marshall 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 **December 26, 2017** BEING **5 PAGES** IN LENGTH

TONIA BANKS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT LEMAR MARSHALL
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL