



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
January 23, 2018  
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Johnny Blount  
**Public Hearing was called to order by Council President Johnny Blount @ 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 transfer \$26,419.89 from the General Fund Balance (Fund 100) for Microsoft software renewals.** Jana Thurman, presented this item asking for council approval to transfer \$26,419.89 into the Data Processing Equipment Maintenance Account. This was not budgeted for but, this is the last year of Microsoft contract which the company was brought out by Connections. The company needed the City to "Trueup" the number of computers on the system.

**There were no public comments**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
January 23, 2018  
6:00pm Immediately following Public Hearing.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Johnny Blount  
**Regular Session was called to order by Council President Johnny Blount @ 5:34pm**
- II. ROLL CALL:** Johnny Blount (P), Jason Hood (P), Janice Carter Beard (P), Lemar Marshall (P),  
Mike Williams (P)
- III. PRAYER:** Mr. West
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.  
Councilman Lemar Marshall
- V. REPORTS:**
- 1. Council:** NONE
- 2. Mayor:** The Mayor stated he has asked Chris Bankston with Gasaway Bankston architects to bring in Consultants to provide information for the Zemurray pool to give an idea of the cost to have a

Recreation pool verses a Competition Pool. The Mayor stated that he will discuss further during the agenda item on this issue.

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

**VI. Minutes of January 09, 2018: After review it was motioned by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilman Mike Williams to approve the minutes of January 09, 2018.**

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

**VII. RESOLUTIONS**

**A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to be the official contact person for all matters related to the City of Hammond's Clean Water State Revolving Fund application to improve Hammond's South Wastewater Treatment Plant.** Charles W. Borchers IV, informed the council that the council approved the application but, one of the requirements was to designate an official point of contact that would sign contract documents and this would be the Mayor. He stated that the Mayor will be the official point of contact for the application.

**There was motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilman Lemar Marshall authorizing the Mayor to be the official contact person for all matters related to the City of Hammond's Clean Water State Revolving Fund application to improve Hammond's South Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

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

**2. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$66,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grant application to purchase rescue equipment and radios for the Hammond Fire Department; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$6,600.** Charles W. Borchers IV, informed the council that this is a resubmission of an application that was unsuccessful in receiving the grant. He stated that he spoke with Fire Chief Thomas and this is still a need and priority and the match will come from the Fire millage.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard and second by Councilman Jason Hood 1) Supporting the submission of a \$66,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grant application to purchase rescue equipment and radios for the Hammond Fire Department; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$6,600.**

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

**3. A resolution to create a Zemurray Park Aquatic Center Advisory Committee.** Councilman Lemar Marshall, presented this item informing the council that he attended the meeting on last week concerning the Zemurray Park Pool. He stated that there was a need to involve more people from the community in the final decision to move the options forward for the Aquatic Center. This is why the Advisory Committee would report to the council on the progress of the project. The members would come from appointment by Councilmembers, Mayor & personas appointed by the Council President from representative groups with a two-year term. He would want the group to work quickly but be inclusive so that enough citizens across the spectrum would have a chance to be a part of that process.

**Mayor:** Stated that there has been extensive conversations and meetings on the Zemurray Pool. The Consultants came in on Thursday and presented the two factors from a Recreational Pool & Competitive Pool- the temperature factor and depth between the two pools. This will be the second year without a swimming pool for our community for recreational needs. He stated that instead of the committee of 11, the Council should have a Public Hearing for children to come out and express what they would like to have for the pool along with the community, to get this pool in place for next summer. He does not think a committee is needed and would like to move forward.

**Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard:** She does not understand the delay. She stated that the citizens were told they would have a say in how the pool would be designed. She stated the citizens would be paying for this pool and they should have the opportunity to speak on this project.

**Councilman Mike Williams:** The main concerns of Citizens was to get the pool back. Councilman Williams informed the council that he thinks a committee would not get things done quickly and he would prefer to have a public hearing for Citizens input. He does not think a committee makes sense.

**Councilman Lemar Marshall:** Stated the committee will help the process. The pool has been deprived of input. The administration wanted to do an RFQ for the pool project. There were two separate proposals and there was never an RFP for the pool. He stated the pool needs public input and thinks the Council should appoint a committee and the committee should report to the council and move quickly.

**Mayor:** Informed the council that this was slowed down because it became an Aquatic Center project. This pool only needs to be a recreational pool and thinks this project can be moved quickly without a committee.

**Councilman Johnny Blount:** Stated he attended the meeting and it was for all Councilmembers and only (3) members showed up for the meeting. He informed the council they talked about the committee and he wants this project to move quickly without having multiple meetings- he thinks only one meeting is needed to make a decision to move forward.

**Councilman Lemar Marshall:** Stated the City should not make decision in a small group, it often leads to the wrong decision.

There was motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to create a Zemurray Park Aquatic Center Advisory Committee.

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

#### VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

**1. Final adoption of an ordinance to transfer \$26,419.89 from the General Fund Balance (Fund 100) for Microsoft software renewals. (Marcus McMillian)**

There was motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to transfer \$26,419.89 from the General Fund Balance (Fund 100) for Microsoft software renewals.

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

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

**1. Introduction of an ordinance to regulate filming and to provide for filming permits.** Councilman Jason Hood, stated as of last filming he received multiple complaints of the hindrance of filming to businesses. This ordinance will set rules and regulations in concrete to inform the residents.

**Councilman Lemar Marshall:** Asked if this information was shared with the Hammond Tourism office.

**Lacy Landrum:** Yes

**Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard:** Asked has anything been in place before?

**Councilman Jason Hood:** Stated there has been nothing concrete.

There was motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to introduce an ordinance to regulate filming and to provide for filming permits.

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

**Public Hearing set for Wednesday, February 14, 2018 @ 5:30pm**

**2. Introduction of an ordinance to amend Rule V-24 Travel, regarding meal allowance, of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual for City Employees.** Lacy Landrum, informed the council that auditors suggested a per diem allowance for meal reimbursement and this will follow GSA rates.

**There was motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to introduce an ordinance to amend Rule V-24 Travel, regarding meal allowance, of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual for City Employees.**

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

**Public Hearing set for Wednesday, February 14, 2018 @ 5:30pm**

**Councilman Jason Hood requested to amend the agenda to add an item to provide for the issuance and sale of not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (15,000,000) of Revenue Bonds.**

**There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to amend the agenda.**

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

**3. Introduction of an Ordinance providing for issuance and sale of not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (15,000,000) of Revenue Bonds.**

**There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilman Lemar Marshall to introduce an ordinance providing for issuance and sale of not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (15,000,000) of Revenue Bonds.**

**Public Hearing set for Wednesday, February 14, 2018 @ 5:30pm**

**X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman 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 **January 23, 2018** BEING 4 PAGES IN LENGTH**