

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  
May 11, 2021  
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Council President, Kip Andrews called Public Hearing to Order @ 5:30 pm
- II. ROLL CALL:** Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Wells (A), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilman Andrews (P)
- III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
May 11, 2021  
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:**
- II. ROLL CALL:** Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Wells (A), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilman Andrews (P)
- III. PRAYER:** Chaplin Keith Kincaid  
North Oaks Hospital
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.  
Pledge Girl scouts troop 31018- Kylie Jarreau, & Rylie Jarreau
- V. REPORTS:**
- 1. Mayor:** there was a movie filmed in town today.

**2. Council:**

**A. Hammond Housing Committee**

**Daniel Laborde, 1010 W Robert Ave- member of committee; listed the names of committee members: Daniel Crosby, Bishop Soule, Joe Mear, Karen Lawson, Erica Williams, Kyla Douglas, Lemar Marshall, Melanie Ricketts, Greg Notherner, Greg Drude, Matt Lyons, George Anthony, Tom Hogan, Ryan Barker, Hillarie Broadwater and Daniel Laborde; Daniel Laborde reported on activities of the committee, looking at big picture of how city can move forward. Engaging each committee member to have their own thoughts on how they can move forward.**

**Greg Drude, 111 N. Oak Street- member of committee, asked the city for a list of blighted housing and GEO Map; Asks the City to request proposals to create a housing plan to get rid of blight. The committee is asking Bobby Mitchell to attend their next meeting to give information on blight, and any ideas and challenges he may have as a building official. The next scheduled meeting is May 20, 2021 at 5:30 in council chambers.**

**Lemar Marshall, 1104 Rue Chalet, excited about the opportunity, ready to engage, to look over housing. Requests a proposal for scope of target area. Recommends a RFP by the city for the work and provided an example to the Council, and can use the presentation as a tool. Where can the city grow housing? Mr. Marshall was referencing an example a document used in Jefferson Parish.**

**Sandra Weary, 102 Rue Dr., is there someone on the committee that is in poverty**

**Unless you been in poverty, you cannot say unless you walk in someone's shoes you really can't say.**

**Councilman DiVittorio, the group is well rounded and diverse,**

**Lemar Marshall, invited Sandra Weary to attend meeting**

**Councilman DiVittorio, thanked Robert Morgan and streets Dept. for doing a great job and also asked the Mayor for an update on the covered pavilion in Jackson Park.**

**Mayor, they will set out as soon as they can.**

**Councilman Andrews, asked for Update on building across street from Terrance Apartment,**

**Bobby Mitchell, that building is coming to council next, month in June. Trying to see if they could expedite**

**Councilman Wells, stated there are problem in the community in District 3. Introduced Ms. Brown**

**Margaret Brown, Mooney Ave, concerned about shooting in Mooney Ave area. They need security in the area. There were bullet holes in her roof and they need help. Ms. Brown is requesting that someone stays there.**

**Mayor, there were parties around the time of shootings. This has been an ongoing problem in the city**

**Councilman Andrews, need more presence, understand the response time but need a presence in the area.**

**Assistant Chief Monistere, agreed that presence is needed, wants to see a neighborhood initiative. They have made some arrests and confiscated weapons. Will make changes as needed. HPD will be in the neighborhoods. Making efforts to keep officers in Mooney Park, will meet to pick up efforts.**

**Renee Washington- asked for police presence on JW Davis Street, she see Police parked there where is no residential. Police should park by Mooney, they need more presence in the area, need better security.**

**Nana Minimah, 52 Whitmar Drive, a new resident, Asked if the neighborhood initiative a community policing initiative. Police should always live in the community.**

**Councilman Andrews, Thank teachers, nurses and IT Department, update on railroad spur, leases are being processed,**

**Andre Coudrain – Home Depot has approved the lease, they had an administrative delay. Haven't received the signed lease back, both of those are working and will be retroactive to February 1<sup>st</sup>. on Graham packaging will send a redline copy of lease for review.**

**Councilman Well- The booking room incident, how is everything coming with that?**

**Councilman Andrews- May 6<sup>th</sup> we received a call from the lawyer and video experts. They had planned to be there this week but they received a call from a lawyer they retained. The officers declined to come and have been served subpoenas.**

**Council Clerk, all have been served**

**Councilman Andrews, May 24<sup>th</sup> the charter review committee will have meeting in chambers at 5:30 pm**

**Councilman Andrews, thanked Lacy Landrum for meeting on last week to discuss some things and it was a good meeting and wants to move forward for doing the right thing for the city.**

## **VI. Minutes**

**A. Minutes of May 11, 2021: There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to approve the minutes of May 11, 2021.**

**Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion approved 5-0**

## **VII. RESOLUTIONS**

**A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. A resolution to reappoint Shauna Seals to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term from April 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024. (Mayor Panepinto)**

**Mayor Panepinto, stated Shaunna serves on the committee and has served diligently and asks that she be reappointed.**

**There was a motion by Council Woman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to reappoint Shauna Seals to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term from April 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024..**

**Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion approved 5-0**

**2. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, and the City of Hammond to maintain a public tag agency in the city limits. (Lacy Landrum)**

**Lacy Landrum, stated this is a long standing relationship which started under prior Mayor Mason Foster, the city does not fund the office. Fees stay in Motor Vehicle Fund. Fees comes back to the city to pay expenses.**

**Jack Stevens, 47198 Scott Drive (YouTube), asked if Barbara Tallos Express DMV is privately owned**

**Councilman Andrews, made a motion to table this item, needs a review of the contracts.**

**Youtube Question, how much lead time did the council receive prior to the meeting.**

**Mayor, in this instance I think she said it was a month.**

**Councilman Wells, sometimes, two or three days, it all depend of what you need.**

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table.**

**Vote:** Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (N), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion approved 4-1 to table

**3. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$71,932 application to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Formula Grants Program to establish a voluntary intervention, support, and mentoring program for juveniles at risk of entering the criminal justice system. (Charles W. Borchers IV)**

**Charles W. Borchers IV, stated this ia a program based opportunity, the dollar amount is set by the district law enforcement, district in which we are located funds one program up to the amount of their allocation. So we would be competing with other programs in our district, they tend to fund a program for about two years. Looking for approval to go ahead and submit the application that is required.**

**Tracy Wells 610 Mooney Ave, do you have the package of grant submissions available? How will the grant be used? Who will it be administered by? How will the funds be utilized?**

**Charles Borchers, policy in grants is to present all applications that are pending to the Council to make sure you support the applications before they are submitted. If successful in getting funding, we come back for your approval of the grant contract and obligations that go with that. You typically don't see the applications, we need your support before we submit the application. This will be a pilot program that will be run through the police department and managed by the grants department. The idea is to enable some juvenile officers to work overtime hours to include mentoring, intervention, any type of activities, ungovernable offense, offenses that don't meet the standard for criminal offense but tend to lead to criminal activity if not addressed.**

**Sandra Weary, How is it going to be run and who's going to do it.**

**Charles Borchers, Juvenile division of police department will implement the program. Grant department will administer program.**

**Nana Minimah, 52 Whitmar Drive, how successful was the previous program under the previous mayor. Believes it can be a step towards community involvement.**

**Charles Borchers, this is a pilot program and part of the process is learning as we go. As it develops would engage community.**

**Lemar Marshall, does the requirement stipulates that you have to use law enforcement to do the work. When you write a grant does it require that law enforcement run program?**

**Charles Borchers, he doesn't decide if the police or any other city department would put funding into the project. He can discuss with the police department to see if there is a role for such a thing. Right now this would be overtime for current officers.**

**Councilman Wells, who are the officers**

**Charles Borchers, I don't know who the officers are.**

**Councilman DeVittorio, how much does the grant cost**

**Charles Borchers, zero dollars**

**Nana Minimah, 52 Whitmar Drive, how to best use the grants, build into the grant how they can use the money to engage the community. Suggest that they be more descriptive in the grant.**

**Charles Borchers, want to spend every cent of grants we receive. Grant department runs the grant**

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**Vote:** Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion approved 5-0

**4. A resolution 1) accepting a \$91,162 grant from the Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. (Charles W. Borchers IV)**

**Charles W. Borchers IV, this is a second round of funding**

**Councilwoman Gonzales and Councilman Wells temporarily left the meeting**

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve a resolution 1) accepting a \$91,162 grant from the Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Vote:** Councilwoman Gonzales (A), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (A), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion approved 3-0

**5. A resolution to purchase an Ford F-150 XL in the amount of \$38,620.00 from Bill Hood Ford (State Contract) #4400020874. (Chief Daniel Folks)**

**Chief Daniel Folks, asking approval to purchase off state contract – this is 3% over what state contract is.**

**Councilwoman Gonzales returned to the meeting**

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to purchase the Ford F-150 XL in the amount of \$38,620.00 from Bill Hood Ford (State Contract) #4400020874.**

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

**6. A resolution to equip the Kenney Recreation Center with back-up generators by (1) authorizing the expenditure of up to \$150,000 for the generators, materials, and supplies, (2) using the \$100,000 allocated in the FY2021 budget for the Kenney Center generators and using \$50,000 from the afterschool program (10050500-560131), and (3) authorizing the purchase of two Generac generators from Arcco for a total cost of \$122,983.65 under state contract #4400013661. (Lacy Landrum)**

**Lacy Landrum, stated this provides a way to feed the generator for Kenney Recreation Center. Need \$40,000 to up to \$50,000. Will benefit the afterschool program, summer camp and other disasters.**

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

#### **IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:**

**1. Introduction of an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in accordance with the procedures of Section 5-03 of the City's Charter. (Lacy Landrum)**

**Budget Binders were presented to Council members**

**Budget Work Session will be June 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 @8:30 am**

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**Vote:** Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (A), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion approved 4-0

**Public Hearing is set for June 22, 2021 at 5:30**

**2. Introduction of an ordinance to adopt and establish a tax on all taxable property within the corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2021. (Lacy Landrum)**

Public Works:	2.00 Mills
General Alimony:	9.04 Mills
<u>Police &amp; Fire:</u>	<u>10.00 Mills</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>21.04 Mills</b>

**This is an annual requirement for property taxes for end of year. These are voter approved charges and state law and no increase.**

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**Public Hearing is set for May 25, 2021 at 5:30**

**3. Introduction of an Ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Betty L. Brown (owner) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on Lot 7 Block 7 Greenville Park Addition located at 108 W. Green St. Zoned RS-3 (Z-2021-04-00090) the Zoning Commission Recommended approval with 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 Betty L. Brown, and 2) The manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards.**

**Bobby Mitchell stated there are mobile homes in the area, the zoning board recommended approval**

**Councilman Wells returned to the meeting**

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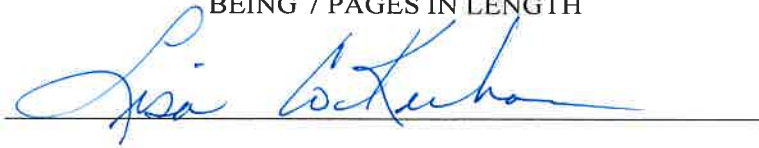
**Public Hearing is set for May 25, 2021 at 5:30**

**X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Council Woman Gonzales to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned**

**CERTIFICATION OF CLERK**

I LISA COCKERHAM, 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 **May 11, 2021**

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LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

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PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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