

Hammond City Council Members

Councilman Kip Andrews- President
Councilman Sam DiVittorio- Vice President
Councilman Devon Wells
Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales
Councilman Steve Leon

City Council Clerk, Tonia Banks
City Attorney, Andre Coudrain



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
March 23, 2021
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Kip Andrews called Public Hearing to order @ 5:30pm

II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Wells (P), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Andrews (P)

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An Ordinance to reconsider an accept final subdivision plat and construction plans for "PS-2" Major Subdivision (22 single family lots & greenspace), acceptance of dedication of all public improvements in accordance with final plat by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc. and construction drawings by Webb M. Anderson dated revised 12/23/2020, and acceptance of 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$428,520.00 request by Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, Inc. located at 1105 Hewitt Rd; Zoned RS-11.A (SUB-2020-10-00138) Recommend Approval by Planning Commission. Tracie Schillace, stated Gulf Coast Housing is present and the Design Engineer, Webb Anderson if there are any questions.

David Harms, Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, New Orleans La. presented the proposal for PS-2 subdivision. This is 22 single family homes 20-(4) bedrooms 3 bathrooms, playground, outdoor picnic area, multi sports court, and community garden. The Phoenix square development buildings are constructed well beyond energy star standards. This is transferring unused land into high quality housing. This is a rental community for 15 years after which the homes could be sold off to homebuyers in the community. There will be a residency preference for single parent household with children and individuals with disabilities. He understood there was a strong desire for future homeownership opportunities and to do a second phase to create homeownership. Stated he has worked with local vendors on this project.

Councilwoman Gonzales, where is the community center on the plan.

David Harms, its labeled CC off cul de sac - this is a meeting space not an indoor facility.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked if the basketball court and playground be open to the public or to the other development.

David Harms, the intent would be for this to be used by the residents of the two developments.

Councilman Leon would there be any funds set aside for maintenance and upkeep of the area during the initial 15 years.

David Harms, yes, there is an annual contribution that is made to the replacement reserve account that is maintained at the bank in addition to a substantial operating reserve.

Councilman Leon, at the end of the 15 years will there be money for maintenance prior to selling.

David Harms could be used for that purpose if there were things that's needed to be upgraded.

Councilman Leon, will the grounds be part of the maintenance program

David Harms, each resident will be responsible for their own lawn.

Councilman Leon is there a criteria for eligibility

David Harms, set aside at 50% to 60% area median income.

Councilman Wells, this is in district #3 and would like to know if these houses that are being built are they for homeownership?

David Harms, the intent is to create homeownership opportunity for the first 15 years- after completed they will have to be rented that's the condition of the financing that was secured to get them constructed but we have taken the step to make sure the homes are built on separate legal lots of record so they could be sold off separately after that 15-year period.

Councilman Wells presented the Council clerk with a petition with 38 signatures from the community that are not in favor and would like this to be in record.

David Harms, this has been the first-time opportunity to present this project in a public forum before the City Council. He would like to make sure that the opposition is based on a full understanding.

Louise Bostic, 112 Elm Drive, is this a gated community?

David Harms, no this community will remain open

Louise Bostic, there is an older development in the area, and they had a recreational area and it fizzled out. Stated she thinks part of the reason was there was no one to coordinate or supervise the use and wonders if this has been taken into account for this development.

David Harms, Gulf Coast was not involved in that project, but they have a resident manager that lives in Phoenix Square and will make sure the recreational areas stay in good shape and is well utilized for the residents that it's intended for both facilities.

Johnny Dunomes, for 15 years these homes will be rentals but will the funds that they have paid be applied to purchasing the home.

David Harms, no it will be a rental property.

Ryan Figuringo, from Premier Construction Development, was the general contractors for Phoenix Square one and informed the Council that materials will be purchased locally.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy. 190 W, concerned about Hammond what will be the worth of the homes when it's time to sell.

David Harms, this project is for the people of Hammond and that's who we intend to serve. At the end of the 15 year period we don't have the flexibility to kick everyone out and sell the homes. The intent is to get the residents to buy them and homes could be sold for the loan balance.

Online Question

Larando Vernado, 202 S Scalan Hammond, nothing was handed out in the area. If a person rent for 15 yrs., they will have basically paid for the home and how is it benefiting the Citizens of Hammond

David Harms, the rental payment over the 15 years will be paying down the debt on the property that will have an immediate and direct impact on the price that they pay on the house at the end of that 15 years.

Online Question

Pamela Haynes, 19 Sharon, this has happened in our community before and do not want to see this happen again. The property will be sold to other developers and our district cannot handle anymore neither can the plumbing handle it. Asks the Council to consider this seriously.

David Harms, the plumbing question will be referred to Webb Anderson (Engineer). We have no intention of going anywhere.

Webb Anderson, there are issues with sewer but this development will not cause any other extra problems.

Councilman Andrews, 22 extra homes will not cause any other problems with the current issues that are present?

Webb Anderson, correct

Councilman Andrews, I feel we should correct the present problems instead of adding 22 more issues.

Webb Anderson, they have met all the requirements for drainage, & sewer

Councilman Andrews, this is a very serious issue and is receiving calls that feces is coming up in homes this needs to be corrected before we add more problems in the area.

Webb Anderson, it will add to the flow

Councilman Wells, these 22 houses and the 5 other projects that we're having built in Hammond in same area?

Webb Anderson, there all adding to the sewer

Councilman Wells, confused on this situation and at 12 today at his home he could not flush his toilet. The City needs to know the direction of how the sewer is flowing in the entire Hammond.

Chuck Spangler, how was the sewer running Friday, Saturday, and Sunday?

Councilman Andrews, the same

Chuck Spangler, the change was rain it's nothing to do with the 22 new homes you can add another 2,000 houses. They have to be designed based on the average daily flow not the rainfall flow - you cannot penalize people when the system is poor. I know you're frustrated but the answer is you can't change the regulation because of the rain you can change the system.

Councilman Andrews, what if it's dry and residents complain about sewer backing up in their homes?

Chuck Spangler, he has never received a call about dry weather flow.

Councilman Wells, he just received a message on his phone of a complaint of toilet overflowing. We have a problem with the sewer in District #3. I have something to do with anything that's going on in my district and will wait for the presentation.

Councilwoman Gonzales, would like to make a point that we brought up homeownership and rentals but, would like to ask the Council if this was presented as 22 homes immediately be sold would this change your mind? If it does then we need to consider because they're not asking us to determine whether or not they're allow to rent or sell. Their asking us to take on this street that they build to our specifications. This is about accepting into the City infracture that's built to our specification that we require what they do with the homes it does matter but, are we voting on the usage of the home.

Councilman Wells, any City Councilman should be notified what's going on in there district and the building department should make us all aware. There are problems all over and how we solve them is sitting down talking about them. The rules apply to everybody.

Councilman Leon, we're talking about whether we want this project, or if the homes rented or sold. It seems like we're voting on something that we don't have the authority to vote or not to vote. We have the authority to approve or not approve the streets of this project, to my understanding we don't have the authority to approve not approve what's actually built. We're getting projects after project that a lot of our communities, and neighborhoods do not want but, at the end of day legally I'm not sure if we can stop them.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, each project is on its own - basically the Unified Development code tells you what the rules are for each developer or applicant. If they follow the rules it going to be difficult for the Council to say we're not going approve the project if they met all the requirements in the UDC. I don't think it's proper for you to inquire into how someone is going to use the property that is allowed in the UDC code.

Councilman Leon, is the Housing Committee looking at or starting to address the issues?

Councilman DiVittorio, committee is looking at best uses and all issues

Councilman Leon, if we want change we have to change the rules

Tracy Wells, 610 Mooney Ave., District 3 is against this subdivision and the Council should consider putting a moratorium that will impact sewer. District 3 does not need anything to add to and she is against going forward with the subdivision.

Daniel Laborde, 1010 West Robert, he is on the housing committee- speaking for himself the committee is only a think tank. We were not given the direction that we need to create policy. If we need to create policy then point back to the Masterplan being 10 yr., old and maybe the Council needs to address hiring a consultant to come up with a Masterplan.

There were no further public comments

2. An ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget. Lacy Landrum, stated this is an annual activity that's done each year. Lacy provided a presentation and attached were summary of budget amendments, Adopted Consolidated budget, and the third is where the consolidated budget will be should all these amendments be if approved tonight.

Required to do this by State law when any of the funds become more than 5% differences. The Street Improvements is a new amendment that came in after Councilman DiVittorio and the Mayor discussed Economic Development. DOTD is asking for a lot of street improvements to happen asking for \$75,000.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked questions about the bid for the generator

Lacy Landrum, the original cost estimate from last year was \$140,000 and by law the City is not supposed to bid something if we don't think we don't have enough to fund the item – the City may not spend the \$140,000 but funds should be budgeted. Janice Russo who has retired put together all the estimates for the generator.

Councilman Wells, asked Laura about her new position and knows she have received raises and would like her to speak on this topic more and congratulated her.

Laur Hammett, she is not in a new position - still Accounting Supervisor just assisting.

Councilman Wells, asked Laura about the street improvements and how the amount came up to \$75,000,

Laura Hammett, stated that she can't speak on that

Councilman Wells, asked if the garage supervisor was present and could he provide information on different equipment he works on.

Kent Soileau, garage supervisor, stated within reason anything from side by sides, tractors, back hoes, track hoes, sewer trucks, cars, trucks, half tons, 3 quarter tonn, 1 ton, and larger.

Councilman Wells, during July for budget is there any way it could wait until July or is it needed now.

Kent Soileau, asked in previous budget but Council saw fit to remove it and due to higher revenue would like to have it now. It will aid with 75% of the equipment and aid in safety.

Councilman Wells, see all this information but don't see Sewer

Lacy Landrum, part of the challenge is that until we raise Water & Sewer rates we do not have funds available in the Water and Sewer Enterprise account that supposed to pay for itself. The last 2 years funds have been transferred over to assist water and sewer projects in addition to grants that have been brought in and loans that have taken out to make those projects go. The City has a \$2.1 million loan now to improve sewer treatment plant, \$5 million loan for inflow and infiltration problems. It is an ongoing issue.

There were no further public comments



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

March 23, 2021

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Kip Andrews called Regular Meeting to order @ 6:45pm

II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Wells (P), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Andrews (P)

III. PRAYER: Pastor, Johnny Dunomes, Bibleway Ministries

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
Demarion Henderson, Greenville Park**

V. REPORTS:

1. Mayor: Lacy Landrum: there is no mayor report

2. Council:

A. E. J. Forgotston

Lacy Landrum, recognized **Vic Couvillion** for his efforts to **Keep Hammond Beautiful** and his volunteer work for over 10 years.

Vic Couvillion, President of **Keep Hammond** for 10 years. Over years they have collected 3,000 bags of liter.

He thanked the City, **Glenda Nelson-Hammond Garden Club**, **EJ Forgotston**, **Louise Bostic** and her son **John**, and others He commended **Dori St Cyr** that kept all the records straight. Over the years they brought in about \$50,000 in grants asked the Council to rededicate themselves to ridding our communities of liter He also thanked former Mayor **Foster** and everyone for their support. **EJ Forgotston** will take his place as president.

B. Chuck Spangler/ Guy Palermo: presented a presentation of the **Hammond Sewer System**. What is causing the sewer problem, what are we doing to fix it, and what can be done in the future.

Councilman Wells asked to see a diagram on how much Sewer comes through District #3

Online Questions:

Loranda Vernado, 202 S. Scanlan, how will the community be protected from future expenses for plumbing issues. For example, the city sewer exploded into my cousin's home where she had to foot her entire bill w/o help from the city. The sewer is awful! before moving forward with new construction, please fix the current issues with the city.

Pamela Haynes, 19 Sharon Hammond, It amazes me how questions don't get addressed.

Siltanise McCrany-Montgomery 1100 Mooney Avenue Hammond, are we addressing the fact that it's raining and our toilet are overflowing with sewer again. I just paid to get my house completed from my flood on January 16th please do something about this sewer. What is the rating on Mississippi/ Mooney Ave.?

Pamela Haynes, They want to add things back to the budget. There is a great need for the sewer problems. It should be first on the list and it should be in the budget- district #3 is having the main issues.

Tracy Wells, the Council removed \$390,000 from lift station upgrades in December 22, 2020 why you're considering the budget can you add it back to the budget.

Chuck Spangler, it was not removed = it was covered by DEQ funds

Lacy Landrum, not all of them – she thinks most 1 or 2 rated areas was set aside because they were not needing rehab at the time.

Councilman Wells, asked where the \$2.1 million dollars is going.

Chuck Spangler it's going to the South Plant to meet discharge and to handle high flow.

Ivan Scioneaux, 300 Corbin Road are we having aging pipeline problems

Chuck Spangler, most old clay pipes have been rehabilitated some problems are related to fiber optics breaking the sewer lines

Councilman Leon, asked if it's logged where fiber optic pierces the line

Chuck Spangler, yes

Ivan Scioneaux, does the City of Hammond sewer meet with Ponchatoula sewer

Chuck Spangler, no it does not

Kristen Montgomery, 1100 Mooney Ave. Why did I have to pay out of pocket for repairs when it's clearly a city problem?

Lacy Landrum, if she would like to submit this to Guy in the Water & Sewer department or City Hall we could look over to see what could be reimbursed.

Kenneth Tarragano, 1011 Varnado Street, this has been an issue for a long time and something needs to happen. Sewer is still backing up in his home can't use the restroom he goes through this every time it rains. Stated his patience is running out and going on for a long time. There is nothing being done in the area and we're forgotten about and wants something done.

Guy Palermo, he can't handle the rain and he only can do what he can

Butch Brashier, 309 Reed Street, this problem needs to be fixed there is a canal beside his house and needs to be cleaned he also have problems when it rains.

Councilman Wells, 1950s brought sewer and water in district 3 his grandfather went to an outhouse and he hooked up to the City Sewer and water in 1957 and in 2021 it is a problem like dealing with an outhouse. Only asked for Sewer System & Mooney Park to be fixed but now put it all in the Sewer System. The City is holding District #3 back and we need help.

Online Question

Tamara & Andrea Dangerfield, 301 Mississippi Street There is an entire district complaining about the exact same problem. Resolving it should be a top priority. Residents shouldn't have to live with sewage in the homes or in the street. This is a sanitation issue. I have a canal beside my house.

Councilman Andrews, thanked Robert Morgan for assistance with things in MLK Park. Clean up was scheduled for this Saturday but will be rescheduled due to the weather in April. Easter egg hunt will be in MLK Park at 11am and donations can be dropped off to Clerk. Any graduating seniors in District #1 will be able to complete a Scholarship application. Councilman Andrews asked Lacy about the Rail Spur?

Lacy Landrum, no payments were made - leases are still under review

Councilman Andrews, is there an ETA

Lacy Landrum, spoke with the corporate offices and waiting

Councilman Andrews, asked about the positions of Human Resources and Accounting

Lacy Landrum, reviewing Human Resources applications but the Accounting position is still open

Councilman Andrews, can anyone from Council sit on interview

Lacy Landrum the administration welcomes the Council President to sit in

Councilman Andrews, thanked everyone for their donations of water for Jackson, Mississippi.

VI. Minutes of March 9, 2021: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve the minutes of March 9, 2021.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Approved 5-0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office and the Hammond Police Department concerning the Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area regional task force. Chief Edwin Bergeron, stated this allows for reimbursement for funds that are spent who are on the federal task force, there is no City match.

Councilman DiVittorio, who is over the funding for the task force.

Edwin Bergeron they work with homeland security, then City the request funds from Jefferson Parish.

Councilman Wells leaves the meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office and the Hammond Police Department concerning the Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area regional task force.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Absent), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Approved 4-0

2. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$55,000 application to the Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program for the rehabilitation of the Miller Memorial Library; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$5,000. Charles Borchers IV, stated this will allow to finish cosmetic repairs, and then the interior

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to 1) supporting the submission of a \$55,000 application to the Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program for the rehabilitation of the Miller Memorial Library; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$5,000.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Absent), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Approved 4-0

3. A resolution approving the transfer of \$68,000 to "Cate Square Park Improvements" (Project 12014)—specifically, by transferring \$32,000 from the City's KABOOM! Grant for Cate Square Park Playground (Project 42102) and \$36,000 from the Grant Match Fund (Fund 208)—to consolidate funds under one project so it may be bid. Charles Borchers IV, stated he is trying to combine available funds into one account which will allow to expedite for bids and starting improvements.

Councilman Wells returned to the meeting

Louise Bostic, 112 Elm Drive, revisited this several times- this park has beautiful green space and is a prize that most towns can't boast. She does not want a giant monstrosity

Councilwoman Gonzales provided a picture for Ms. Bostic stated it is hyperlinked and it matches the park - its fitting within the current footprint of the playset - there is an area for big kids as well smaller kids.

Councilman Andrews asked if any grants applied for Jackson or Clark Park

Charles Borchers Jackson Park received a Kaboom grant in 2014 and in Clark Park in 2012 & 2013.

Councilman Wells are there any current grants for sub stations in district #3

Charles Borchers he will keep his eyes and ears open for any grants that may become available.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon approving the transfer of \$68,000 to "Cate Square Park Improvements" (Project 12014)—specifically, by transferring \$32,000 from the City's KABOOM! Grant for Cate Square Park Playground (Project 42102) and \$36,000 from the Grant Match Fund (Fund 208)—to consolidate funds under one project so it may be bid.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Approved 5-0

4. A resolution to approve The Blvd Event Center located at 1242 South Morrison Blvd., Unit P Hammond LA. 70403 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The owners are The Blvd Lounge & Grill LLC. Laura Hammett, owners present Mr. Derrick Baham and Mr. Warren Carey - they have met all requirements,

Councilman Wells, asked whose district is this?

Councilman DiVittorio my district and when are you expecting to open?

Derrick Baham once everything is approved by the council.

Councilman Wells, Mr Baham was in district #3 with a barber shop and hated to see him move locations. Thanked the gentlemen for not giving up when you were told no from the Parish.

Councilman DiVittorio welcomed The Blvd Event Center to the district and wished them much success.

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VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Approved 5-0

5. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a work authorization for professional services with Garver, LLC for "Runway 18-36 Pavement surface analysis" at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. David Lobue, stated this was an Engineering report FAA directed – it is paid 90% by FAA and by the State 10%.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the land being cleared across from the airport.

David Lobue, it is at the environmental process of the surveys now at the Army Core of Civil Engineers-he is speaking with the State and with FAA.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to authorize the Mayor to execute a work authorization for professional services with Garver, LLC for "Runway 18-36 Pavement surface analysis" at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Approved 5-0

6. A resolution to reappoint Joe Thomas to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending 9/30/22. David Lobue, stated Joe Thomas is up for reappointment.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to reappoint Joe Thomas to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending 9/30/22.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Approved 5-0

7. A resolution to reappoint Mark Rolling to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending 9/30/24. David Lobue, stated Mr. Rolling is the President of the Hammond Airport Authority he was present at the meeting earlier but had to leave.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to reappoint Mark Rolling to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending 9/30/24.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Approved 5-0

8. A resolution to review and consider responses to RFP 21-13 request for legal advisor for Hammond City Council. Councilman Andrews asked Andre to explain the information that was provided.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, recommended that a process be created for who it is that engages a legal advisor for the Council. The Charter states you can do this on an issue-by-issue basis but there should be a process in place, such as is there any limitation or scope of work being assigned, and who approves the bill?

Councilman Wells, when can this process be started?

Andre Coudrain, first process is to decide what lawyer would you want one or more and what issue you want to refer. The Council has requested qualifications, what their charging, and their expertise. The Council will need to know who the lawyer communicates with during the process.

Councilman Wells, let it go through the President and we will only deal with the two firms that applied.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to designate the City Council President as the point of contact and the person to authorize bills for any attorney retained for legal services for which the Council will later vote on a issue by issue basis for their retention.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Approved 5-0

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to reconsider an accept final subdivision plat and construction plans for "PS-2" Major Subdivision (22 single family lots & greenspace), acceptance of dedication of all public improvements in accordance with final plat by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc. and construction drawings by Webb M. Anderson dated revised 12/23/2020, and acceptance of 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$428,520.00 request by Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, Inc. located at 1105 Hewitt Rd; Zoned RS-11.A (SUB-2020-10-00138) Recommend Approval by Planning Commission.

Project Analyst Ms Janga provided emails in support of the project and read emails that are in favor.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to adopt an ordinance to reconsider an accept final subdivision plat and construction plans for "PS-2" Major Subdivision (22 single family lots & greenspace), acceptance of dedication of all public improvements in accordance with final plat by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc. and construction drawings by Webb M. Anderson dated revised 12/23/2020, and acceptance of 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$428,520.00 request by Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, Inc. located at 1105 Hewitt Rd; Zoned RS-11.A (SUB-2020-10-00138) Recommend Approval by Planning Commission

VOTE: Councilman Wells (N), Councilman DiVittorio (N), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (N). Motion Denied 3-2

Butch Depaula, Sugarland Texas, what can we do to sell this property? Why did you vote against it?

Councilman Andrews, stated #1 the residents in that area do not want to see it there and #2 the sewer issues problems we're having which is a serious problem

Councilman Wells, spoke with Mr. Bobby Depaula and talked about the property and project and does not talk on the phone.

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget. Councilman Wells asked that this be tabled.

Councilman DiVittorio asked for road improvements for his district of \$75,000

I. There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to increase the sales tax revenue in Fund 203 (Sales Tax) from \$20,500,000.00.

II. There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews to transfer \$150,000.00 from Fund 100 (General) to Fund 710 (WC/GL Insurance); and Transfer \$30,000.00 from Fund 203 (Sales Tax) to Fund 625 (W&S 2013 Series).

III. There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to appropriate \$75,000.00 from the ending fund balance of Fund 203 (Sales Tax) to the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan, Capital Expenditures- Street Improvements, within the Sales Tax Fund, for the Highway 190 improvements.

IV. There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to change the beginning fund balances from the estimated amounts to the actual amounts as occurred on July 1, 2020, for the following funds:

- a. In Fund 100 (General) to show a beginning fund balance of \$2,935,470.00.**
- b. In Fund 203 (Sales Tax) to show a beginning fund balance of \$980,864.00.**
- c. In Fund 205 (Court Awarded) to show a beginning fund balance of \$293,279.00,**
- d. In Fund 209 (Fire Millage) to show a beginning fund balance of \$1,124,842.00.**
- e. In Fund 210 (Police Millage) to show a beginning fund balance of \$464,468.00.**
- f. In Fund 237 (DMV) to show a beginning fund balance of \$36,174.00,**
- g. In Fund 625 (W&S 2013 Series) to show a beginning fund balance of \$109,144.00.**
- h. In Fund 710 (WC/GL Insurance) to show a beginning fund balance of \$160,197.00.**
- i. In Fund 720 (Health Insurance) to show a beginning fund balance of \$48,467.00.**
- j. In Fund 803 (Court Witness) to show a beginning fund balance of \$35,490.00.**

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon 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 ATURE AND CORRECT RECITATION OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD **March 23, 2021** BEING **4** PAGES IN LENGTH

TONIA BANKS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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