



HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
December 23, 2019
5:30pm

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

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. 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, RSE, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana from Robert A. Maurin, III and Jamestown, Inc. for the price of \$1,300,000.00. Lacy Landrum, this is an ongoing effort.. The City is matching a DOTD Grant of \$1 million and additional funds of \$230,000 were raised from private and public entities. The City will remove trees from the land to allow use of 690 useable feet of runway. This is an economic development project for the City, and also for the safety of aircraft using the airport.

David Lobue, this expands the runway and will allow growth potential and impacts safety.

Tony Michelli, Retired FAA Inspector and flight evaluator: 44418 W. Pleasant Ridge Road, Hammond. Stated this is for safety which is his interest.

Mr. Michelli stated the City is now losing 700 ft. of runway and the reason why Hammond has a Wal-Mart is because of the airport and this is the same for other businesses.

Councilman Sam DiVittorio, asked the difference in plane sizes which will be able to land

David Lobue, stated the airport can land medium size aircraft and the potential is there to add larger aircraft with other improvements

Tony Michelli, stated the size of the aircraft does not matter- it is a safety issue. He stated this would be able to land larger aircrafts and would receive more money from the FAA if the airport is in compliance.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain: stated the Mayor has solicited and received money from private individuals, businesses, and public entities and agreements are signed. The private entities have a donation to the Hammond Airshow Foundation those funds are held in his Trust account for the purpose of funding the purchase of this property in the amount of \$180,000. There is \$50,000 pledged from Tangi Tourism that will be available after the first of the year and the total in his Trust account will be \$230,000 to use toward the purchase of the property. The terms of the sale were circulated to Council members

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked City Attorney Coudrain to confirm there is no legal impediment for the Hammond Airshow donating that money for the purpose of the City purchasing the land.

Andre Coudrain, stated there is no problem

Lacy Landrum, stated this is a lifetime opportunity for \$1 million and the money will expire if not used

There were no public comments

2. 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. David Wolf, authorization for City to issue the bonds which was approved by election. The loan will be repaid in 20 yrs., the interest rate is .45% and DEQ charges .5% administrative fee and the total interest is .95% on this loan. This will be payable from revenue of the Sewer System - no new taxes are needed. This will probably be ready for delivery about February 1, 2020.

There were no public comments

3. 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, stated this is required to amend budget for any variance over 5% of budget

There were no public comments



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
December 23, 2019
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Carlee Gonzales called Regular Session to order at 6:00pm

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

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 wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year and thanked everyone in District 1 for their support and recognized Alma Mitchell for going above and beyond to help a citizen.

Councilman Sam DiVittorio, wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales, stated the City parade was great and the City employees picked up the litter immediately. The train ride in Zemmurray Park is great and would like to wish everyone a Men-y Christmas.

2. Mayor: thanked all the Council members and wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

VI. Minutes of December 10, 2019: There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Sam DiVittorio to approve the minutes of December 10, 2019.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$15,000 KaBOOM! Let's Play Community Construction grant application for a new playground in Mooney Park; and 2) supporting a cash match of at least \$24,000. Charles Borchers, presented this item informing the Council that this a grant to be used toward the purchase of playground equipment for Mooney park.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Steve Leon to approve a resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$15,000 KaBOOM! Let's Play Community Construction grant application for a new playground in Mooney Park; and 2) supporting a cash match of at least \$24,000.

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

2. A resolution to approve the appointment of Elsbet Hollywood representing the Greater Hammond Chamber of Commerce, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021. Chelsea Tallo, presented this item and stated this is the Greater Hammond Chamber nominee and is happy to have her a part of the board if the Council approves.

Elsbet Hollywood: 711 North Oak Street, Hammond Louisiana, thanked the Council for being considered for the position.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to approve the appointment of Elsbet Hollywood representing the Greater Hammond Chamber of Commerce, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

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

3. A resolution to approve the appointment of Cassie Ragan representing the Mayor of Hammond, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021. Chelsea Tallo, stated Cassie was nominated by the Mayor

Mayor Panepinto, asked Mrs. Ragan to continue on the DDD Board and she has done a great job.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to approve the appointment of Cassie Ragan representing the Mayor of Hammond, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

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

4. A resolution to approve the appointment of a representative of the Eastside Property Owners, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021. Chelsea Tallo, stated there are 2 nominees from Eastside property owners- or Frank DiVittorio and Justin Thornhill. Both nominees have served on the DDD Board and they are both great candidates.

Frank DiVittorio, stated he has been on the DDD Board, works downtown, invests in downtown, and is familiar with downtown.

Chelsea Tallo stated Justin Thornhill is sick and unable to attend the meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to appoint Frank DiVittorio as the representative of the Eastside Property Owners, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

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

5. A resolution to reappoint Stan Dameron to a five-year term for the Hammond-Tangipahoa Home Mortgage Authority from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024. Lacy Landrum, stated the Hammond Tangipahoa Home Mortgage Authority provides funds for low income individuals to improve or occupy homes.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he is not too familiar with the board and asked is there a write up on the board

Lacy Landrum: there is a brief description on the board on the Legislative of Auditors website

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilwoman Carlee Conzales to reappoint Stan Dameron to a five-year term for the Hammond-Tangipahoa Home Mortgage Authority from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024.

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

6. A resolution to reappoint Andrew Gasaway to a five-year term for the Hammond-Tangipahoa Home Mortgage Authority from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024. Lacy Landrum, recommends the Council reappoint Andrew Gasaway.

Councilman Sam DiVittorio, stated he thinks appointees should show up at City Council Meetings.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to reappoint Andrew Gasaway to a five-year term for the Hammond-Tangipahoa Home Mortgage Authority from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024.

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

7. A resolution to reappoint Sandra Davis to a five-year term for the Hammond-Tangipahoa Home Mortgage Authority from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024. Lacy Landrum, recommends the Council reappoint Sandra Davis.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Steve Leon to reappoint Sandra Davis to a five-year term for the Hammond-Tangipahoa Home Mortgage Authority from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024.

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

8. A resolution to reappoint Stella Remble to a five-year term for the Hammond-Tangipahoa Home Mortgage Authority from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024. Lacy Landrum, recommends the Council reappoint Stella Remble.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to reappoint Stella Remble to a five-year term for the Hammond-Tangipahoa Home Mortgage Authority from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024.

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

9. A resolution to reappoint Susan Seale to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023. Lacy Landrum, stated Ms. Seale is the longest serving commissioner and has been a good board member.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Sam DiVittorio to reappoint Susan Seale to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023

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

Lacy Landrum, stated Howard Nichols has resigned and Mr. Nichols has been a great asset. She informed Council if they have any nominees to send to Jennie Garcia and the City is also advertising.

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption 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.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Steve Leon to adopt 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.

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

2. Final adoption 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 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.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to adopt 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.

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

3. Final adoption 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.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Sam DiVittorio to adopt 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.

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance UDC#14-5364 Article 11.4.2 Street Lighting General Requirements (Case#TA-2019-11-00016) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, the lights will be LED and standards for the illumination would be up to Entergy standards if Entergy takes them.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Steve Leon to introduce an ordinance to amend Ordinance UDC#14-5364 Article 11.4.2 Street Lighting General Requirements (Case#TA-2019-11-00016) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

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

Public Hearing is set for January 14, 2020

2. Introduction of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance UDC#14-5364 Article 12 Floodways, Floodplains, and Storm Water Management to update freeboard requirements and update the drainage design requirements from 10 year storm to 100 year storm (Case#TA-2019-11-00017) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, stated this would be consistent with the Parish and to update for free board requirements.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to introduce an ordinance to amend Ordinance UDC#14-5364 Article 12 Floodways, Floodplains, and Storm Water Management to update freeboard requirements and update the drainage design requirements from 10 year storm to 100 year storm (Case#TA-2019-11-00017) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

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

Public Hearing is set for January 14, 2020

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales and second by Councilman Steve Leon 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 December 23, 2019 BEING 6 PAGES IN LENGTH

TONIA BANKS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, CARLEE GONZALES

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL