



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
April 10, 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: NONE**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
April 10, 2018  
6:00pm Immediately following Public Hearing.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Johnny Blount  
**Regular Session was called to order at 5:31pm**
- 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**

**2. Mayor: City received Community Development Block Grant to continue the rehab process for the Sewer Systems in low income areas.**

**Gnarly Barley Brewing** was named among the fastest growing Craft brewers in 2017; in the top 50 out of 25 states.

**Zeke Douglas**, in the Recreation Department had a heart replacement in 2013 and is sponsoring a 5K walk in Zemurray Park April 21, 2018 and would like everyone to come out and support Mr. Zeke event.

**Councilman Lemar Marshall:** Asked where the block grant funds will be spent?

**Mayor/ Dr. Lacy Landrum:** It will be in the Mooney Park area and all the way to Morrison based on the Census track.

**Councilman Lemar:** Asked for a copy of the track

**Lacy Landrum:** Informed Councilman Marshall she would provide that copy to him.

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

**VI. Minutes of March 27, 2018: After review it was motion by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard and second by Councilman Jason Hood to approve the minutes of March 27, 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:**

**1. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Pistorius Associates, LLC to design hangars for the airport.** Airport Director, David Lobue, presented this item informing the Council that the airport is a gem for the City and the airport is now being used, and there is a demand for the airport. People come in from outside of our Parish on a daily basis to use the airport and spend money in the city. There are 34 people on the hanger waiting list now, but he has many others request who do not get on the list because the list is so long. We have an opportunity with the hanger construction that was approved in the 2018 fiscal year budget this will produce revenue to the City and knock at least 10 people off the list. The Airport is still in the red but, with these hangars the airport would be self-sufficient. David, asked Council for approval of the architectural contract to move forward with the hangars.

**Councilman Jason Hood:** Asked if we are \$25,000.00 away from being in the black where are the numbers on the airport revenue?

**David Lobue:** Stated he could provide the numbers for him

**Ken Ross, 610 W. Thomas, Hammond La.** – Supports the Resolution and urged the Council to support the resolution. The Appointed Airport Board has worked diligently to have a business plan. The airport plans to be self-sufficient where they could operate and grow the airport without coming before the council for funding. If you could look at what was approved earlier in the year it is building the hangars that will be leased the day they are finished. It's an investment and an economic engine for the community.

**Kevin Manuel, 18060 Bayou Pierre, Maurepas La.** – He is in support of the resolution and just closed on his new residence just adjacent to the airport. He stated he has one airplane at the airport that he co-owns but, he is in the market of purchasing his own plane. At the moment he has no place to put it and is currently on the airport waiting list and have been on that list for a while. In Gonzales there is an airport that he operates out of and they have a waiting list also but, they are building hangars now and should be ready by next year. Informed the council that he's looking for a home base for his airplane and is in support of resolution.

**Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard:** Where is the \$54,000.00 in revenue and how many years do the City have to wait for these funds.

**David Lobue:** Stated immediately \$25,000.00 of that will balance the budget at the airport the funds from this balance will be appropriated at the discretion of the City.

**Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard:** How many residents of Hammond use the airport?

**David Lobue:** Stated he can provide that information but, this will benefit Hammond by many people coming into the City.

**Councilman Lemar Marshall:** Stated priorities change and different things come up and the City has been working on projects this year that have not been funded or the cost is more than anticipated. He supports economic development and the airport, his hesitation is to wait since it is close to budgeting for next year. The money has been approved in June/July and nothing has been done and since then other priorities has come up and he is thinking maybe the airport should be an enterprise zone?

**David Lobue:** The airport has a Master Plan that covers this, it will be reviewed and updated and which will consider the community wishes. The hanger project is vital to the plan in producing our revenue.

**Mayor:** City needs to wait on sales tax revenue to be sure the City has money before it is spent. The drainage work at the airport had to be completed before hangars could be built.

**David Lobue:** They need to be sure airport tenants are not impacted by too many projects at on time.

**Councilman Jason Hood:** Airport has not been on its 5 yr., capital wish list. How is building airport hangers more important than drainage?

**Lacy Landrum:** Stated drainage projects are out for bid.

**David Lobue:** This is at an important time for this project

**Councilman Lemar Marshall:** Has asked for a 5yr., Capital Plan review of where the City is at and could not get information from administration.

**Lacy Landrum:** Council has been provided those reports

**Councilman Lemar Marshall:** Stated he has not received those reports

**David Lobue:** The City has an opportunity to grow the customer base for the airport

**Councilman Mike Williams:** Commended the Airport Board and is proud of the airport and it's a huge economic driver. He understands the concerns of the other Councilmembers but, there was a budget work session and funds were approved and would like move forward and is in favor of the project.

**Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard:** Stated she has four streets she's asking for drainage & sidewalks on streets. Those need to be funded and are more important. How many hangers we have now and how many could we house?

**David Lobue:** There are 34 on waiting list and this would produce 10 new hangers. Stated he expects the list will not get smaller.

**Councilman Mike Williams:** Asked is Livingston Parish building an airport?

**David Lobue:** Yes, and they will be our primary competitors for the Hammond Airport.

**Lacy Landrum:** Asked Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to provide the names of the areas she was requesting drainage & sidewalks for her notes.

**Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard:** Natchez, Mississippi, Mary's Alley, & Palmetto

**Lacy Landrum:** Stated Natchez & Mooney are in the drainage project that is out for bid.

**Aaron Williams: 601 Natchez, Hammond La.** - When he purchased his aircraft it was on the ramp for 3 ½ years and he was # 12 on the list and took him m 4 ½ years to get to #1. He informed the Council he is a citizen of Hammond. He could have moved his aircraft to another airport but the Hammond airport with the control tower is a safe field and that's why he wants to stay at the Hammond airport.

**James Shaw, Loranger:** He has been operating out of the Hammond Airport for 31 yrs., and in those 31 yrs., there has only been 10 hangers at the airport. Stated he travels a lot to dozens of airports and they all have rows of hangers. Most airports do not have hangers and Hammond is behind times. This is a guaranteed revenue stream and will pay for themselves it seems like a no brainer.

**Tom Einemen, 405 Industrial Park Road:** Been out at the Airport since 1989 full time and has watched the airport grow. Airports don't make money on its operations. The Hammond Airport services the entire Northshore area - the airport generates money outside of the airport.

**Paul Cutrer, 61003 Hwy., 1064, Amite La.** - Stated he works in Hammond and started flying at the airport in 1962. Hammond Airport is a revenue producer and does not see any downside to this- its positive cash flow growth and encourages everyone to get involve with the airport.

**There was a motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilman Johnny Blount to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Pistorius Associates, LLC to design hangars for the airport.**

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

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A resolution to approve Change Order No. 1 and Final for "Zemurray Park Pool Demolition". (Project #420-11717). Chris Bankston, presented this item and informed the council that during excavation some existing electrical line were pulled out and the contractor repaired it at costs only with no markups.

There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilman Lemar Marshall to approve Change Order No. 1 and Final for "Zemurray Park Pool Demolition". (Project #420-11717)

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

2. A resolution to accept Zemurray Park Pool Demolition for substantial completion and to begin the 45-day lien period. Chris Bankston, presented this information and requested acceptance to begin the 45- day lien period.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to accept Zemurray Park Pool Demolition for substantial completion and to begin the 45-day lien period.

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 approval of Change Order No. 2 and Final on "Bulkhead Improvements [FY 2016]" (Project #420-11609) for an increase of \$2,485.58 (90% NRCS/10% City of Hammond). Jay Pittman, informed the Council this is for final quantities as well additional unforeseen conditions incurred by contractor recommends approval.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard and second by Councilman Lemar Marshall to approval of Change Order No. 2 and Final on "Bulkhead Improvements [FY 2016]" (Project #420-11609) for an increase of \$2,485.58 (90% NRCS/10% City of Hammond).

Vote: Jason Hood (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Lemar Marshall (Y), Johnny Blount (Y).

**VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE**

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

1. Introduction of an Ordinance to adopt and establish a Tax on all the taxable property within the Corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2018.

Public Works:	2.00 Mills
General Fund:	9.04 Mills
Police & Fire:	10.00 Mills
Total	21.04

Jinnee Wilson, Informed the council the City has to adopt and set the mills each year. The Millage is not going up and this is not a roll forward year.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to introduce an ordinance to adopt and establish a Tax on all the taxable property within the Corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2018.

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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 APRIL 24, 2018**

**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.**

**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 **April 11, 2018**  
BEING **5 PAGES** IN LENGTH

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**TONIA BANKS  
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK**

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**PRESIDENT JOHNNY BLOUNT  
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL**

**I, COUNCIL CLERK, TONIA BANKS, OF THE HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING WAS POSTED AT THE COUNCIL'S OFFICE AT 312 EAST CHARLES STREET, HAMMOND, LOUISIANA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA R.S. 42:19, ON OR BEFORE THE 9th Day Of April 2018 at 4:00pm.**

**RULES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**In the interest of fairness and time, the following guidelines are established, relative to public participation and discussion of any agenda item.**

1. All persons desiring to speak on a specific agenda item will request the attention of the presiding officer at the time the item is being considered.
2. After recognitions the participant is requested to give his/her name and address and duly noted in the minutes.
3. All questions and comments are to be address to the presiding officer only.
4. There shall be no indulging in personalities and the participant must adhere to the item at hand, and the rules of decorum of the council.
5. When a council member, citizen, elected or appointed public official refuses to adhere to these procedural policies, and the behavior interferes with or disrupts the normal order of business, the presiding officer may eject or request the removal of the disruptive or obstructive party or parties. The presiding officer shall prior to the discussion of a particular item, allow time for the discussion of that item. The Council Clerk shall be the official timekeeper of the Council and shall interrupt discussion to advise the Council that time has expired. Discussion shall cease, and the matter shall then be voted upon forthwith. When called upon for a vote, each council member present shall respond "yes," "no" or "abstain." A failure to answer shall be recorded as "abstain."

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