



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
December 10, 2019
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Council President, Carlee Gonzales called Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm
- II. ROLL CALL:** Carlee Gonzales (P), Devon Wells (P), Steve Leon (P), Sam DiVittorio (P), Kip Andrews (P).
- III. PUBLIC HEARING:** NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
December 10, 2019
6:00pm or at the conclusion of Public Hearing**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Council President, Carlee Gonzales called regular session to order at 5:31pm
- II. ROLL CALL:** Carlee Gonzales (P), Devon Wells (P), Steve Leon (P), Sam DiVittorio (P), Kip Andrews (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 Steve Leon, thanked Robert Morgan and the streets department for replacing the streets lights in his area.

Councilman Kip Andrews, thanked KHB Team, schools, and students that came out on Saturday for the District #1 Cleanup day.

Councilman Devon Wells, working with Police Chief, Edwin Bergeron that everyone would be comfortable when stopped by the police.

2. Mayor:

Lacy Landrum, the miniature train is running in Zemurray every Friday from 6pm to 9pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 5pm to 9pm the last day for the train is December 22, 2019.

Cate Square Park, has 17 trees that was decorated by Hammond School students

Christmas parade has been moved to December 20, 2019 at 5:30pm

Property taxes are going out late this year due to new software at the Assessor's office that did not communicate with the City's Software.

Councilman Sam DiVittorio, asked if the public notified of the late notice for City's tax

Lacy Landrum, spoke with Daily Star and they will be running information along with information being placed on the City's page, Facebook page.

The City is finalizing a short video for the garbage and recycling details those new services will start January 1st, 2020 and will be posted on the City's website, Facebook page, and included in City's water bills.

VI. Minutes of November 26, 2019: There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Sam DiVittorio to approve the minutes of November 26, 2016.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to accept work as substantially complete on "Chevy Well" (Project No. 616-11803), commencing the 45-day lien period and withholding 10% retaining. Lacy Landrum, requesting to accept this project as substantially complete with all improvements done to the Chevy Well and there is no Final Change order.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Steve Leon to accept work as substantially complete on "Chevy Well" (Project No. 616-11803), commencing the 45-day lien period and withholding 10% retaining.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y).
Motion Approved 5-0

2. A resolution to transfer up to \$70,000 from the Grant Match Fund (208) for the purchase of land for the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. These funds are the City's match for a \$1 million DOTD-Aviation grant and \$230,000 from other private and public entities. Lacy Landrum, presented this item and informed the Council this is up to \$70,000.00 and only will transfer what is actually needed and asking Council for the authority. This is contingent on the land purchase.

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Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y).
Motion Approved 5-0

3. A resolution to approve Change Order #2, Sewer System Rehabilitation [FY2018 LCDBG], adding 60 calendar days to the contract term (no change in contract price)". Chuck Spangler, informed the Council that this a Sewer grant in Councilman Wells District #3 from Mooney to Morrison, and from 190 North to Palmetto and its 95% complete. The contract time is not over and will apply additional time this is just an increase in days.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Devon Wells to approve Change Order #2, Sewer System Rehabilitation [FY2018 LCDBG], adding 60 calendar days to the contract term (no change in contract price)".

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y).
Motion Approved 5-0

4. A resolution to appoint Guy Recotta to the Hammond Airport Authority Board for a five-year term from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2024. Lacy Landrum, stated Mr. Recotta will be an asset to the board and will be completing the term of Olaf Ross who has moved out of state.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to appoint Guy Recotta to the Hammond Airport Authority Board for a five-year term from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2024.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y).
Motion Approved 5-0

5. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$5,000 grant application to the Walmart Local Community Grant Program for improvements to Zemurray Dog Park. Charles W. Borchers IV, stated Wal Mart distribution center will support this grant and the City is looking at seating, waste receptacles, watering stations, and possible washing stations in the Dog Park.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Sam DiVittorio supporting the submission of a \$5,000 grant application to the Walmart Local Community Grant Program for improvements to Zemurray Dog Park.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y).
Motion Approved 5-0

6. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$1,400 grant application to the Kars4Kids Small Grant Program to purchase STEM education kits for the HOPE Afterschool Program.

Charles W. Borchers IV, stated this is a non-profit that collects used vehicles and uses the proceeds to support different community activities. He stated he spoke with the Recreation Director, Desiree Dotey and they will submit in the amount of \$1400 this will be for science technology, and Engineering Math Education kits.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Sam DiVittorio supporting the submission of a \$1,400 grant application to the Kars4Kids Small Grant Program to purchase STEM education kits for the HOPE Afterschool Program.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y).
Motion Approved 5-0

7. A resolution to accept "Miller Memorial Library Restoration, Phase I—Roof Replacement" (Project 31611) as substantially complete and to begin the 45-day lien period. Charles W. Borchers IV, informed the Council this will start the 45 day lien period and it's within budget.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to accept "Miller Memorial Library Restoration, Phase I—Roof Replacement" (Project 31611) as substantially complete and to begin the 45-day lien period.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y).
Motion Approved 5-0

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to enter into an act of sale for the purchase by the City of 19.35 acres, more or less, and all improvements, along the southerly side of US Hwy. 190; the easterly side of Gahn Lane and westerly side of Wainwright Road in Section 21, T6S, R8E, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana from Robert A. Maurin, III and Jamestown, Inc. for the price of \$1,300,000.00. Lacy Landrum, this is to correct and extend the runway and to cure a safety issue. DOTD Aviation is pledging a \$1 Million grant toward purchase the Mayor has sought public and private funds for the purchase.

Councilman Sam DiVittorio, what is the max size airplane that could land at the airport

Lacy Landrum, will have the information for the Public Hearing

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Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y).
Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0

Public Hearing is set for Monday, December 23, 2019

2. Introduction of an ordinance authorizing the issuance by the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana of its Taxable Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2020, in an amount not to exceed Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000), prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof; entering into certain other covenants and agreements in connection with the security and payment of said Bonds; selling said Bonds to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund; authorizing the execution of a Loan and Pledge Agreement and the other loan documents with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality; providing for the delivery of the Bonds to said Department; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Lacy Landrum, stated this is to take out the bonds which will be for the financing for the City Sewer Improvements that was approved by the voters on November 16, 2019.

This is a 20 year loan .95% interest

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if adopted what is the timeline?

Lacy Landrum, hoping to close in January or early February.

There was a motion by **Councilman Kip Andrews** and second by **Councilman Steve Leon** to introduce an ordinance authorizing the issuance by the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana of its Taxable Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2020, in an amount not to exceed Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000), prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof; entering into certain other covenants and agreements in connection with the security and payment of said Bonds; selling said Bonds to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund; authorizing the execution of a Loan and Pledge Agreement and other loan documents with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality; providing for the delivery of the Bonds to said Department; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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3. Introduction of an ordinance to amend the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in accordance with the procedures set within Section 5-03 of the City of Hammond Charter.

Syeda Naeem, this is required for variances over 5% of budget.

Lacy Landrum, Council has been provided the current status of the budget that list all the departments and the list of the revenue and the budget is looking good for the year.

There was a motion by **Councilman Steve Leon** and second by **Councilman Kip Andrews** to Introduce an Ordinance to amend the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in accordance with the procedures set within Section 5-03 of the City of Hammond Charter.

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

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X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Persons needing accommodations or assistance should contact City Council Clerk Tonia Banks at 985-277-5610. Request should be made at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.