

**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  
January 14, 2020  
5:30pm**

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

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

**III. ELECTION:**

**A. President**

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells to elect Councilwoman Gonzales for Council President.**

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

**B. Vice President**

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Leon to elect Councilman DiVittorio for Council Vice President.**

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

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**1. 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, presented this item informing the Council this is to update the UDC code & come in compliance with Entergy requirements

**Louise Bostic, 112 Elm Drive Hammond:** asked if this only applies to existing street lighting or new development.

**Tracie Schillace,** it's for new developments and any replacements or additional lighting.

**Louise Bostic,** asked how replacement lighting or the need for additional lighting is to be addressed?

**Tracie Schillace,** stated she should contact Robert Morgan in the streets department.

**There were no other comments**

**2. 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, asking to update (2) parts of the flood ordinance: (1) Update Freeboard requirements to require 1 foot above base flood for new construction (2) Update current 10yr., design storm requirements to change yrs., to 100 year storm

**There were no comments**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
January 14, 2020  
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

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

**III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews asked for a moment of silence in honor of Amite Mayor Buddy Bell**

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.  
Councilwoman Gonzales**

**V. REPORTS:**

**1. Council:**

**A. E.J. Forgotston – presentation clothing donation collection boxes. Mrs. Forgotston stated she's on the board for Keep Hammond Beautiful & Keep Tangipahoa Parish Beautiful Presented the Council with photos of the local donation boxes in the area. She stated these are eye sores and should not be allowed.**

**Tamara Danel – Director of Ginger Ford Northshore Fuller Center for Housing, spoke to the Council about Ginger Ford Fuller Center donation boxes. Mrs. Danel stated their bins are white and they are locked. The bins don't cause problems - people cause the problems. They have 8 locations within the Hammond City limits and of these locations 3 seem to become overfilled on occasions. Suggestions are to add wording to the bins "If donation bin is full please do not leave your donation here bring donations to the Fuller Center at 955 S. Morrison Blvd. Dumping is prohibited!", add additional bins to popular locations, have employees check excess between pickups and bring excess back to Fuller Center, and advise other companies to put locks on their bins to prevent digging.**

**Councilman Leon- asked if there are there any City regulations or policies.**

**Bobby Mitchell- stated currently there are no permitting or permission on bins.**

**Councilman DiVittorio-asked have all companies with storage bins been contacted**

**Vic Couvillion- President, Keep Hammond Beautiful- would like the Council to appoint one person from their district to join Keep Hammond Beautiful on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 10am - he stated we need your help. He informed the Council he called one of the box owners and got no answer. He stated it's a problem and something has to be done and they need your help.**

**Mayor Panepinto- stated can one person be selected like the Fuller Center**

**City Attorney, Andre Coudrain- one person can't be selected everyone has to have the same rules. These are on private properties the Property owners should be contacted and inform them they're in violation of the litter ordinance & the excessive consumption ordinance may apply and he will have to review more on the question.**

Robert Fields- stated he's contacted the owner of the pink & blue boxes who was out of Dallas and they will be removed.

Councilman Wells- stated if you have a written permission they can be removed

Robert Fields- Winn Dixie is leasing the property but Sterling Properties would be the contact and I have not been able to contact them will have to go by the office.

Councilwoman Gonzales- stated the City will monitor the issue

Mayor- would it be better to have the donation bins on the Fuller Center site?

Councilman Leon- would like this monitored closely

Councilman Sam DiVittorio- asked about issues on Rue St. Martin with cars being parked in the roads

Police, Chief Edwin Bergeron- stated the department sent out warning letters and would prefer not to tow cars

Councilman DiVittorio- asked are there not any tickets for cars being parked in the road

Councilwoman Gonzales- do we not have a system of parking tickets?

Chief Edwin Bergeron- stated no

Councilwoman Gonzales – asked is there an ordinance that would need to be passed?

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain- Yes

Councilman Wells- stated he is having problems with vehicles parking on the sidewalks

Police, Chief Edwin Bergeron- this would be a code enforcement matter

Mayor: stated the Flood Study engineer should be coming to the next meeting or February meeting to address the Council.

**VI. Minutes of December 23, 2019: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of December 23, 2019.**

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

**VII. Minutes of January 6, 2020 Special Council Meeting: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of January 6, 2020 Special Meeting.**

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

## **VIII. RESOLUTIONS**

### **A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

### **B. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. A resolution authorizing the Hammond Regional Arts Center to host and serve alcohol on Friday, February 7, 2020 from 6:00pm until 10:00pm for the 4th Annual Art of the Cocktail at 217 East Thomas Street and within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park between Cypress and Cherry Streets.** Lacy Landrum, representative of the Art Center as the board President, presented this item informing the Council this is the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser this has been successful and many local businesses participate

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the Hammond Regional Arts Center to host and serve alcohol on Friday, February 7, 2020 from 6:00pm until 10:00pm for the 4th Annual Art of the Cocktail at 217 East Thomas Street and within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park between Cypress and Cherry Streets.**

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

**2. A resolution authorizing the Hammond Regional Arts Center to obtain a waiver of the open container law on Friday, February 7, 2020 from 6:00pm until 10:00pm for the 4th Annual Art of the Cocktail at 217 East Thomas Street and within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park between Cypress and Cherry Streets.** Lacy Landrum, representative of the Arts Center stated this is for the waiver of the open container law and will have wristbands, check Ids, and state permit.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon authorizing the Hammond Regional Arts Center to obtain a waiver of the open container law on Friday, February 7, 2020 from 6:00pm until 10:00pm for the 4th Annual Art of the Cocktail at 217 East Thomas Street and within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park between Cypress and Cherry Streets.

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

**3. A resolution to approve the Tax Exemption Application for Gnarly Barley Brewing Company that was approved by the Board of Commerce and Industry on December 13, 2019.** Lacy Landrum, introduced the Owner of Gnarly Barley

(Owner) of Gnarly Barley- **Zac Caramonta- 1511 University Drive, Hammond,** stated they are a small business that's looking for programs that exist thru the State that really help out- he's available to answer questions.

**Jason Ambeau- consultant for Gnarly Barley- 14363 Summerset Drive, Gonzales La.** – this is allowing a small business to take advantage of an opportunity for tax exemption and it has been approved by the State Industrial Tax Exemption and the Local Government must now approve it. This exempts 80% of the personal property tax on equipment for first 10 years and it's for expansion of the brewery. The total taxes abatement for the City of Hammond is \$8, 046 over the 10yr. period on exemption - they will pay other taxes to Hammond and to the Parish.

**Councilwoman Gonzales-** asked to be clear that what the City would be abating or not collecting for 10 yrs., is \$8,046

**Jason Ambeau-** answered yes,

**Richard Jack-** a resident of District 1 stated he is in support of the resolution

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the Tax Exemption Application for Gnarly Barley Brewing Company that was approved by the Board of Commerce and Industry on December 13, 2019

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

**4. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$15,000 grant application to the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors for the preservation and restoration of the interior of the Miller Memorial Library, a designated historic structure; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$15,000.** Charles W. Borchers IV, stated the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund is managed by a national trust historic preservation and is looking at other phases for this building and interior renovations and the City has amply money in the grant match fund and funds from the roofing project to go toward this project.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon 1) supporting the submission of a \$15,000 grant application to the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors for the preservation and restoration of the interior of the Miller Memorial Library, a designated historic structure; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$15,000.

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

## VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

**1. Final adoption 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.**

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

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

**2. Final adoption 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.**

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

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

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

**1. Introduction of an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com.**

- 2006 Ford Crown Victoria- VIN# 2FAFP71W16X141936
- 2004 Dodge Durango- VIN# 1D4HD38N74F176087
- 26 Bicycles- list attaches
- 88 Miscellaneous unclaimed property- list attached
- Kubota Front End Bucket
- Marco Spray Tank

**Jana Thurman, stated the bicycles should be separated they will not be sold on Govdeal.com they will be donations.**

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to remove the 26 bicycles from surplus list.**

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

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com.**

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**Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to amend the agenda to add and introduction of an ordinance to declare 26 bicycles as surplus property and to donate them to a nonprofit organization.**

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

**2. Introduction of an ordinance to declare 26 bicycles as surplus property and to donate them to a nonprofit organization.**

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance to declare 26 bicycles as surplus property and to donate them to a nonprofit organization.**

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

**Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

**3. Introduction to an Ordinance for Annexation into the Hammond City Limits, Initial Zoning to C-H, and Placement into City Council District #4 requested by Richard Witham (applicant) & Farris Family LLC (owner) for Tract A-3 of the Pat Farris Mini-Partition located at 2307 W. Thomas St. in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. recorded on 12/30/2019 COB 1528/Page 103 (Z-2019-12-00067) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.** Tracie Schillace, stated this is a particular part of land that would like to be annexed into the City Limits.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an Ordinance for Annexation into the Hammond City Limits, Initial Zoning to C-H, and Placement into City Council District #4 requested by Richard Witham (applicant) & Farris Family LLC (owner) for Tract A-3 of the Pat Farris Mini-Partition located at 2307 W. Thomas St. in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. recorded on 12/30/2019 COB 1528/Page 103 (Z-2019-12-00067) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission

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

**Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

**4. Introduction to an Ordinance to rezone 3 parcels being 25.640 acres request by STOA Holdings LLC. located at 1600 Baurele Road from RS.11-A to MX-N in accordance with survey by Lester A. McLin Jr. dated 12/4/2019 (Z-2019-12-00068) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.** Tracie Schillace, stated this is a large tract that is fronting on Baurele Road on the westside of Home Depot asking to rezone for a potential developer to place housing units and apartments asking to rezone to MX-N.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to an Ordinance to rezone 3 parcels being 25.640 acres request by STOA Holdings LLC. located at 1600 Baurele Road from RS.11-A to MX-N in accordance with survey by Lester A. McLin Jr. dated 12/4/2019 (Z-2019-12-00068) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

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

**Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

**5. Introduction to amend Ordinance UDC#14-5364 Article 9.1.5 Landscaping Standards A) 4) to allow the required street yard planting area to be waived if and only if the zero foot (0') build-to-line is used in the respective zoning districts (TA-2019-11-00018) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.** Tracie Schillace, this is to correct a conflict

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce to amend Ordinance UDC#14-5364 Article 9.1.5 Landscaping Standards A) 4) to allow the required street yard planting area to be waived if and only if the zero foot (0') build-to-line is used in the respective zoning districts (TA-2019-11-00018) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

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

**Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

Louise Bostic asked for the list of items on the surplus list

Tonia Banks stated everything is on line

Jana Thurman provided Ms. Bostic with the list at the meeting.

**X. ADJOURN:** There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor to adjourn 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 **January 14, 2020**  
BEING **7 PAGES** IN LENGTH

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

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

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