

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 09, 2021
5:30pm**

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

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
March 09, 2021
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Kip Andrews called Regular Session to order at 5:31 pm

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

III. PRAYER: Pastor Angie, First Christian Church

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
Girl scouts troop 31018 - Macie Summers & Sarah Dosch**

V. REPORTS:

**1. Mayor: Gov. Edwards attended the ground breaking of the Medline site
January sales tax receipts is over budget**

2. Council: Councilman Andrews: March 27, District #1 quarterly trash pickup at 8am -10:30am
March 10th from 4:30 to 5:30 setup in the lobby of Council Chambers collecting water to send to Jackson, MS.
April 3, 3021 in MLK Park there will be an Easter Egg Hunt closer to the date will have more information.

Councilman Andrews, asked about the contracts for railcars?

Lacy Landrum, negotiating with both legal teams from Graham packaging & Home Depot and conversation with CN Rail about how to receive the monthly or quarterly reports how they interact other business to know how many rail cars are coming to an from the spur.

Councilman Andrews, outside of Home Depot and Graham has other businesses process been wrapped up.

Lacy Landrum, everything is still on the table with the leases as a whole

Councilman Andrews, billing was supposed to be for February will this be back date once contracts are completed

Lacy Landrum, yes, the leases will be effective in February but knew invoicing would follow. All businesses were made aware and they all received the new ordinance that was adopted. At this time we're negotiating the lease terms.

Councilman DiVittorio, when did we start working on the leases and negotiating?

Lacy Landrum, this month

Councilman Andrews, recognized Mr. Ronald Dangerfield, Sr. 314 Wilbert Dangerfield Dr. Hammond, LA. Thanked Council for opportunity to speak. He's speaking on behalf of people in his community. He does not care for drug dealers in his community they are selling dope in his neighborhood. He went to the Mayor and Chief of Police and informed them of the drugs being sold in his community and it needs to stop. Mr. Dangerfield asked the City Attorney if parents willing know that their children selling dope could their utilities be turned off. The Mayor & Police Chief did an exceptional job stopping the drug selling in the area. The people in the community knows what's going on - ask the community. He asked about a new bridge on MLK Blvd. Sidewalks need improving, aging telephone poles, would like cameras in the neighborhood to stop the littering. Mr. Dangerfield stated he would fight for his neighborhood because it a good neighborhood.

Councilman Andrews, glad the situation is resolved and it's good to have good neighbors that observe their community.

Mayor, thanked Mr. Dangerfield for stepping up

Councilman Leon, remind everyone that Hammond Rotary is having a Shamrock run.

Councilman DiVittorio, recognized **Sal Nicolosi 3607 Hwy., 190 W Hammond,** thanked the Council for doing a great job along with the Mayor, & Chief of Police. He's been dealing with a problem for 6 to 7 years. In his neighborhood he's dealing with a hotel near the area that has a lot of drug traffic. It's going to take all of us to better our community and thanked Councilman DiVittorio for his assistance. He would like a petition signed in this area that the renters are held or the owner held responsible. Again, it will take everyone to solve problems in our communities.

VI. Minutes of February 23, 2021: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of February 23, 2021.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$45,000 application to the Traffic Safety Grant Program for Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, and Juvenile Underage Drinking Enforcement.

Charles Borchers IV, stated this is an opportunity that the Police department has to earn overtime doing seatbelt, DUI, and Juvenile underage drinking enforcement. There is no match.

No Public Comments

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews supporting the submission of a \$45,000 application to the Traffic Safety Grant Program for Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, and Juvenile Underage Drinking Enforcement

Vote: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (ABSENT), Councilman DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

2. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$25,000 application to the AARP Community Challenge Grant Program to improve the public space between Zemurray Park Pool and Zemurray Skate Park.

Charles Borchers IV, stated the City wants to improve this public space there is no match.

Councilwoman Gonzales, have we applied for this grant before and received it?

Charles Borchers, we have for grants of this kind but did not receive the grant

Councilman Andrews, this will be connected together?

Charles Borchers, will put in picnic tables, park benches, and a public path

No Public Comments

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio supporting the submission of a \$25,000 application to the AARP Community Challenge Grant Program to improve the public space between Zemurray Park Pool and Zemurray Skate Park.

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

Councilwoman Gonzales, how do choose where you put the money?

Charles Borchers, this area seemed like a good project for this particular grant

3. A resolution to endorse the Tangipahoa Parish 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Lacy Landrum, stated this is an update of the Parish wide plan and the City's role is to endorse it. This resolution language has been adopted by the Tangipahoa Government and this is a requirement of the Federal Government.

No public comments

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to endorse the Tangipahoa Parish 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Reconsideration of Introduction of an Ordinance to 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. Lacy Landrum, stated this has come before the Council in the past and is located in District #3

Councilwoman Gonzales, thanked Councilman Andrews for placing this item back on the agenda. She would like to have the opportunity to hear from the residents of the area.

David Harms, Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, New Orleans, thanked the Council for reconsideration and will provide a full presentation at public hearing.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy., 190 W. Hammond, asked if these are 22 lots, the size of lots, will the homes be pre-fab, and the location of the company.

David Harms, yes there will be 22 homes and most of the homes will be around 1500 sq. ft. The homes will be site build homes and our Company is located in New Orleans.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to introduce an Ordinance to 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 Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Absent), Councilman DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

Public Hearing set for March 23, 2021

2. Introduction of 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

Councilwoman Gonzales, this is a good time to start with nonprofits to prepare for the budget

Patrick Strahan, 19480 Dr. John Lambert Drive, Hammond, LA. asked with the case studies on salaries is there a way to prioritize particular groups or areas of the City

Lacy Landrum, this would be City wide

Patrick Strahan, understanding that the Police Department has not had a raise

Lacy Landrum they have annual raises and the last time there was a City wide implementation was in 2017

Patrick Strahan, the City has lost many Police Officers because of pay should consider raises for police department

Councilman Andrews, asked City Attorney, Andre Coudrain to be clear we are just introducing this item.

City Attorney, Coudrain, stated the motion at the time of final adoption would be the time for any changes that the Council would like to make.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to introduce an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.

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

Public Hearing is set for March 23, 2021

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 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 ATURE AND CORRECT RECITATION OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD **March 09, 2021** BEING 5 PAGES IN LENGTH

TONIA BANKS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

Persons needing accommodations or assistance should contact City Council Clerk Tonia Banks at **985-277-5610**. Request should be made at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.