

**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**

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
February 11, 2020  
5:30pm**

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



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
February 11, 2020  
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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- II. ROLL CALL:** Carlee Gonzales (P), Kip Andrews (P), Steve Leon (P), Devon Wells (A), Sam DiVittorio (P).
- III. PRAYER:** Councilman Andrews
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.  
Councilwoman Gonzales

**Councilman Wells enters the meeting**

## V. REPORTS:

1. Council: February 20, 2020 at 6:30 pm District #1 will host a Townhall meeting in Council Chambers. On February 29, 2020 District #1 will host a Day at the African American Museum for the youth from 10am- 1pm. Also, Councilman Andrews acknowledge Mrs. Mary Ida Jackson a resident of District #1 that will turn 100 yrs., old on Friday, February 14, 2020.

Councilman Sam DiVittorio: asked when the flood study presentation will be available.

Lacy Landrum: they were scheduled for tonight but, they did not have the cost estimate in time. They will be back the first meeting in March

Councilman Andrews: would like to thank Mr. CC, Bobby Mitchell, & Mayor for riding in District #1 and made a list of things that needs to be addressed.

2. Mayor: attended the Regional Planning Commission on today and they will come forward to assist with the traffic study on Old Covington

Also approached by one of the engineers on the Environmental Assessment on 3234 which is University Avenue which goes from University to the back of the Airport to Industrial is complete and they will be holding public meetings to inform the public know what's the next step.

Parade is this weekend Friday, February 14, 2020

Sales tax are in good standing

VI. Minutes of January 28, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of January 28, 2020.

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

## VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to approve Margarita's Mexican Restaurant located at 610 Palace Drive Hammond La., to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owner is Margarita's, LLC. Jinnie Wilson, informed the board that this a new restaurant in the mall area where Shane's Rib Shack was located and has met all requirements.

Owner: Louis Ortiz, 610 Palace Drive, Hammond La. 70403

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked Mr. Ortiz if employees were trained in knowing the drinking age and to ID?

Louis Ortiz: yes

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

**2. A resolution to approve Stop N Shop 2 located at 285 S. Morrison Blvd., Hammond La., to sell High/Low packaged alcohol. The owner is Vansh, LLC. Jinnie Wilson, stated Mr. Singh is the representative and he's not present. This is a pack and go service station previous named Gs' and he has met all requirements.**

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked if there was alcohol at the previous owned business.

**Jinnie Wilson**, think they did

**Mayor**, does he have other stores

**Jinnie Wilson**, yes he does and he has met all requirements

**Councilman Wells**, he knows all the rules from owning other businesses

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

**Mayor**, recognized Mrs. Jinnie Wilson she will be retiring on February 20, 2020 and thanked her for her services.

**3. A resolution to approve the Hammond BBQ Challenge, Inc. to hold the 2020 It's A Smokin' BBQ Challenge in downtown Hammond on March 26, 27, & 28, 2020, lying within the boundaries of S.W. Railroad Ave., from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; East Charles Street to Hanson Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S. W. Railroad Ave. Eric Phares & Brian Shirey, stated this event is known countrywide. There are 44 professional teams so far with 55 to 60 locals.**

**Brian Shirey**, 1929 Country Club Lane, Hammond: This is the 17<sup>th</sup> year and taking applications for board actively for any organizations who would like to mentor and learn how to prepare for the event. Thanked the City of Hammond and passed out handouts to the board that showed they visited local surrounding businesses that may be affected by the event. Brian, stated the teams on the Eastside of the track are the professional will not be passing out food their competing on the Westside of the tracks the public could purchase food.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the Hammond BBQ Challenge, Inc. to hold the 2020 It's A Smokin' BBQ Challenge in downtown Hammond on March 26, 27, & 28, 2020, lying within the boundaries of S.W. Railroad Ave., from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; East Charles Street to Hanson Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S. W. Railroad Ave.**

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

**4. A resolution to approve the Hammond BBQ Challenge, Inc. to sell alcohol on the City's property lying within the boundaries of S. W. Railroad Ave., from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; East Charles Street to Hanson Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S.W. Railroad Avenue for the hours of 6pm to 11pm on Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3pm to 11pm on Friday, March 27, 2020, and from 10am to 11:30 pm on Saturday, March 28, 2020. Eric Phares, asking the approval of the Council to sell alcohol at the BBQ Challenge event.**

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the Hammond BBQ Challenge, Inc. to sell alcohol on the City's property lying within the boundaries of S. W. Railroad Ave., from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; East Charles Street to Hanson Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S.W. Railroad Avenue for the hours of 6pm to 11pm on Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3pm to 11pm on Friday, March 27, 2020, and from 10am to 11:30 pm on Saturday, March 28, 2020.**

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

**5. A resolution to approve the Hammond BBQ Challenge, Inc. to obtain a waiver of the City of Hammond Open Container Law within the boundaries of S. W. Railroad Ave., from 100 yards S. of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; East Charles Street to Hanson Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S. W. Railroad Avenue for the hours of 6pm to 11pm on Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3pm to 11pm on Friday, March 27, 2020, and from 10am to 11:30 pm on Saturday, March 28, 2020.**  
Eric Phares, asking the approval of the Council approval of the open container law.

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

**6. A resolution authorizing Contract Change Order No. Three (3) for "Sewer System Rehabilitation FY-2018 LCDBG – City of Hammond, LA" (Project 31813) for an increase of 60 days.**  
Charles Borchers IV, stated this project is between Thomas, Palmetto, Mooney, and Morrison majority of the work is complete the engineer identified some small issues that could be performed. Under contract and grant budget and want to use some funds to resolve issues found. There will be no additional cost to the City.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing Contract Change Order No. Three (3) for "Sewer System Rehabilitation FY-2018 LCDBG – City of Hammond, LA" (Project 31813) for an increase of 60 days.

**Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (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 Accept final construction plans for the east portion of Commerce Street Improvements, accept dedication of east portion of Commerce Street (approx. 50'x468') & Cul-de-sac, and Acceptance of 1 Year performance bond/letter of credit in the amount of \$287,935.00 in accordance with plans and survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr.; Zoned CH & RM-3 (Case#ROW-2019-07-00009) Recommend approval by Planning Commission.** Tracie Schillace, presented this item informing Council that Commerce Street runs off of S. Morrison Blvd., which is a dead end street. In 1987 City Council abandon the rear portion of this street which was given back to the property owners. There is a developer that would like to improve the street and add a Cul-de-sac at the end. Asking the board to accept the final plans and the portion of the street. The developer is providing a Performance Bond for the complete cost of the construction. Once they complete the construction will come back for Maintenance Bond that the board will have to approve and accept. DOTD said there was no need for study because of the connection to the apartments.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce and ordinance to Accept final construction plans for the east portion of Commerce Street Improvements, accept dedication of east portion of Commerce Street (approx. 50'x468') & Cul-de-sac, and Acceptance of 1 Year performance bond/letter of credit in the amount of \$287,935.00 in accordance with plans and survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr.; Zoned CH & RM-3 (Case#ROW-2019-07-00009) Recommend approval by Planning Commission.

**Councilman Wells, asked did they contact all the businesses?**

**Tracie Schillace, yes**

**Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y).  
Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0  
Public Hearing is set for Thursday, February 27, 2020**

**2. Introduction of an ordinance to revoke an existing 10" water servitude, & accept the dedication of a relocated 10" water servitude requested by Palace Properties, LLC located on Lot 3A1-A2 at Hammond Square Shopping Center in accordance with survey by Acadia Land Surveying, LLC.** Tracie Schillace, presented this item informing Council that Walk Ons is coming to Hammond Square Shopping Center and would need the servitude moved because piping would go under restaurant.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to Amend the Agenda to read Introduction of an ordinance to revoke an existing 10' water servitude, & accept the dedication of a relocated 10' water servitude requested by Palace Properties, LLC located on Lot 3 A1-A2 at Hammond Square Shopping Center in accordance with survey by Acadia Land Surveying, LLC.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to revoke an existing 10' water servitude, & accept the dedication of a relocated 10' water servitude requested by Palace Properties, LLC located on Lot 3A1-A2 at Hammond Square Shopping Center in accordance with survey by Acadia Land Surveying, LLC.

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

**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 **February 27, 2020** 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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