

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
November 10, 2020
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman 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: NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
November 10, 2020**

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Regular Session to order at 5:31pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

Councilman Wells, entered the meeting

1. Council:

Councilman Andrews, thanked everyone who participated in Saturday Neighborhood Cleanup and the students from SLU that came out.

Councilman Leon, thanked Robert Morgan and his team for being available and helping when needed.

2. Mayor: NONE

VI. Minutes

A. October 19, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of October 19, 2020.

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

B. October 27, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of October 27, 2020.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to approve B & J Grocery 2021 alcohol renewal. Laura Hammett, stated the owners have met all requirements seeking approval for renewal. The owners are present if anyone has questions,

Councilman Andrews, provided owner with information about alcohol sales and if not in compliance will be back before Council. The letter was delivered to owner from City Attorney and filed in records.

Fred Hammond, asked for Policeman to patrol the area.

Mayor, yes, we can do that

Chief of Police, E. Bergeron, the area is patrolled regularly would like the business owners to have cooperation. Mr. Tran calls the Police when people are trespassing and loitering. The owners should call the police when needed- informed B& J owners they are welcome to come to his office to come up with an action plan.

Mayor, now that Mr. Tran has signed statement allowing City to remove people, is this incorporated in the Police Department.

Chief of Police, E. Bergeron, yes, as long as it's within their property and property limits.

Debra McQueen, 1002 Magazine Street, understands the business owners have decided to work with the City and Council but, she's speaking for the community. We do not disagree we have the same objective as our Councilman but she does disagree with the language using about the people. Stated she's been going out into the community speaking to people letting them know regeneration is here. Believe if you invest the people in their community then we would not have to have the Police come in all the time. We do not have to agree on everything but we must respect each other. Mrs. McQueen, stated we don't want to get into the habit of the Police having to solve all problems in the community we need to work on community relations and learn to work together. We should be able to handle thing internally going out talking to our community and getting involved and she asked Councilman Andrews to come out and speak to the community because they do highly respect him. We can get more done if we work together.

Councilman Wells, asked how many times have you reached out to Councilman Andrews

Debra McQueen, never reached out to Councilman Andrews but, I want to begin after attending and following the Council meetings. I want to be this to be positive and the best for our community.

Councilman Wells, it starts with him

Debra McQueen, it starts with the people then we go to the Councilman Andrews with our voices. I'm a Minister and I'm crying out for the people who don't have a voice. Councilman Andrews and I are preparing an upcoming meeting.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by second by Councilman Wells to approve B & J Grocery 2021 alcohol renewal

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

2. A resolution to approve Magazine Food Mart alcohol renewal. Laura Hammett, stated the owners have met all requirements seeking approval for renewal. The owners are present if anyone has questions.

Councilman Andrews, provided owner with information about alcohol sales and if not in compliance will be back before Council. The letter was delivered to owner from City Attorney and filed in records.

Phil Tran: Owner, will do best to maintain rules and his store is located in a poor neighborhood. People can walk to the store and use the store to meet and talk, not all are troublemakers. My bottom line is safety.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to approve Magazine Food Mart alcohol renewal

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

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to accept the revised Zemurray Park Final Master Plan Map (TA-2020-09-00021). Charles Borchers, stated the document presented before you shows the Land and Water Conservation Fund, federal program that revised to relocate civic building outside of protected space.

Councilman Wells, are we only taking the Museum, and Library out.

Charles Borchers, it's still in the Master Plan only location has changed

Councilman Wells, why is this necessary

Charles Borchers, federal program is for outdoor recreational space, not buildings.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to accept the revised Zemurray Park Final Master Plan Map (TA-2020-09-00021).

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an Ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by Laronda Varnado to allow placement of a manufactured home to be placed on proposed lot 1 of the Ethel Varnado Estate at 202 S. Scanlan St. in accordance with survey by George D. Sullivan (Z-2020-07-00078) Zoning commission recommends approval with the following conditions: 1) this approval is with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership of Laronda Varnado, and 2) the manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards. Tracie Schillace, asking that this be introduced at the November 23 Council Meeting and this is a new lot in Councilman Wells District.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to Introduce an Ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by Laronda Varnado to allow placement of a manufactured home to be placed on proposed lot 1 of the Ethel Varnado Estate at 202 S. Scanlan St. in accordance with survey by George D. Sullivan (Z-2020-07-00078) Zoning commission recommends approval with the following conditions: 1) this approval is with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership of Laronda Varnado, and 2) the manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards.

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Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0

Public Hearing is set for Monday, November 23, 2020 at 5:30pm

2. Introduction of an ordinance to accept a dedication of servitude for all public utilities and infrastructure on S. Scanlan Street in accordance with survey by George D. Sullivan (SUB-2020-10-00139) Planning Commission recommends acceptance. Tracie Schillace, stated this is needed to maintain public utilities and infrastructure.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to Introduce an ordinance to accept a dedication of servitude for all public utilities and infrastructure on S. Scanlan Street in accordance with survey by George D. Sullivan (SUB-2020-10-00139) Planning Commission recommends acceptance.

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Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0

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3. Introduction of an Ordinance to annex City of Hammond property being a parcel being 56.15 acres (Parcel# 20T6R80000111) located south of the Hammond Airport and Hwy 190 East, & East of W-3 (W. Selsers Canal) to be zoned S-2 and in City Council District #1 (Z-2020-09-00085) Zoning commission recommends approval. Tracie Schillace, stated this property is across from the Airport and recently been cleared the City owns it and needs to be annexed. The FAA restricts the use of the property.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to Introduce an Ordinance to annex City of Hammond property being a parcel being 56.15 acres (Parcel# 20T6R80000111) located south of the Hammond Airport and Hwy 190 East, & East of W-3 (W. Selsers Canal) to be zoned S-2 and in City Council District #1 (Z-2020-09-00085) Zoning commission recommends approval.

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4. Introduction of an Ordinance request by Rose Guest House LLC (owner) & Adrian Ishman (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home located on Lot 13 square 2 of Greenville Park Addition located at 206 E. Green Street (Z-2020-10-00087) with the following conditions: Zoning commission recommends approval with the following conditions: 1) this approval is with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership of Adrian Ishman, and 2) the manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards. Tracie Schillace, stated the property is owned by Rose Guest House LLC and wants to sell it to Adrian Ishman asking to place a mobile home with standard conditions.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to Introduce an Ordinance request by Rose Guest House LLC (owner) & Adrian Ishman (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home located on Lot 13 square 2 of Greenville Park Addition located at 206 E. Green Street (Z-2020-10-00087) with the following conditions: Zoning commission recommends approval with the following conditions: 1) this approval is with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership of Adrian Ishman, and 2) the manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards.

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Councilwoman Gonzales, informed the board about a Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 on renewal of the City's insurance policy

Councilman Wells left the meeting

Lacy Landrum, stated Mr. Powell/s office is unable to deliver material due to illness but, the Council must approve the insurance packet before hosting enrollment. This system need to be effective beginning of December to take out deductions.

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 ATURE AND CORRECT RECITATION OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD **NOVEMBER 10, 2020**
BEING 5 PAGES IN LENGTH

TONIA BANKS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, CARLEE WHITE GONZALES
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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