

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, Lisa Cockerham
City Attorney, Andre Coudrain



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
Minutes
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
June 22, 2021
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. 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)

Lacy Landrum, we have had a budget work session that has extended over two days. This is the second public hearing for the budget. The proposed budget is linked on line, the consolidated budget is attachment number two, also attachment number three is a summary of all the asks that were made during the budget work session. It is up to the council to determine how they wish to proceed with asks or amendments to the proposed budget. We will need a motion and a second on items to be voted on later in the meeting.

Joe Mier, 44065 High Oaks Trail, Hammond, asked the council to support funding for police department and other city departments. Asked that the council let the executive branch determine how the funds are applied to our employees and police department.

Brandi Wells, 811 Mooney Ave, representing UMX and is requesting funds from the city

Karolyn Harrell, 2208 Cherie Dr, Hammond, talked about the cost to train and retain officers, asked for support of the Hammond Police Department. Stated we are losing police officers to other areas and the city needs to attract and retain quality recruits with competitive salaries.

Jennifer Payne, 120 S. Oak St, sergeant with the police department, asked for support of the police department raise. Hammond is losing police because they can make more money in other areas.

Daniel Boudreaux, sergeant with Hammond Police Department, 120 S. Oak St, asked for support of police department. Not only do we have issues with pay, but it is also the benefits. Asked that they make a fair and impartial decision based on facts.

Councilwoman Gonzales, wants to make it clear to everyone that she has proposed \$600,000 to be added to the mayor's budget to be earmarked for pay raises for HPD. Wants to send a message to HPD that we understand you need a pay raise. She cannot make the decision about what to give, that's not her job. But it is her job with the cooperation of the councilmembers to make sure there is money in their budget to make sure that you feel you will be compensated. Believes some things have been added and some things need to come off of the budget, but will only speak on the \$600,000 that she requested.

Patrick Strahan, would like to see some non-profit organizations funded.

Councilman DiVittorio, a pay study for police needs to be done and issues addressed. It needs to be done City wide, for all employees.

Councilwoman Gonzales, provided an informal report of the City of Alexandria Fire and Police Department, which lists the City of Hammond and where they fall on the list, for a salary study but the document proves that we are low and need to send a message to HPD that we are low.

Lacy Landrum, talked to several consultants and a pay study can vary from 9 to 12 months.

Chief Bergeron, public safety should be a priority, we are losing people to surrounding areas because HPD officers are not making as much as neighboring areas.

Councilman Wells, wants to be on record that whatever he can do for the police department he will. He is all for a raise for the employees.

Mayor, explained the raise issue in the past and asks that we move forward, asks for the salary survey and in the mean time we do need to do something about the police department. Please approve the money that Carlee is talking about so we can get something started.

Steve Leon, it's the council's responsibility to approve a dollar amount, so that the Mayor can then decide on a plan for implementation.

Chief Bergeron, thanked Councilman Andrews and thinks we need to move forward.

Councilman Andrews, something needs to be done all across the board, thinks we need to put at least a million dollars in order to get everyone a pay raise.

Councilman DiVittorio, there were some issues with pay raises, the conversation went dormant and never got anywhere. All departments need to be looked at.

Thad Gautier, Hammond Police Department is behind other communities in pay.

Corey Stewart, police officer, asked for support for funding, city is losing officer.

Robert Jones 14574 Range Rd, asked why was the pay study denied originally and what the starting pay is for firemen.

Councilwoman Gonzales, \$26,413, it's in the budget

Cory Oubre, 706 S. Orange St, Hammond, how many police are qualified to perform a field sobriety test.

Chief Bergeron, don't know the exact number, but it depends on whether they attended the police academy or what academy they went to.

Cory Oubre, why can't we get a third party study and be able to see the pay deficiencies in all departments. Then let fact show and work to fix the problems.

Councilman Wells, agrees

Robert Jones, 14574 S. Range Rd, will the salary survey cost less today vs when it was first proposed.

Lacy Landrum, have no idea, but don't think there would be a change. You won't know that until we get the proposals.

Frank DiVittorio 1 Robert Circle, stated a consultant for City of Plaquemines Salary survey was completed in 4 months.

Lacy Landrum, talk to SSA and they did say that it can range anywhere from 8 to 12 months. We have three different systems they will be studying, the police department civil service, fire department civil service and the rest of the employees. Also depends on how much is involved in the study. The more complex the study the longer it will take. It is will not be finished in 4 months.

Councilman DiVittorio, for cost of the survey, it should not take that long to put the information together

Lacy Landrum, we're waiting on the council to authorize the funding.

Renee Washington, should just call around to see what other places are paying-don't need a survey.

Daniel Boudreaux, ask what are you willing to accept on salaries, we are very top heavy, people are retiring.

Councilman Leon, asked that the \$100,000 requested for code enforcement be removed. Believe that last time we met as related to the non-profits we took out those that did not apply on time. As we get to vote we can go through these item by item.

Councilman Wells, are we doing removals or adding to? Want to add the canal on Coleman and Florida, add \$150,000, the Canal on Natchez and Skinner for \$100,000 and add \$100,000 for sewer consultant.

Councilwoman Gonzales, were some of these in the 5-year plan and we are moving them up or they not in the 5-year plan. Is this something that's already in the budget or is this something new.

Councilman Wells, this is brand new, discussed several changes he will propose to the budget and he will not cheat his district anymore, whatever the district needs, he's going to ask for it. Also requesting a PR person, part-time, \$20,000.

Lacy Landrum, asked Councilman Wells if this is the canal on Natchez and Skinner, item 28 on drainage improvements. Trying to find out if we are moving forward with a project or adding new projects altogether.

Councilman Wells, yes but the engineer said it was going to cost more than that. So I would like to move that up to 2021-2022. Asked if should keep going, moving up and moving back

Mayor, we can start the whole process having a meeting figuring out what we are going to do, now you are changing everything, blowing the budget. This has not been discussed, it's brand new.

Councilman Wells, the airport water and sewer project #4 on page 63, the lift station, I see a \$1.385 (million), brand new.

Mayor, it's a priority, we are having problems

Councilman Wells, I want to move \$1.385 million back two years

Mayor, we do things in Capital Outlay where the biggest problems are

Councilman Wells, would like to move Lawrence/Blackburn up, Lincoln Park up

Lacy Landrum, to be clear, we are moving forward items 7 and 8

Councilman Wells, yes 7 and 8, let it be stated, if we can sit down and talk before the budget comes up we would have these issues now. These surprise you gone get, they are going to come up now because we never had a meeting.

Mayor, let's make it clear, you never asked for a meeting. Let's make it clear that I am not going to let you break the budget and I will veto it.

Councilman Wells, so do we continue with the meeting or is it vetoed.

Andre Coudrain, this is only discussion

Tracy Wells, should look at how funds were spent on federal grant for sewer improvements

2. An Ordinance for a rezoning request by Starwood Management Company to rezone 0.225 acre parcel (67'X 146') located at 505 W. Coleman Ave from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 11/12/2018. Z-2021-04-00091 (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, the packet has background information, it was presented to zoning in 2019 and they denied it. Zoning commission recommended denial because zoning around this is all residential and would be spot zoning, not consistent with master plan or Zemurray Park Master Plan.

No Public Comment



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

June 22, 2021

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Mayor: Expressed sympathy for the passing of Judge Grace Gasaway and thanked everyone involved.

2. Council:

Councilman Leon residents on S. Elm St asked for a canal to be cleaned out, property owned by Southeastern and Southeastern has agreed to take care of it.

Councilman Andrews, Thanked city for everything shown for Judge Gasaway, thanked the mayor for executive order observing Juneteenth Holiday. On July 8, at 5:30 pm District 1 will have a town hall meeting. July 12-16 Reading and Math Enrichment Camp for 8am to 1 pm, asking for help with the camp. July 17th District 1, Family Day in the park.

VI. Minutes

A. Minutes of June 8, 2021

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the minutes of June 8, 2021

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. 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, everyone has come to a resolution to agree to terminate the contracts, recommending to the council to terminate contract with the state for Auto Title Service and State of Louisiana for public license tag agency and assign and terminate lease with Time Square. The state will keep the Morrison location opened.

Councilwoman Gonzales, you want this denied or just remove it.

Andre Coudrain, I think we need to authorize the Mayor to terminate those agreements, but what about the lease, was there discussion that we should also terminate the lease.

Lacy Landrum, I think anything associated with it triggers a clause, giving the right to terminate the lease.

Andre Coudrain, my recommendation is the council authorize the Mayor to terminate the agreements with Auto Title Service, State of Louisiana and Time Square. Getting the city out of the middle of the public tag agency business.

Tracey Wells, what happens to the money that was left in the budget?

Councilwoman Gonzales, \$27,800

Andre, it's the city's money, once we clear out the lease, it's the city's money.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells authorizing the Mayor to terminate agreement with Auto Title Service and State of Louisiana for public license tag agency and terminate or assign the lease with Times Square.

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

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Roofing Solutions, for \$148,800 to remove and replace the existing roof at Central Fire Station. RFP 21-19 (Chief Folks)

Chief Folks, Central Fire Station needs new roof due to leaks.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Roofing Solutions, for \$148,800 to remove and replace the existing roof at Central Fire Station. RFP 21-19

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

2. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the Maintenance Agreement including Mowing and Litter Pickup for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 between the City of Hammond and the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, this is an annual renewal for cutting 4 times, these are main streets throughout the city, Morris, University, Thomas, Morrison and Railroad. They pay us to pick up the trash and cut the grass, along major city streets, not the interstate. The Department of Transportation and Development pays the city \$19,230.00.

Councilman Wells, asks if that it be cut only four times, since that's what they are paying for.

Lacy Landrum, don't think that's a good idea, some of the roads affected are inside of the city limits and main thoroughfares.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if she could request more money since they are cutting more than four times.

Lacy Landrum, I can do more research

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon authorizing the Mayor to sign the Maintenance Agreement including Mowing and Litter Pickup for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 between the City of Hammond and the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development

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

3. A resolution authorizing the demolition of a property located at 113 Scanlan St (100% damaged), located in Council District 4. The owner is Terry G. Johnson, 470 Cypress Way, Pasadena, CA. 91103. (Bobby Mitchell)

Bobby Mitchell, recommend demolition of 113 Scanlan, the owner is in favor of going ahead with the demolition. We will be removing the driveway as well as the slab.

Councilman DiVittorio, did you contact the guy

Bobby Mitchell, yes we made all the proper notifications.

Councilman Wells left the meeting

Councilwoman Gonzales left the meeting

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the demolition of a property located at 113 Scanlan St (100% damaged), located in Council District 4. The owner is Terry G. Johnson, 470 Cypress Way, Pasadena, CA. 91103.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Absent), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 3-0

Councilwomen Gonzales, returned to the meeting

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Final adoption 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)

Lacy Landrum, I think we just need decide what you want to add, change or delete from the budget.

Councilman Wells returned to the meeting.

- Councilwoman Gonzales, I move to add the items that come from the federal stimulus money, amendments for the \$2.6 million dollar for sewer rehab funds. Under the Capital Projects on the spreadsheet. Move to amend the presented budget with those items, to add those items.**

Councilman Wells, does the audience have a copy of the documents?

Lacy Landrum, it's linked up online as attachment 3.

Councilwoman Gonzales, read from the possible budget asks/amendment sheet, Capital projects \$400,000 combining funds for SSES and sewer rehab into SSES and Capital projects \$400,000 adding to SSES for \$800,000 total and Capital Projects \$2.2 million moving forward sewer rehab funds from FY2023 because stimulus funds are available now. This is COVID, federal stimulus money that is earmarked for certain items.

Lacy Landrum, to be clear, that \$2.6 million in addition to the \$2.7 million that is already proposed for water and sewer.

There was a motion by Councilman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to add \$2.6 million of federal stimulus money for sewer surveys and rehabilitation.

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

- Councilwomen Gonzales, I make a motion to add \$600,000 to a project fund for police raises as determined by the administration or salary study**

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to add \$600,000 for police pay raises as determined by the Administration after salary study.

Councilman Wells, asked should we start with number one and work our way down.

Councilman Leon, we got a motion and a second

Councilman DiVittorio, I make a substitute motion to stay in the order that is on the budget sheet and seconded by Councilman Wells.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 3-2

Lacy Landrum, just a reminder that if all of these are approved we would be at a deficit of \$522,561

Councilman Leon, does that include the things that Councilman Wells added

Lacy Landrum, no it does not, I just want everybody to be clear about the numbers as we go through.

Councilman Wells, if we leave it like it is right now we are going to be in the red.

Lacy Landrum, doesn't know of any council that passed a deficit budget and don't know if that is allowed by law.

Capital Projects

#1 Adding \$80,000 for Sidewalks (Washington-JW Davis) to FY 2022

Councilman DiVittorio, made a motion to approve and second by Councilman Wells, to add \$80,000 for Sidewalks (Washington-JW Davis) to FY 2022

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

#2 Moving forward \$220,000 from FY 2025 for Drainage Phase 1, (MC Moore Widening) into FY 2022

Councilman DiVittorio, make a motion to approve and second by Councilman Wellsto move \$220,000 forward from FY 2025 to FY 2022 for Drainage Phase 1 (MC Moore Widening)

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

#3 Moving forward \$64,000 from FY 2023 for Drainage, Phase 1 (Western) into FY 2022

Councilman DiVittorio, make a motion to approve and second by Councilman Wellsto move \$64,000 forward from FY 2023 to FY 2022 for Drainage, Phase 1 (Western)

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 4-1

#4 Moving forward \$232,000 from FY 2023 and FY 2024 for Drainage (Ruth, Mitchell, Pine Dr) into FY 2022

Councilman DiVittorio, make a motion to approve and second by Councilman Wellsto move \$232,000 forward from FY 2023 and 2024 to FY 2022 for Drainage (Ruth, Mitchell, Pine Dr)

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

#5 Adding \$175,000 for the Jackson Park Basketball Cover to FY 2022

Councilman DiVittorio, make a motion to approve and second by Councilman Wells to approve \$175,000 for Jackson Park basketball cover to FY 2022

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 3-2

Gen Admin- Non Profits

Councilman DiVittorio, suggested that the administration come up with a few option to look at

Councilman Wells, put money in a pool and it would be equally split, suggest this be turned over to administration and the administration comes up with suggestions on how to give the money out.

Councilman Leon, we decided that they didn't apply in time

Councilman Wells, suggested putting the money on hold and allow the administration to come up with a plan.

Councilman DiVittorio, they can bring it back to the council

Councilwoman Gonzales, the administration has done that, presented what this budget is. They have presented what they suggested. That's the purpose of the Mayor's budget, to suggest how much to give.

Lacy Landrum, that's the process

Councilman DiVittorio, we don't really have a process, think about it and figure out a system.

Lacy Landrum, the budget proposed, did scale back the Children's Museum per the council discussion last year.

Councilman DiVittorio, is there a way to put this on hold and still have the money, wants the administration to come up with options.

Councilman Andrews, some we have a standing obligation with some, I don't see them on here

Lacy Landrum, they didn't ask for any changes

Councilman Andrews, my question is about Crime Stoppers, doesn't see them on the list and he is on the board and doesn't want to vote on anything dealing with Crime Stoppers.

Lacy Landrum, they're in administration, they are in the allocation and packet of supporting information, Crime Stoppers has \$10,757 allocated in the Mayor's proposed budget.

Councilman Andrews, wants to go on the record that he is abstaining from anything dealing with Crime Stoppers.

Andre Coudrain when the time comes to vote on the budget you can make that statement, your issue is going to be are you going to abstain from the whole budget or just from that item. Not sure if it's a voluntary board position for nonprofit and you are not getting any personal benefit from it, you may not have a conflict of interest.

#6 Councilman DiVittorio, make a motion to approve and second by Councilman Wells to increase Louisiana Children's Museum by \$10,000 from \$80,000 to \$90,000

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Kip Andrews (N), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 3-2

#7 Councilman DiVittorio, make a motion to approve and second by Councilman Wells to increase the Tangipahoa African American Heritage Museum by \$15,000 from \$35,000 to \$50,000.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 4-1

#8 Adding Southeast Advocates for Family Empowerment to nonprofit partners at \$70,000

Councilman Wells, make a motion to add \$70,000 for Southeast Advocated for Family Empowerment to nonprofit partners, there was NO SECOND, motion fails for the lack of a second

#9 Adding UMX to nonprofit partners at \$200,000

Councilman Wells make a motion to add \$200,000 for UMX to nonprofit partners, there was NO SECOND, motion fails for lack of a second

#10 Increasing the Marshal's Office by \$80,000 from \$320,000 to \$400,000

Councilman Wells, make a motion to approve and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve increasing the Marshal's Office by \$80,000 from \$320,000 to \$400,000

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

#11 Decreasing Recreation Department's request by \$50,000 with the switch from a storage building (\$100,000) to a sunshade for Zemurray Pool (\$50,000)

Councilman Wells would like to deny

Councilman DiVittorio, what are you decreasing it from, so you are taking all of it out and can open up another \$50,000?

Councilman Wells, yes I would like to take that off

Andre Coudrain, are you proposing to decrease it by \$100,000 rather than \$50,000

Councilman DiVittorio, yes and Councilman Wells, yes

Councilman DiVittorio, make a motion and second by Councilman Wells to decrease the Recreation Department's request from a storage building or a pool shade by \$100,000 (essentially removing the request for funding altogether from the Mayor's proposed budget)

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y) Motion Approved 3-2

Lacy Landrum, at this point we are at \$776,000 in additions to the proposed budget

#12 Increasing the Data Processing Department's request for park cameras by \$35,000 from \$15,000 to \$50,000

Councilman DiVittorio, make a motion to approve and second by Councilman Wells to increase the Data Processing Department's request for park cameras by \$35,000 from \$15,000 to \$50,000

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 3-2

#13 Adding \$50,000 to conduct a citywide Housing Study as recommended by Housing Committee

Councilman DiVittorio, make a motion second by Councilman Wells to approve \$50,000 for a citywide housing study.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 4-1

#14 Adding \$60,000 for Jackson Park Playground resurfacing, picnic tables/benches/trashcans to FY 2021

Councilman DiVittorio, make a motion second by Councilman Wells to approve \$60,000 for Jackson Park Playground resurfacing, picnic tables/benches/trashcans to FY 2021

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 3-2

Lacy Landrum, at this point \$921,000 has been added to the proposed budget

#15 Increasing the Special Events line item in the City Council Department by \$2,000 from \$2,000 to \$4,000

Councilman Wells, make a motion second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve an increase to Special Events line item by \$2,000 from \$2,000 to \$4,000

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Kip Andrews (N), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion Failed 2-3

#16 Decreasing the Council Clerk's salary funds by \$6,900 and removing the clerk's auto allowance, which is another \$6,000 decrease to the City Council Department (net decrease of \$12,900 to the City Council Department)

Councilman Gonzales, make a motion second by Councilman Leon to remove the car allowance from the council clerk position to reduce the City Council Department by \$6,000

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

#17 Increasing the Accounting Director's salary funds by \$15,000 and removing the director's auto allowance, which is a decrease of \$6,000 (net increase of \$9,000 to the Accounting Department)

There was a lot of discussion about car allowances after Councilman Wells proposed removing all car allowances for employees.

Lacy Landrum, You can't take money from current employees.

Jana Thurman, Do not take her car allowance or her husband's car allowance. \$12,000 between the two.

Councilman Andrews make a motion and second by Councilman Gonzales to increase director salary fund (\$15,000) and remove auto allowance (-\$6000)

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (N), Councilman Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (N). Motion Failed 2-3

#18 Increasing the Personnel Director's salary funds by \$14,900 and removing the director's auto allowance, which is a decrease of \$6,000 (net increase of \$8,900 to the Personnel Department)

Councilman DiVittorio make a motion and second by Councilman Wells to increase director salary fund (\$14,900) and remove auto allowance (-\$6000)

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

#19 item was not considered

#20 Increasing the Building Official's salary funds by \$25,800 and removing the auto allowance, which is a decrease of \$6,000 (net increase of \$19,800 to the Building Department)

Mayor, market mean, market middle is \$98,850,

Councilman Wells, increase to \$100,000, take away car allowance

Lacy Landrum, that is what was proposed, salary increase, but take away car allowance

Councilman DiVittorio make a motion and second by Councilman Wells to increase the Building Official's salary funds (\$19,800) and remove auto allowance (-\$6000)

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

#21 Adding \$60,000 to the Building Department for a new vehicle since the car allowance was removed

Mayor, Jana has reach out to the dealerships and that number can be reduced to \$40,000

Councilman Wells, on the building department, the vehicle should be for anyone to use, remove car allowance

Lacy Landrum, if you take the car allowance from people that current city employees, you are decreasing their pay by \$6000 a year

Marcus McMillian, talked about the importance of the car allowance for all departments, he stated if the vehicle allowance is taken away it would hurt the departments. They do not have a vehicle for his department. Agrees with getting a survey done.

Councilman Andrews make a motion and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to add \$40,000 for a vehicle for building department.

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

#22 Addition of \$600,000 in funds to be reserved for implementation of police salary raises - will be reserved in project account.

Councilman Gonzales make a motion and second by Councilman Leon to reserve \$600,000 for salary and raises for the Hammond Police Department

Councilman Wells, asks to hold on after the first and second motions were stated

Councilman DiVittorio, Addition of \$200,000 in funds to be reserved for implementation of all other employee raises - will be reserved in project account.

Councilman Wells, wants to add a million dollars to fund, for a study for everyone not just the police study.

Councilman Gonzales, there was a motion and a second.

Councilman Wells, explain to the councilman so all will know what's going on.

Andre Coudrain, Item 22 is going to be to add \$600,000 to a project fund for the implementation of project fund for police department raises.

Councilman Wells, wants to put a million dollars aside for all employees

Chief Bergeron, in the interest of public safety is why we need to move forward, support law enforcement

Councilman Andrews, asked Lacy for clarification of the project fund.

Andre Coudrain, this doesn't preclude a second motion if you want to add money to a city wide departments, the motion on the table is the \$600,000 project account just for the police department.

Councilwoman Gonzales, President Andrews can you call roll call please.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (N), Councilman Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (N). Motion Approved 3-2

Councilman DiVittorio make a motion and second by Councilman Wells to add \$200,000 for raises for all city employees, set aside in a project fund

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

Councilwoman Gonzales, what's our number now

Lacy Landrum, we are now over budget by about \$100,000

23 Adding \$110,000 for sidewalks (Edwin Neill to Mooney) for FY 2021

Councilman DiVittorio make a motion and second by Councilman Wells to add \$110,000 for Sidewalks from Edwin Neill to Mooney in FY 2021

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 3-2

#25 Moving \$64,000 forward from FY 2024 to FY 2021- 2022 for Drainage, Phase 2 (Western)

Councilman DiVittorio make a motion and second by Councilman Wells to move \$64,000 forward from FY 2024 to FY 2022 for Drainage, Phase 2 (Western)

Councilman Andrews, left meeting

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion fails 2-2

#26 Moving \$56,000 forward from FY 2024 to FY 2022 for Sidewalks (Western)

#25 failed, this and 26 is the second phase, so council moved on pass # 26 citing the same vote as # 25

Councilman Wells, want to add a new part-time public relations staff person for the council at \$20,000

Councilman Wells make a motion and second by Councilman DiVittorio, to add a part-time public relations person for the council at \$20,000

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion fails 2-2

Councilman Andrews returns to meeting

Councilman Leon, how much are we over the budget

Lacy Landrum, about \$210,000

Councilman Wells would like to move back the Sewer Lift Station and force main upgrade from FY 2022 to FY 2024, for the airport area, to decrease the budget by \$1,385,000

Lacy Landrum, that's actually combined items 3, 4, and 5

Councilman Wells, yes I would like to move that back to FY 2023-2024

Councilman Wells make a motion and second by Councilman DiVittorio, to move back the Sewer lift station and force main upgrades for the airport area from FY 2022 to FY 2024, for a decrease of \$1,385,000

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 3-2

Councilman Wells would like to move forward \$240,000 for the Blackburn and Lincoln Park Sewer lift station upgrades from FY 2023 to FY 2022

Councilman Wells make a motion and second by Councilman DiVittorio, to move forward \$240,000 for Blackburn and Lincoln Park Sewer lift station upgrades from FY 2023 to FY 2022

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 4-1

Councilman Wells would like to add \$150,000 for a Drainage canal project for Coleman to Florida in FY 2022

Councilman Wells make a motion and second by Councilman DiVittorio, to add \$150,000 for a Drainage canal project for Coleman to Florida in FY 2022

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 3-2

Councilman Wells would like to move forward from FY 2024 a Drainage canal project for Natchez/Skinner to FY 2022 and increase the funds from \$50,000 to \$100,000 (net increase of \$100,000)

Councilman Wells make a motion and second by Councilman DiVittorio, to move forward the drainage canal project for Natchez/Skinner and add \$50,000 to the drainage canal project. Moving forward from FY 2024 to FY 2022 and adding \$50,000 for total increase of \$100,000 to FY 2022

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 3-2

Councilman Wells would like to add \$100,000 to hire a sewer consultant

There was discussion about what the consultant would do or who it would be. That is unknown at this time.

Councilman Wells make a motion and second by Councilman DiVittorio, to add \$100,000 for a sewer consultant

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 3-2

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the Budget as amended.

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion Approved 5-0 to approve the budget as amended

2. Final adoption of an ordinance for a rezoning request by Starwood Management Company to rezone 0.225 acre parcel (67'X 146') located at 505 W. Coleman Ave from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 11/12/2018. Z-2021-04-00091 (Lacy Landrum)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to deny a rezoning request by Starwood Management Company to rezone 0.225 acre parcel (67'X 146') located at 505 W. Coleman Ave from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 11/12/2018. Z-2021-04-00091

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Abstain), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion Approved 4-0 to deny the request

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

NONE

X. ADJOURN: there was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to adjourn. 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 JUNE 22, 2021

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