

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  
City Attorney, Andre Coudrain



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

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

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**



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

**I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Regular Session to order at 5:35pm**

**II. ROLL CALL: Steve Leon (P), Devon Wells (Absent), Carlee Gonzales (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 Gonzales**

**Councilman Wells entered the meeting**

**V. REPORTS:**

**1. Council:**

**Councilman Kip Andrews, stated** on this Saturday at 9am MLK Park he will be accepting water bottles to give to schools and will be taking donations. Also, would like to commend Councilman DiVittorio on the meeting last night everything went well and it was good to see Citizens voicing their opinions concerning their neighborhoods he would like to encourage those that are listening to please try to start attending the City Council meetings to follow up and become educated on things going on in the City.

**2. Mayor: Lacy Landrum,** stated the millage renewal election for Police and Fire is this Saturday, August 15, 2020- voting is open from 7am to 8 pm this is a renewal not a new tax. This is to support Police & Fire salaries, equipment, trucks, vehicles, Fire stations, Police stations and trainings. The Mayor sent a letter to Louisiana Housing Corporation with a copy of the video from the Public Hearing meeting last night and there is a public meeting tomorrow at LHC about Hammond station apartments on SWRR Ave development. The City asked LHC to table this matter but, it's up to the LHC board. The City is closing out the 2020 fiscal year \$435,000 ahead of the sales tax budget and for video bingo that goes to all of our Capital Projects the City is \$135,000 ahead of what was budgeted.

**VI. Minutes of July 28, 2020:** There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of July 28, 2020.

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

## **VII. RESOLUTIONS**

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

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

**1. A resolution to approve Budget Change Form 21-01 to consolidate funding for Mooney Park, specifically transferring \$125,000 from Mooney Basketball Court (Project 12017) and \$75,000 from Asphalt Parking Improvements (Project 12023) and \$110,000 from Mooney Restroom (Project 12111) to Mooney Park Improvements (Project 11919).** Chuck Spangler, stated this is a consolidation of funds into the Mooney Park Improvement project.

**Councilman Devon Wells,** stated he had been asking questions about Mooney Park and received information on Friday and wants to get time to review matters on the agenda ahead of time.

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews to approve Budget Change Form 21-01 to consolidate funding for Mooney Park, specifically transferring \$125,000 from Mooney Basketball Court (Project 12017) and \$75,000 from Asphalt Parking Improvements (Project 12023) and \$110,000 from Mooney Restroom (Project 12111) to Mooney Park Improvements (Project 11919).**

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

**2. A resolution to approve Budget Change Form 21-02 to transfer \$245,000 from Drainage Improvements FY 2021 (Project 12107) to Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements FY 2020 (Project 12010).** Chuck Spangler stated this project was bid out in April and stated he included an Add Alternate to do work on S. Cypress that was requested. This was approval in the current budget of \$230,000 for S. Cypress and \$15,000 on Cherry St – he recommends approval to consolidate.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve Budget Change Form 21-02 to transfer \$245,000 from Drainage Improvements FY 2021 (Project 12107) to Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements FY 2020 (Project 12010).**

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

**3. A resolution authorizing the purchase of a John Deere 6120M Tractor and Rotary Cutter for \$131,597.14 from Louisiana State Contract, using the airport capital request appropriation of \$70,000 (20338000 - 570000) and matching with \$61,597.14 in airport grant funds.** David Lobue, stated the grass needs to be cut to come in compliance with FAA & State requirements.

**Councilman Wells,** asked when was grass cut last time

**David Lobue,** stated he had guys working overtime on the weekend and 2 guys on today

**Councilman Wells,** asked how many acres are being cut at the airport

**David Lobue,** stated about 800 to 850 acres all areas under fence and Hwy., 190

**Councilman Wells,** stated the tractor that's being bought is a State contract and he went to John Deere & Kubota for prices for tractors outside of State contracts - John Deere was \$152,242 and Kubota \$100,000 without tax but if

financed \$104,000. Asked about the City contract for Kubota- why is there a \$25,000 difference from the \$131,597.14 why are we spending \$25,000 more?

**Mayor**, stated John Deere is a better quality tractor and has the horsepower to handle the amount of work – the City is looking for something to last. The Kubota tractor the City owns has broken down.

**Councilman Wells**, stated this is not our money and concerned of spending this amount for a tractor.

**Elizabeth Lafarre, 601 Rue Cannes**, asked did Councilman Wells make a motion to remove expansion of Mooney Park.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, it was Zemurray Park not Mooney Park. Ms. Lafarre apologized to Councilman Wells.

**Chris Fairborn, General Manager of Pierce Aviation** commend David Lobue and the employees with keeping up with the grass. This affects pilots when grass is high and animals near the runway this is important for safety to keep grass cut.

**Mayor**, stated \$70,000 is left in the budget for a tractor and \$157,000 is from the Federal government for maintenance at airport and FAA money can be used for this -this will be with Federal dollars not City dollars

**Lacy Online Question** what brand of tractor did we have before now?

**David Lobue**, a Kubota

**Davis Lobue** stated it takes 19 working days to cut entire airport

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the purchase of a John Deere 6120M Tractor and Rotary Cutter for \$131,597.14 from Louisiana State Contract, using the airport capital request appropriation of \$70,000 (20338000 - 570000) and matching with \$61,597.14 in airport grant funds.**

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

**4.A resolution to appoint John Philip Notariano to represent the fire department on the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from July 29, 2020 - July 29, 2023.**  
Mayor Panepinto, stated he was voted in by his peers from the Fire Department and requests you accept his nomination for the Civil Service Board.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated Mr. Notariano is a Captain and has served with the Hammond Fire Dept. over 16 yrs.

**Councilman Wells**, are you going to be fair when someone is before the board

**John Notariano**, if right is right and wrong is wrong no matter who you are

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to appoint John Philip Notariano to represent the fire department on the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from July 29, 2020 - July 29, 2023.**

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

**5.A resolution to reappoint George Bergeron to represent the police department on the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from July 29, 2020 - July 29, 2023.**  
Mayor Panepinto, stated he was voted in by his peers from the Police Department and was on the board previously and asks for his reappointment.

**Lacy Landrum** stated he is a Lieutenant with Hammond Police Department serving over for 20 years and has given valuable service on the Civil Service board for 3 years.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to reappoint George Bergeron to represent the police department on the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from July 29, 2020 - July 29, 2023.**

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

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked if the letter the Mayor wrote to LHC was about just one project or both.

**Lacy Landrum** answered both

**Councilman Andrews** asked when will there be a reassessment of the Master Plan

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, answered the Council would have to form a committee.

**VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE**

**IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE**

**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 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 August 11, 2020

BEING 4 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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