

Hammond City Council Members

Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales – President
Councilman Sam DiVittorio- Vice President
Councilman Devon Wells
Councilman Kip Andrews
Councilman Steve Leon

City Council Clerk

Tonia Banks



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
November 12, 2019
5:30pm**

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

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **Introduction of an Ordinance regarding Dogs.** Councilman Sam DiVittorio, stated he proposed an ordinance revision there were no penalties in place for any loose dogs.

Louse Bostic, 112 Elm asked for a copy of ordinance

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated the ordinance is linked on the City website

Councilman Sam DiVittorio, stated there is a revision to add if a dog is in a dog park or dog area you would not be fined for no leash.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked the City Attorney to explain the ordinance

Andre Coudrain,-City Attorney, explained the ordinance stating this tightens up the current ordinance and requires you to have your dog secured under a control area and if not you have to pay the fines. This will be enforced by Tangipahoa Animal Control there will be no city employees who will be enforcing it. It is a violation to have your dog unrestrained. If it's an area that the City has designated as a dog park the dog does not have to be restrained and currently the only designated area in the City is Zemurray Park. The ordinance does require owners to have the dog vaccinated - any dog over 3months. The fine is for the first offense not less than \$100 no more than \$250, second offense not less \$250 no more than \$500, third offense not less than \$500 nor more than \$1000 plus other cost that accrues with Animal Control for animal care.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy., 190 West, does this apply to people walking dogs in City limits?

Councilman Sam DiVittorio, yes this is what's being addressed and assist with problem with post office employees.

There were no other public comments



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
November 12, 2019
6:00pm or at Conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Carlee White Gonzales called the Public Hearing to order at 5:45pm

II. ROLL CALL: Kip Andrews (P), Carlee White Gonzales (P), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (P), Steve 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, Dec. 6 District 1 Cleanup is Sat., December 7th, 2019 at MLK Park

Councilwoman Gonzales, recognized residents of District #2 regarding crime. She also offered to have a Town hall Meeting on December 3rd, 2019 for District #2 Residents.

Charles Johnson – 604 S. Cherry Street, Hammond La., thanked Councilman Andrews, Councilwoman Gonzales, & Chief Bergeron for being responsive. On last week at 606 S. Cherry Street a burglar broke in and stole (2) vintage firearms that was passed down from his father. The major point is crime in this area and it's getting worse and something has to be done. Mr. Johnson stated according to the Department of Justice website property crime is about 400% over what the national average for a city of this size. There is a problem and we're sick of it and would like to see more open communication with residents and police department. A proactive approach is needed and asked to have a South Cherry Council to come up with a plan.

Police Chief- Edwin Bergeron, stated he spoke with Mr. Johnson several times and he feels the frustration. It takes time to resolve problems but, he is willing to sit down and meet to have that line of communication.

Mayor: asked Chief Bergeron to elaborate how easy it is for juveniles to get out of jail

Chief Bergeron, it's a revolving door in and out of jail

Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales, stated she's able to meet December 3, 2019 in Council Chambers at 5:30pm and asked to publish in the paper for District #2 residents.

Charlene Johnson- 604 S. Cherry Street, the neighborhood has been proactive and they do have Facebook and the residents stay in touch every single day. She see kids on bikes not in school which should be Truancy and asked why they are not picked up. Bikes should be registered with police department and she would like to see this enforced. There are children that are breaking in homes in the neighborhood.

2. Mayor: asked people to get out to Vote on Saturday, November 16, 2019

He stated there is an important vote on the ballot on the Sewer Treatment loan this would keep the City of Hammond in compliance with the State.

VI. Minutes of October 22, 2019: There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the minutes of October 22, 2019.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Appeal by One Thirteen Hospitality, LLC of a decision of the Hammond Historic District Commission for an addition to the north façade of the building located at 113 North Oak Street application denied on September 18, 2019.

Councilman Steve Leon, asked Ms. Lee and Ms. Garcia if they had a chance to revisit after last council meeting?

Jeannie Garcia, stated no

Ralph Ross- 505 E. Robert Street, Hammond- stated all the time he's been in Hammond he has never seen a decision of the Hammond Historic District decision overturned. He sees two Elements in this issue: (1). someone wanted to do something and didn't follow procedures (2) was the building adversely affected from an historic perspective. If the council overturns the Hammond Historic District decision there should be some precision on what the council says so it could serve as guidelines.

Jeannie Garcia- 219 E. Robert Street, every application should apply for Certificate of Appropriateness. The applicant is aware of the rules and guidelines. The Council should not allow applicants to avoid the rules and asked the Council to order the Façade to be restored by January 12, 2020.

Jennifer Lee, representative of 113 Hospitality, LLC- basis of the appeal is that the work meets the UDC guidelines and thinks the HDC decision is based on the prior behavior of the applicant. They made an effort to meet with Ms. Garcia but, unfortunately were unable to meet. Ms. Lee requested that the decision of HDC be reversed & a COA be issued.

Councilman Sam DiVittorio, did 113 file for an application before they did the design of the job?

Jennifer Lee, no

Councilman Sam DiVittorio, does the work meet the Historic guidelines?

Jeannie Garcia, no

Jennifer Lee, stated this is the disagreement and feels it meets the guidelines.

Councilman Sam DiVittorio, asked was there was a fine and has it been paid?

Jennifer Lee, there is a fine but, it has not been paid

Mayor, the original plans were applied for and permitted

Pierre Theriot, yes, he drew plans after the work was done and agrees with Jennifer Lee.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to overturn the decision of the Hammond Historic District Commission for an addition to the north façade of the building located at 113 North Oak Street

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (N), Steve Leon (Y). **Motion Approved 3-1 Decision of HDC Reversed**

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to approve Tacos and Beer location change from 201 E. Thomas Street to 207 E. Thomas Street, Hammond, La. 70403 and approve relocation for High/Low alcohol permit. Owners, JG Valencia, LLC. Jinee Wilson, stated this is an alcohol license that already exists they are moving (2) doors down. They have met all inspections and also it is subject to State approval.

Jose Valencia, Owner-Present

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve Tacos and Beer location change from 201 E. Thomas Street to 207 E. Thomas Street, Hammond, La. 70403 and approve relocation for High/Low alcohol permit. Owners, JG Valencia, LLC.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

2. A resolution to authorize the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club to host and serve alcohol on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 10:00am until 3:00pm for the Chili Cook-off within the downtown parking lots on the west side of the railroad tracks and bounded by Coleman Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Morris Ave., and the railroad tracks. Lacy Landrum, spoke as a member of the Rotary Club and the Club would like to serve alcohol for the Chili Cook off.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club to host and serve alcohol on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 10:00am until 3:00pm for the Chili Cook-off within the downtown parking lots on the west side of the railroad tracks and bounded by Coleman Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Morris Ave., and the railroad tracks.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

3. A resolution to authorize the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club to obtain a Waiver of the Open Container Law on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 10:00am until 3:00pm for the Chili Cook-off within the downtown parking lots on the west side of the railroad tracks and bounded by Coleman Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Morris Ave., and the railroad tracks. Lacy Landrum, representing the Club requested a waiver of the Open Container Law.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club to obtain a Waiver of the Open Container Law on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 10:00am until 3:00pm for the Chili Cook-off within the downtown parking lots on the west side of the railroad tracks and bounded by Coleman Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Morris Ave., and the railroad tracks.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

4. A resolution to purchase a Generac Industrial Model SG300 Generator for the Water & Sewer Department on State Contract# 4400013661 from ARCCO Power Systems in the amount of \$87,368.68. Jana Thurman, presented this item and informed the Council the funds were approved in this year's budget to replace a generator that was installed in 2001 and is no longer in service and the contract is on State contract.

Councilman Leon, asked if generation maintenance is done in-house

Jana Thurman, maintenance work will be done by Cummings

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to purchase a Generac Industrial Model SG300 Generator for the Water & Sewer Department on State Contract# 4400013661 from ARCCO Power Systems in the amount of \$87,368.68.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

5. A resolution to purchase four (4) License Plate Camera systems including installation in the amount of \$53,764.00 (State Contract 4400011241). Jana Thurman, stated this is also a State contract item. There is no local vendor that can provide a quote. The police department has the money available in court awarded cash and she is asking permission to proceed with the purchase.

Police Chief Edwin Bergeron- stated this be a license plate reader system and will be at 4 locations. This will alert systems for any stolen cars and used for crimes such as armed robberies. Also, being on State contract we have access to other cameras in the other areas. The money will come from court awarded funds.

Frank DiVittorio, asked if there are any procedures for controlling access by the police department

Chief Bergeron, stated each department will have user names and a log in which will determine if the system is being misused. The city will mirror the City of Baton Rouge policy.

Sal Nicolosi, asked where will the cameras be located?

Chief Edwin Bergeron, stated the city will decide but the locations will not be disclosed for law enforcement reasons

Rueben Evans, Natchez Street Hammond, asked if this is for traffic violations

Chief Edwin Bergeron, replied no

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to purchase four (4) License Plate Camera systems including installation in the amount of \$53,764.00 (State Contract 4400011241).

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

6. A resolution to accept the proposed health insurance package for calendar year 2020. Henry Powell, 110 W. Morris, Hammond- stated this is for the annual renewal for employee benefits for the City of Hammond. The renewal for Blue Cross Blue Shield 2020 calendar year came back at a 19% increase. This was sent out for proposals and the City did not receive any competitive bids but there were other options from Blue Cross. There was a committee of City employees that recommended option 1 that increase the deductible by \$500 single/ \$1000 family with the City continually assisting employee with the deductible- this will create a 11.1% increase to the City and additionally deductible funding for employees calculated at \$84,000 total increase of 14.2% to employees. He stated the recommendation will be Option 1 with the total increase of 14.28%.

Lacy Landrum, stated the City is at most looking at \$40,000 come the end of the year to add to the budget for this and recommends that the City waits until the audit is complete and see how the claims are closed at the end of the year. If we need the budget adjustment - it will brought closer to April or May.

Henry Powell, additional funding for deductibles would be needed - this is calculated off of historical averages and will be an additional \$84,000 of funding that would be utilized.

Lacy Landrum, stated the amount needed depends on the fund balance in the account at year end

Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales, agrees with option 1

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve Option 1 from Blue Cross for the proposed health insurance package for calendar year 2020.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

7. A resolution to approve Change Order No. 1 (Final) on “Drainage Improvements [FY2019]” (Project No. 420-11908) for an increase of \$28,650.25. Kylan Douglas, stated this is for approval of Change Order No.1 fiscal year 2019 this addresses the issue in the Pine Hill Subdivision, Whitmar Acres, Timberlane, and along Old Baton Rouge Hwy.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if there money within the budget for this increase

Kylan Douglas, stated yes

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon to approve Change Order No. 1 (Final) on “Drainage Improvements [FY2019]” (Project No. 420-11908) for an increase of \$28,650.25

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

8. A resolution to accept work as substantially complete on “Drainage Improvements [FY2019]” (Project No. 420-11908) commencing 45-day Lien Period and withholding 10% retainage. Kylan Douglas, stated this is the same project and once the substantially completion is signed the 45-day lien period began.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Kip Andrews resolution to accept work as substantially complete on “Drainage Improvements [FY2019]” (Project No. 420-11908) commencing 45-day Lien Period and withholding 10% retainage.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

9. A resolution to approve Budget Change Form 20-02 combining “SSES Iowa & University Place Subdivision” and “Sewer Rehab/ CIPP Work” into existing (Project No. 616-11904 “Sewer & Drainage SSES FY 2019”). Kylan Douglas, informed the Council this is an ongoing Sewer and Drainage Project – the current appropriation is \$50,000, the SSES Iowa & University Place Subd., current appropriation is \$60,000, and Sewer Rehab/Cipp Work appropriation \$150,000 with the total of \$260,000 to address the additional work to add to this project.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon resolution to approve Budget Change Form 20-02 combining “SSES Iowa & University Place Subdivision” and “Sewer Rehab/ CIPP Work” into existing (Project No. 616-11904 “Sewer & Drainage SSES FY 2019”).

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y.) Motion Approved 4-0

10. A resolution to accept for review proposals for the garbage and recycling contracts. Lacy Landrum, presented this item informing the Council proposals were received on October 31, 2019. The purpose is to make the public aware and open up for discussion because this will be a 4-1/2 year contract. There were several options bid with Amwaste, Richard’s Disposal, Inc., Waste Management, and Waste Pro. This is intended to be jointly awarded with Ponchatoula to get best price and would like to get contract awarded at the next Council meeting. Recycle items have changed and many items are not accepted and most items are going to the landfills.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to accept and review proposals for the garbage and recycling contracts

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

11. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$23,700.43 grant application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for rescue equipment. Charles W. Borchers IV, stated this grant is to purchase life-saving equipment including a rescue tripod and vehicle-lifting air bags.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon supporting the submission of a \$23,700.43 grant application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for rescue equipment.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

12. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$17,000 grant application to the Local Government Assistance Program for improvements to the Hammond City Council Chambers. Charles W. Borchers IV, stated this grant will provide for renovations to the Hammond City Council and other governmental buildings such as digital projection equipment, blinds, and wall mounted displays.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio supporting the submission of a \$17,000 grant application to the Local Government Assistance Program for improvements to the Hammond City Council Chambers.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

13. A resolution authorizing Tonia Banks, Hammond City Council Clerk, to certify signatories and signatures for the City of Hammond's Fiscal Year 2019–20 Local Government Assistance Program grant application/project. Charles W. Borchers IV, stated this is to certify the signatories and their signatures by a resolution of the grantee's governing body and this is required by the State.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing Tonia Banks, Hammond City Council Clerk, to certify signatories and signatures for the City of Hammond's Fiscal Year 2019–20 Local Government Assistance Program grant application/project.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

14. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$28,000 grant application to the Community Water Enrichment Fund to purchase water sampling stations. Charles W. Borchers IV, stated this is to apply for dollars to purchase water sampling stations to upgrade Hammond's 48 sampling sites and to provide for safe and clean drinking water in Hammond.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon supporting the submission of a \$28,000 grant application to the Community Water Enrichment Fund to purchase water sampling stations

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

15. A resolution authorizing Tonia Banks, Hammond City Council Clerk, to certify signatories and signatures for the City of Hammond's Fiscal Year 2019–20 Community Water Enrichment Fund grant application/project. Charles W. Borchers IV, stated this is to certify the signatories and their signatures by a resolution of the grantee's governing body and this is required by the State.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing Tonia Banks, Hammond City Council Clerk, to certify signatories and signatures for the City of Hammond's Fiscal Year 2019–20 Community Water Enrichment Fund grant application/project.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

16. A resolution approving Change Order No. 5 (Final) for "Zemurray Park Pool Renovation" (Project 11717) for final materials and quantities in the amount of \$6,730. Charles W. Borchers IV, stated unforeseen underground obstructions were found and railings were needed.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if is there is money in the budget for this

Charles Borchers, replied yes, they are looking to use money from available funds in capital improvement projects

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio approving Change Order No. 5 (Final) for "Zemurray Park Pool Renovation" (Project 11717) for final materials and quantities in the amount of \$6,730.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

17. A resolution approving the Mayor to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of Hammond, Hammond Area Economic and Industrial Development District, and GMEL, LLC for the design, bid and construction of water and sewer improvements along Pride Drive with each entity paying a third of the project costs, estimated at a total cost of \$105,000, and with the City's portion estimated at \$35,000. Lacy Landrum, stated there is a project looking at 65 new jobs that would be coming to the area. The developer will put up a third, the City will put in third with your permission tonight, and the Hammond Areal Economic and Industrial Development has already approved their 3rd of funding. The goal is to run the Sewer line so that it will touch the HAEID property and the other properties along Pride Drive to complete the sewer.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio approving the Mayor to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of Hammond, Hammond Area Economic and Industrial Development District, and GMEL, LLC for the design, bid and construction of water and sewer improvements along Pride Drive with each entity paying a third of the project costs, estimated at a total cost of \$105,000, and with the City's portion estimated at \$35,000

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

18. A resolution to transfer \$35,000 from available water/sewer funds (61636000 – 560330) to a new project named "Pride Drive Water/Sewer" (Project #12024). Lacy Landrum, stated this would fund the CEA and the funds will come from closed out Water & Sewer projects and anticipate more surplus fund to meet other project needs.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to transfer \$35,000 from available water/sewer funds (61636000 – 560330) to a new project named "Pride Drive Water/Sewer" (Project #12024).

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

19. A resolution to transfer \$113,000 from Available/Surplus funds (42015800 – 560330) into the "Martin Luther King Parking Improvements" project. Lacy Landrum, stated this is for parking lot improvements and this is for concrete not asphalt as originally proposed.

Kylan Douglas, stated asphalt would need to be repaired every 5 years with concrete would be about 20 years.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to TABLE the transfer \$113,000 from Available/Surplus funds (42015800 – 560330) into the "Martin Luther King Parking Improvements" project so item #20 could first be considered.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion to Table approved 4-0

The board returned back to #19 for vote:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the transfer \$113,000 from Available/Surplus funds (42015800 – 560330) into the "Martin Luther King Parking Improvements" project.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Absent), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 3-0

20. A resolution to ratify bids and award a contract for “Martin Luther King Parking Improvements”. Kylan Douglas, stated this is for the award of concrete improvements. Contract A for Asphalt -RWB contracting, LLC \$172,567.00 and Contract B for Concrete -M & O Construction, LLC \$247,440.00. The recommendation is for concrete with awarding the bid to M & O Construction, LLC.

Councilman Kip Andrews, stated he believes concrete will be better

Reuban Evans, asked about the location of the park and what events are usually held.

Mayor Panepinto, stated he recommends concrete

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve Contract B to M& O Construction, LLC for “Martin Luther King Parking Improvements”.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (N), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 3-1

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to take #19 off the table. Councilman DiVittorio then left the meeting

21. A resolution to authorize the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve alcohol during the event Starry November Night, held on Friday, November 15, 2019 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St. and N. and S. Pine St. Olivia Graziano, stated this request is for the Council to approve alcohol being served at Starry Nights

Councilman DiVittorio returned to the meeting

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve alcohol during the event Starry November Night, held on Friday, November 15, 2019 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St. and N. and S. Pine St.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

22. A resolution to grant a Waiver of the City of Hammond’s Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants during the event Starry November Night, held on Friday, November 15, 2019 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St. and N. and S. Pine St. Olivia Graziano, requested a waiver of the Open Container Law.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to grant a Waiver of the City of Hammond’s Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants during the event Starry November Night, held on Friday, November 15, 2019 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St. and N. and S. Pine St

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1.A Final adoption of an ordinance regarding dogs

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the proposed Dog ordinance with the change to exclude areas designed by the City as a dog park or dog area from the ordinance.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction to an Ordinance to rezone the following properties from RS-11.A to RS-11 located at 2445 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 2247 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 2409 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 501 Del Mar Blvd, 603 Del Mar Blvd., 602 Del Mar Blvd., 2501 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 43418 Willow Villa Road, and 2200 Rue Denise as a requested by the City of Hammond and all in accordance with legal descriptions and surveys. (Z-2019-09-00066 Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission) Tracie Schillace, stated properties were annexed with default zoning and the change will not allow mobile homes but, everything else is the same. There are obtaining signatures from lot owners.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated this will protect home owners in Villa West

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to rezone the following properties from RS-11.A to RS-11 located at 2445 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 2247 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 2409 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 501 Del Mar Blvd, 603 Del Mar Blvd., 602 Del Mar Blvd., 2501 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 43418 Willow Villa Road, and 2200 Rue Denise as a requested by the City of Hammond and all in accordance with legal descriptions and surveys. (Z-2019-09-00066 Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission)

**Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved to Introduce 4-0
Public Hearing is set for November 26, 2018**

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn. 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 **November 12, 2019 BEING **10 PAGES** IN LENGTH**

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

**TONIA BANKS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK**

**PRESIDENT, CARLEE GONZALES
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL**

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