



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
March 26, 2019  
5:30pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Council President, Carlee Gonzales called the Public Hearing to order @ 5:30pm.

**II. ROLL CALL:** Kip Andrews (P), Carlee White Gonzales (P), Devon Wells (P), Sam DiVittorio (P), Steven Leon (P).

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**1. An Ordinance for a rezoning request by Plantation Management Company LLC to rezone Blk 10 of the Barber Addition located at 800 S. Oak St. in accordance with survey by R. James Tatum dated 1/22/1998 from RM-2 to C-N (Z-2019-02-00058) recommend approval by Zoning Commission.**

**Tracie Schillace**, informed Council this is an existing Nursing Home (Heritage Manor) in the process of selling the property to another business they realized zoning does not conform to current use.

**Councilwoman Gonzales:** The location of property?

**Tracie Schillace:** It's on S. Oak Street pass up Zemurray Park.

**Steven Leon:** will there be something different or new

**Tracie Schillace:** This will be for the elderly on the same level as it is now

**Councilwoman Gonzales:** It meets all requirements for commercial zoning?

**Tracie Schillace:** Yes

**There were no other comments:**

**2. An Ordinance to adopt and establish a Tax on all the taxable property within the Corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2019.**

Public Works:	2.00 Mills
General Fund:	9.04 Mills
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**Jinnie Wilson**, informed Council the millage rate is adopted each year by state law.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, thanked Jinnie Wilson for the summary.

**There were no public comments**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
March 26, 2019  
5:30pm at Conclusion of Public Hearing**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Regular Session was called to order by Council President, Carlee Gonzales @ 5:35pm
- II. ROLL CALL:** Kip Andrews (P), Carlee White Gonzales (P), Devon Wells (P), Sam DiVittorio (P), Steven Leon (P)
- III. PRAYER:** Councilman Kip Andrews
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.  
Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales
- V. REPORTS:**
- 1. Council:**
- Councilman Kip Andrews:** On April 6, 2019 from 10am to 12:30pm will be conducting a neighborhood Cleanup in District #1 will meet @ MLK Park
- Councilwoman Gonzales:** Commended the City for projects that are currently taking place.
- 2. Mayor: - Recognized Holy Ghost cheerleaders who are National Champions**
- A. Holy Ghost Cheerleaders:** Mayor read proclamation congratulating cheerleaders
- 3. Recognition of New Businesses: NONE**
- VI. Minutes of March 11, 2019:** There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Steven Leon to approve the minutes of March 11, 2019.
- Vote:** Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y).  
**Motion Approved 5-0**
- VII. Minutes of March 12, 2019:** There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Same DiVittorio to approve the minutes of March 12, 2019.
- Vote:** Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y).  
**Motion Approved 5-0**

## VIII. RESOLUTIONS

### A. OLD BUSINESS:

#### 1. Appeal by Spencer Rossie of the decision of the Hammond Historic District Commission denying his application for relocation of the properties at 207 West Morris Avenue and 211 West Morris Avenue.

Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales: Informed every one of the format for the hearing.

\*Jennie Garcia- Director of the Hammond Historic: will provide overview of the Commission, review of application, information received and decisions by commission.

\* Questions by the Council

\* Applicant Mr. Rossie or Representative state the position

\* Allow questions by Council

\* Public Input

\*Final time for applicant on Final thoughts

Jennie Garcia, Applicant first requested demolition which was denied. The applicant then asked for relocation which was denied. She informed Council that the Commission consist of 7 Commissioners. On March 7, 2019 Ms. Garcia emailed all City Council Members the HHDC Appeal Packet concerning the Denial decision. She reviewed information from that packet concerning 207 & 211 W. Morris Ave.

**Councilwoman Gonzales:** homes are not on the Hammond National register Historic District

**Jennie Garcia:** Correct

**Councilwoman Gonzales:** Is there some entity other than the HHDC which has said these homes are historic in nature.

**Jennie Garcia:** State Historic Preservation office

**Jennifer Lee,** Representative for Spencer Rossie: applicant grandfather owned both homes and was built for investment purposes not built for historical significance.

These homes were built for investment and were built before WWII the families never lived in the homes.

She stated there are 3 points:

1. Mr. Rossie has agreed to relocate and met all guidelines
2. Decision is inconsistent with purpose of district
3. The homes are not of historic interest with no distinctive architectural style.

**Councilman Sam DiVittorio** asked how many members are on the HHDC Board

**Jennie Garcia** all 7 members voted to deny

**Sam DiVittorio** What is the City Administration position

**Lacy Landrum** defers to Council

**Mayor** Board is looking for the best interest of the City

**Councilman Devon Wells** are both homes registered?

**Jennifer Lee** no their not registered

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

**Nicole Dillon, Seale Ross :** owner of buildings in the Historic District and she's in support of request to renovate & relocate the homes.

**Greg Drude, 111 North Oak Street:** local real estate agent no significance to buildings

**Melanie Rickets, local Historian & Preservationist:** These homes are endangered in the district and are disappearing daily. The buildings contribute to the Historian look of the district.

**Melvin McElwee:** These homes must show history these are just older homes

**Andrew Gasaway, Architect:** Original member of Historic District and it was for economic development and precedence has already been set.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Devon Wells to take under advisement the Appeal by Spencer Rossie of the decision of the Hammond Historic District Commission denying his application for relocation of the properties at 207 West Morris Avenue and 211 West Morris Avenue.

**Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y).**

**Motion 5-0 To Take Under Advisement**

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. A resolution to accept "Drainage Improvements [FY 2018]" (Project #420-11806) as substantially complete and to begin the 45-day lien period.** Chuck Spangler, informed Council they recommend substantial completion acceptance withholding 10% retainage and commencing 45 day lien period for Project# 420-11806

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**Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y).**

**Motion Approved 5-0**

**2. A resolution to appoint Kylan Douglas to the Planning & Zoning Commission to complete an existing four-year term that will end on June 14, 2022.** Mayor Panepinto, Kylan Douglas grew up in Hammond, attended Southern University in Baton Rouge and receive Engineering Degree. He came back home to work where he grew up and he would be replacing Stanley Young.

**Kylan Douglas:** thanked Mayor for appointment and he looks forward to working with Commission.

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**Motion Approved 5-0**

**3. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$51,000 Traffic Safety Grant application for Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, and Juvenile Underage Drinking Enforcement.** Charles W. Borchers IV, this grant is applied for every year. Charles Borchers stated he spoke with the Police Chief and he's in support of the grant.

There was a motion by Councilman Sam DiVittorio and second by Councilman Devon Wells to support the submission of a \$51,000 Traffic Safety Grant application for Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, and Juvenile Underage Drinking Enforcement.

**Vote: Kip Andrews (0), Carlee Gonzales (0), Devon Wells (0), Sam DiVittorio (0), Steven Leon (0).**

**Motion Approved 5-0**

**4. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$54,275 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant application to establish a voluntary intervention, support, and mentoring program for juveniles at risk of entering the criminal justice system.** Charles W. Borchers IV, informed Council that Lieutenant Jammie Hauck brought this grant to the department and Police Chief Edwin Bergeron is in support. This will establish a voluntary intervention, support, and mentoring program for juveniles that are at risk.

There was a motion by Councilman Steven Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to support the submission of a \$54,275 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant application to establish a voluntary intervention, support, and mentoring program for juveniles at risk of entering the criminal justice system.

**Vote: Kip Andrews (0), Carlee Gonzales (0), Devon Wells (0), Sam DiVittorio (0), Steven Leon (0).**

**Motion Approved 5-0**

**IX. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:**

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Vote: Kip Andrews (), Carlee Gonzales (), Devon Wells (), Sam DiVittorio (), Steven Leon ().

Motion Approved 5-0

**X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**

**XI. ADJOURN:** There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Steven Leon to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor.

**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 **March 26, 2019**  
BEING **5 PAGES** IN LENGTH

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**TONIA BANKS**  
**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK**

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**PRESIDENT, CARLEE WHITE GONZALES**  
**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL**

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