



**Notice of Hammond City Council Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 6, 2020, 12:00pm
City Council Chambers, 312 E Charles St, Hammond, LA**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Carle Gonzales called Special Meeting to order at 12pm.

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

III. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING:

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the City Council Chambers, 312 East Charles Street, Hammond, Louisiana, the City Council of the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the City of Hammond to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax.

Lacy Landrum, read the notice stated above giving notice of the above regarding the millage renewal. This is under the same terms as before and no tax increase. The full breakdown will be provided at the January 28th, 2020 meeting and the election is expected to be held in May 2020.

No Vote Required

IV. HISTORY AND DISCUSSION OF THE CITY OF HAMMOND'S PAY SYSTEM

Councilman Devon Wells entered the Meeting

Lacy Landrum, provided an overview of the pay system for City employees.

Lacy Landrum, provided comparison information from other jurisdictions

Lacy Landrum, provided information on increasing pay for new police officers and the impact on the pay system.

There was discussion on the City pay plan and increasing pay for new police officers.

Lacy Landrum, will research answers to questions raised by Council Members.

Councilman DiVittorio left the meeting

Councilman Wells left the meeting

V. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales and second by Councilman Steve Leon 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 A TRUE AND CORRECT RECITATION OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD

January 6, 2020

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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, CARLEE GONZALES

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

Hammond City Council Members

Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales – President

Councilman Sam DiVittorio- Vice President

Councilman Devon Wells

Councilman Kip Andrews

Councilman Steve Leon

City Council Clerk

Tonia Banks



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
January 14, 2020
5:30pm**

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

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

III. ELECTION:

A. President

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells to elect Councilwoman Gonzales for Council President.

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

B. Vice President

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Leon to elect Councilman DiVittorio for Council Vice President.

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

IV. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An Ordinance to amend Ordinance UDC#14-5364 Article 11.4.2 Street Lighting General Requirements (Case#TA-2019-11-00016) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, presented this item informing the Council this is to update the UDC code & come in compliance with Entergy requirements

Louise Bostic, 112 Elm Drive Hammond: asked if this only applies to existing street lighting or new development.

Tracie Schillace, it's for new developments and any replacements or additional lighting.

Louise Bostic, asked how replacement lighting or the need for additional lighting is to be addressed?

Tracie Schillace, stated she should contact Robert Morgan in the streets department.

There were no other comments

2. An Ordinance to amend Ordinance UDC#14-5364 Article 12 Floodways, Floodplains, and Storm Water Management to update freeboard requirements and update the drainage design requirements from 10 year storm to 100 year storm (Case#TA-2019-11-00017) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

Tracie Schillace, asking to update (2) parts of the flood ordinance: (1) Update Freeboard requirements to require 1 foot above base flood for new construction (2) Update current 10yr., design storm requirements to change yrs., to 100 year storm

There were no comments



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
January 14, 2020
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Gonzales, called Regular Session to order at 6pm.

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews asked for a moment of silence in honor of Amite Mayor Buddy Bell

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Council:

A. E.J. Forgotston – presentation clothing donation collection boxes. Mrs. Forgotston stated she's on the board for Keep Hammond Beautiful & Keep Tangipahoa Parish Beautiful Presented the Council with photos of the local donation boxes in the area. She stated these are eye sores and should not be allowed.

Tamara Danel – Director of Ginger Ford Northshore Fuller Center for Housing, spoke to the Council about Ginger Ford Fuller Center donation boxes. Mrs. Danel stated their bins are white and they are locked. The bins don't cause problems - people cause the problems. They have 8 locations within the Hammond City limits and of these locations 3 seem to become overfilled on occasions. Suggestions are to add wording to the bins "If donation bin is full please do not leave your donation here bring donations to the Fuller Center at 955 S. Morrison Blvd. Dumping is prohibited!", add additional bins to popular locations, have employees check excess between pickups and bring excess back to Fuller Center, and advise other companies to put locks on their bins to prevent digging.

Councilman Leon- asked if there are there any City regulations or policies.

Bobby Mitchell- stated currently there are no permitting or permission on bins.

Councilman DiVittorio-asked have all companies with storage bins been contacted

Vic Couvillion- President, Keep Hammond Beautiful- would like the Council to appoint one person from their district to join Keep Hammond Beautiful on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 10am - he stated we need your help. He informed the Council he called one of the box owners and got no answer. He stated it's a problem and something has to be done and they need your help.

Mayor Panepinto- stated can one person be selected like the Fuller Center

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain- one person can't be selected everyone has to have the same rules. These are on private properties the Property owners should be contacted and inform them they're in violation of the litter ordinance & the excessive consumption ordinance may apply and he will have to review more on the question.

Robert Fields- stated he's contacted the owner of the pink & blue boxes who was out of Dallas and they will be removed.

Councilman Wells- stated if you have a written permission they can be removed

Robert Fields- Winn Dixie is leasing the property but Sterling Properties would be the contact and I have not been able to contact them will have to go by the office.

Councilwoman Gonzales- stated the City will monitor the issue

Mayor- would it be better to have the donation bins on the Fuller Center site?

Councilman Leon- would like this monitored closely

Councilman Sam DiVittorio- asked about issues on Rue St. Martin with cars being parked in the roads

Police, Chief Edwin Bergeron- stated the department sent out warning letters and would prefer not to tow cars

Councilman DiVittorio- asked are there not any tickets for cars being parked in the road

Councilwoman Gonzales- do we not have a system of parking tickets?

Chief Edwin Bergeron- stated no

Councilwoman Gonzales – asked is there an ordinance that would need to be passed?

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain- Yes

Councilman Wells- stated he is having problems with vehicles parking on the sidewalks

Police, Chief Edwin Bergeron- this would be a code enforcement matter

Mayor: stated the Flood Study engineer should be coming to the next meeting or February meeting to address the Council.

VI. Minutes of December 23, 2019: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of December 23, 2019.

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

VII. Minutes of January 6, 2020 Special Council Meeting: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of January 6, 2020 Special Meeting.

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution authorizing the Hammond Regional Arts Center to host and serve alcohol on Friday, February 7, 2020 from 6:00pm until 10:00pm for the 4th Annual Art of the Cocktail at 217 East Thomas Street and within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park between Cypress and Cherry Streets. Lacy Landrum, representative of the Art Center as the board President, presented this item informing the Council this is the 4th Annual Fundraiser this has been successful and many local businesses participate

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

2. A resolution authorizing the Hammond Regional Arts Center to obtain a waiver of the open container law on Friday, February 7, 2020 from 6:00pm until 10:00pm for the 4th Annual Art of the Cocktail at 217 East Thomas Street and within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park between Cypress and Cherry Streets. Lacy Landrum, representative of the Arts Center stated this is for the waiver of the open container law and will have wristbands, check Ids, and state permit.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon authorizing the Hammond Regional Arts Center to obtain a waiver of the open container law on Friday, February 7, 2020 from 6:00pm until 10:00pm for the 4th Annual Art of the Cocktail at 217 East Thomas Street and within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park between Cypress and Cherry Streets.

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

3. A resolution to approve the Tax Exemption Application for Gnarly Barley Brewing Company that was approved by the Board of Commerce and Industry on December 13, 2019. Lacy Landrum, introduced the Owner of Gnarly Barley

(Owner) of Gnarly Barley- **Zac Caramonta- 1511 University Drive, Hammond,** stated they are a small business that's looking for programs that exist thru the State that really help out- he's available to answer questions.

Jason Ambeau- consultant for Gnarly Barley- 14363 Summerset Drive, Gonzales La. – this is allowing a small business to take advantage of an opportunity for tax exemption and it has been approved by the State Industrial Tax Exemption and the Local Government must now approve it. This exempts 80% of the personal property tax on equipment for first 10 years and it's for expansion of the brewery. The total taxes abatement for the City of Hammond is \$8, 046 over the 10yr. period on exemption - they will pay other taxes to Hammond and to the Parish.

Councilwoman Gonzales- asked to be clear that what the City would be abating or not collecting for 10 yrs., is \$8,046

Jason Ambeau- answered yes,

Richard Jack- a resident of District 1 stated he is in support of the resolution

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Motion Approved 5-0

4. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$15,000 grant application to the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors for the preservation and restoration of the interior of the Miller Memorial Library, a designated historic structure; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$15,000. Charles W. Borchers IV, stated the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund is managed by a national trust historic preservation and is looking at other phases for this building and interior renovations and the City has amply money in the grant match fund and funds from the roofing project to go toward this project.

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Motion Approved 5-0

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance UDC#14-5364 Article 11.4.2 Street Lighting General Requirements (Case#TA-2019-11-00016) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt an Ordinance to amend Ordinance UDC#14-5364 Article 11.4.2 Street Lighting General Requirements (Case#TA-2019-11-00016) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

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

2. Final adoption of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance UDC#14-5364 Article 12 Floodways, Floodplains, and Storm Water Management to update freeboard requirements and update the drainage design requirements from 10 year storm to 100 year storm (Case#TA-2019-11-00017) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com.

- 2006 Ford Crown Victoria- VIN# 2FAFP71W16X141936
- 2004 Dodge Durango- VIN# 1D4HD38N74F176087
- 26 Bicycles- list attaches
- 88 Miscellaneous unclaimed property- list attached
- Kubota Front End Bucket
- Marco Spray Tank

Jana Thurman, stated the bicycles should be separated they will not be sold on Govdeal.com they will be donations.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to remove the 26 bicycles from surplus list.

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

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There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to amend the agenda to add and introduction of an ordinance to declare 26 bicycles as surplus property and to donate them to a nonprofit organization.

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

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

Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, January 28, 2020

3. Introduction to an Ordinance for Annexation into the Hammond City Limits, Initial Zoning to C-H, and Placement into City Council District #4 requested by Richard Witham (applicant) & Farris Family LLC (owner) for Tract A-3 of the Pat Farris Mini-Partition located at 2307 W. Thomas St. in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. recorded on 12/30/2019 COB 1528/Page 103 (Z-2019-12-00067) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, stated this is a particular part of land that would like to be annexed into the City Limits.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an Ordinance for Annexation into the Hammond City Limits, Initial Zoning to C-H, and Placement into City Council District #4 requested by Richard Witham (applicant) & Farris Family LLC (owner) for Tract A-3 of the Pat Farris Mini-Partition located at 2307 W. Thomas St. in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. recorded on 12/30/2019 COB 1528/Page 103 (Z-2019-12-00067) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission

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Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0

Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, January 28, 2020

4. Introduction to an Ordinance to rezone 3 parcels being 25.640 acres request by STOA Holdings LLC. located at 1600 Baurele Road from RS.11-A to MX-N in accordance with survey by Lester A. McLin Jr. dated 12/4/2019 (Z-2019-12-00068) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, stated this is a large tract that is fronting on Baurele Road on the westside of Home Depot asking to rezone for a potential developer to place housing units and apartments asking to rezone to MX-N.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to an Ordinance to rezone 3 parcels being 25.640 acres request by STOA Holdings LLC. located at 1600 Baurele Road from RS.11-A to MX-N in accordance with survey by Lester A. McLin Jr. dated 12/4/2019 (Z-2019-12-00068) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

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5. Introduction to amend Ordinance UDC#14-5364 Article 9.1.5 Landscaping Standards A) 4) to allow the required street yard planting area to be waived if and only if the zero foot (0') build-to-line is used in the respective zoning districts (TA-2019-11-00018) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, this is to correct a conflict

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce to amend Ordinance UDC#14-5364 Article 9.1.5 Landscaping Standards A) 4) to allow the required street yard planting area to be waived if and only if the zero foot (0') build-to-line is used in the respective zoning districts (TA-2019-11-00018) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

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Louise Bostic asked for the list of items on the surplus list

Tonia Banks stated everything is on line

Jana Thurman provided Ms. Bostic with the list at the meeting.

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

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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK



PRESIDENT, CARLEE GONZALES

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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Jana Thurman, stated these items are no longer in working conditions and is asking Council approval to surplus and sell on Govdeal.com

There were no public comments

2. An ordinance to declare 26 bicycles as surplus property and to donate them to a nonprofit organization.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to remove Public Hearing #2 an ordinance to declare 26 bicycles as surplus property and to donate them to a nonprofit organization from the agenda.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Kip Andrews (Y).

Motion Approved 5-0

3. An Ordinance for Annexation into the Hammond City Limits, Initial Zoning to C-H, and Placement into City Council District #4 requested by Richard Witham (applicant) & Farris Family LLC (owner) for Tract A-3 of the Pat Farris Mini-Partition located at 2307 W. Thomas St. in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. recorded on 12/30/2019 COB 1528/Page 103 (Z-2019-12-00067) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, asking the Council to annex this property it's across from the Winn Dixie on Hwy., 190 this is a new business coming. This will be in District #4 and it meets current zoning requirements.

There were no public Comments

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There were no public comments

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There were no public comments



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
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6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Carlee Gonzales called Public Hearing to order at 5:45pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Council:

Councilman Andrews- this Saturday at 6:30pm District #1 will be having a worship service with all the Churches in District #1 at Macedonia Baptist Church.

Councilman Andrews introduced a resident from District #1 that would like to address the Council.
Dedra Dangerfield, 303 Wilbert Dangerfield Drive – informed the Council that she has been having this problem for a year. She expressed a concern over on Wilbert Dangerfield Drive and Magazine Street. There are 3 trailers that are very bad and spoke with the Building Department. She asked the Council & the Mayor to visit the area to see why she has addressing her concerns.

Councilwoman Gonzales- commended the City for reaching out to Entergy on placing street lights in some dark areas and it was much appreciated.

2. Mayor: No Reports

VI. Minutes of January 14, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the Minutes of January 14, 2020.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Kip Andrews (Y).

Motion Approved 5-0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Grant Schlueter, Foley & Judell Bond Counsel- informed the Council the resolution is before them calling for the Police and Fire Tax renewal election on May 9th, 2020. It's the 10mills and the renewal is for 10 years and the purpose is the same as the existing tax.

Frank DiVittorio, 1 Arbrook Circle, Hammond- stated the uses of funds is allocated but, was there a reconsideration of the allocation considered and how those funds are required to be used for another 10 years?

Lacy Landrum, stated this is proposed as a renewal - the idea is to renew what is currently done.

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2. A resolution supporting the submission of a grant application under the Litter Cleanup Supplies Affiliate Grant Program for litter cleanup supplies for Keep Hammond Beautiful.

Charles W. Borchers IV, informed the Council the City applies for this grant every year for litter cleanup supplies and all match is in kind.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon supporting the submission of a grant application under the Litter Cleanup Supplies Affiliate Grant Program for litter cleanup supplies for Keep Hammond Beautiful.

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

3. A resolution 1) accepting a \$1,000,000 grant from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to be used toward the purchase of the 19.35 acres, more or less, and all improvements thereupon previously authorized for purchase by the Hammond City Council by Ordinance No. 19-5599 C.S.; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. David Lobue, stated this is the final step to accepting the \$1 million grant from the State for the purchase of the property

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if all funds were been collected and in the account

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain- stated the other funds are in his Trust Account and the closing is scheduled for tomorrow.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews 1) accepting a \$1,000,000 grant from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to be used toward the purchase of the 19.35 acres, more or less, and all improvements thereupon previously authorized for purchase by the Hammond City Council by Ordinance No. 19-5599 C.S.; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to remove Final Adoption #2 of an ordinance to declare 26 bicycles as surplus property and to donate them to a nonprofit organization from the Agenda.

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Motion Approved 5-0

3. Final adoption of an Ordinance for Annexation into the Hammond City Limits, Initial Zoning to C-H, and Placement into City Council District #4 requested by Richard Witham (applicant) & Farris Family LLC (owner) for Tract A-3 of the Pat Farris Mini-Partition located at 2307 W. Thomas St. in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. recorded on 12/30/2019 COB 1528/Page 103 (Z-2019-12-00067) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to adopt an Ordinance for Annexation into the Hammond City Limits, Initial Zoning to C-H, and Placement into City Council District #4 requested by Richard Witham (applicant) & Farris Family LLC (owner) for Tract A-3 of the Pat Farris Mini-Partition located at 2307 W. Thomas St. in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. recorded on 12/30/2019 COB 1528/Page 103 (Z-2019-12-00067) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

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

4. Final adoption of an Ordinance to rezone 3 parcels being 25.640 acres request by STOA Holdings LLC. located at 1600 Baurele Road from RS.11-A to MX-N in accordance with survey by Lester A. McLin Jr. dated 12/4/2019 (Z-2019-12-00068) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to adopt an Ordinance to rezone 3 parcels being 25.640 acres request by STOA Holdings LLC. located at 1600 Baurele Road from RS.11-A to MX-N in accordance with survey by Lester A. McLin Jr. dated 12/4/2019 (Z-2019-12-00068) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

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

5. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend Ordinance UDC#14-5364 Article 9.1.5 Landscaping Standards A) 4) to allow the required street yard planting area to be waived if and only if the zero foot (0') build-to-line is used in the respective zoning districts (TA-2019-11-00018) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt an ordinance to amend Ordinance UDC#14-5364 Article 9.1.5 Landscaping Standards A) 4) to allow the required street yard planting area to be waived if and only if the zero foot (0') build-to-line is used in the respective zoning districts (TA-2019-11-00018) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

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

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


IX. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I TONIA BANKS, 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 **January 28, 2020** BEING **5 PAGES** IN LENGTH


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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
February 11, 2020
5:30pm**

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

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
February 11, 2020
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

Councilman Wells enters the meeting

V. REPORTS:

1. Council: February 20, 2020 at 6:30 pm District #1 will host a Townhall meeting in Council Chambers. On February 29, 2020 District #1 will host a Day at the African American Museum for the youth from 10am- 1pm. Also, Councilman Andrews acknowledge Mrs. Mary Ida Jackson a resident of District #1 that will turn 100 yrs., old on Friday, February 14, 2020.

Councilman Sam DiVittorio: asked when the flood study presentation will be available.

Lacy Landrum: they were scheduled for tonight but, they did not have the cost estimate in time. They will be back the first meeting in March

Councilman Andrews: would like to thank Mr. CC, Bobby Mitchell, & Mayor for riding in District #1 and made a list of things that needs to be addressed.

2. Mayor: attended the Regional Planning Commission on today and they will come forward to assist with the traffic study on Old Covington

Also approached by one of the engineers on the Environmental Assessment on 3234 which is University Avenue which goes from University to the back of the Airport to Industrial is complete and they will be holding public meetings to inform the public know what's the next step.

Parade is this weekend Friday, February 14, 2020

Sales tax are in good standing

VI. Minutes of January 28, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of January 28, 2020.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to approve Margarita's Mexican Restaurant located at 610 Palace Drive Hammond La., to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owner is Margarita's, LLC. Jinnie Wilson, informed the board that this a new restaurant in the mall area where Shane's Rib Shack was located and has met all requirements.

Owner: Louis Ortiz, 610 Palace Drive, Hammond La. 70403

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked Mr. Ortiz if employees were trained in knowing the drinking age and to ID?

Louis Ortiz: yes

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and Second by Councilman Wells to approve Margarita's Mexican Restaurant located at 610 Palace Drive Hammond La., to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owner is Margarita's, LLC.

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

2. A resolution to approve Stop N Shop 2 located at 285 S. Morrison Blvd., Hammond La., to sell High/Low packaged alcohol. The owner is Vansh, LLC. Jinnie Wilson, stated Mr. Singh is the representative and he's not present. This is a pack and go service station previous named Gs' and he has met all requirements.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if there was alcohol at the previous owned business.

Jinnie Wilson, think they did

Mayor, does he have other stores

Jinnie Wilson, yes he does and he has met all requirements

Councilman Wells, he knows all the rules from owning other businesses

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to approve Stop N Shop 2 located at 285 S. Morrison Blvd., Hammond La., to sell High/Low packaged alcohol. The owner is Vansh, LLC.

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

Mayor, recognized Mrs. Jinnie Wilson she will be retiring on February 20, 2020 and thanked her for her services.

3. A resolution to approve the Hammond BBQ Challenge, Inc. to hold the 2020 It's A Smokin' BBQ Challenge in downtown Hammond on March 26, 27, & 28, 2020, lying within the boundaries of S.W. Railroad Ave., from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; East Charles Street to Hanson Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S. W. Railroad Ave. Eric Phares & Brian Shirey, stated this event is known countrywide. There are 44 professional teams so far with 55 to 60 locals.

Brian Shirey, 1929 Country Club Lane, Hammond: This is the 17th year and taking applications for board actively for any organizations who would like to mentor and learn how to prepare for the event. Thanked the City of Hammond and passed out handouts to the board that showed they visited local surrounding businesses that may be affected by the event. Brian, stated the teams on the Eastside of the track are the professional will not be passing out food their competing on the Westside of the tracks the public could purchase food.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the Hammond BBQ Challenge, Inc. to hold the 2020 It's A Smokin' BBQ Challenge in downtown Hammond on March 26, 27, & 28, 2020, lying within the boundaries of S.W. Railroad Ave., from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; East Charles Street to Hanson Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S. W. Railroad Ave.

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

4. A resolution to approve the Hammond BBQ Challenge, Inc. to sell alcohol on the City's property lying within the boundaries of S. W. Railroad Ave., from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; East Charles Street to Hanson Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S.W. Railroad Avenue for the hours of 6pm to 11pm on Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3pm to 11pm on Friday, March 27, 2020, and from 10am to 11:30 pm on Saturday, March 28, 2020. Eric Phares, asking the approval of the Council to sell alcohol at the BBQ Challenge event.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the Hammond BBQ Challenge, Inc. to sell alcohol on the City's property lying within the boundaries of S. W. Railroad Ave., from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; East Charles Street to Hanson Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S.W. Railroad Avenue for the hours of 6pm to 11pm on Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3pm to 11pm on Friday, March 27, 2020, and from 10am to 11:30 pm on Saturday, March 28, 2020.

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

5. A resolution to approve the Hammond BBQ Challenge, Inc. to obtain a waiver of the City of Hammond Open Container Law within the boundaries of S. W. Railroad Ave., from 100 yards S. of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; East Charles Street to Hanson Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S. W. Railroad Avenue for the hours of 6pm to 11pm on Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3pm to 11pm on Friday, March 27, 2020, and from 10am to 11:30 pm on Saturday, March 28, 2020.
Eric Phares, asking the approval of the Council approval of the open container law.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the Hammond BBQ Challenge, Inc. to obtain a waiver of the City of Hammond Open Container Law within the boundaries of S. W. Railroad Ave., from 100 yards S. of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; East Charles Street to Hanson Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S. W. Railroad Avenue for the hours of 6pm to 11pm on Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3pm to 11pm on Friday, March 27, 2020, and from 10am to 11:30 pm on Saturday, March 28, 2020.

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

6. A resolution authorizing Contract Change Order No. Three (3) for "Sewer System Rehabilitation FY-2018 LCDBG – City of Hammond, LA" (Project 31813) for an increase of 60 days.
Charles Borchers IV, stated this project is between Thomas, Palmetto, Mooney, and Morrison majority of the work is complete the engineer identified some small issues that could be performed. Under contract and grant budget and want to use some funds to resolve issues found. There will be no additional cost to the City.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing Contract Change Order No. Three (3) for "Sewer System Rehabilitation FY-2018 LCDBG – City of Hammond, LA" (Project 31813) for an increase of 60 days.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an Ordinance to Accept final construction plans for the east portion of Commerce Street Improvements, accept dedication of east portion of Commerce Street (approx. 50'x468') & Cul-de-sac, and Acceptance of 1 Year performance bond/letter of credit in the amount of \$287,935.00 in accordance with plans and survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr.; Zoned CH & RM-3 (Case#ROW-2019-07-00009) Recommend approval by Planning Commission. Tracie Schillace, presented this item informing Council that Commerce Street runs off of S. Morrison Blvd., which is a dead end street. In 1987 City Council abandon the rear portion of this street which was given back to the property owners. There is a developer that would like to improve the street and add a Cul-de-sac at the end. Asking the board to accept the final plans and the portion of the street. The developer is providing a Performance Bond for the complete cost of the construction. Once they complete the construction will come back for Maintenance Bond that the board will have to approve and accept. DOTD said there was no need for study because of the connection to the apartments.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce and ordinance to Accept final construction plans for the east portion of Commerce Street Improvements, accept dedication of east portion of Commerce Street (approx. 50'x468') & Cul-de-sac, and Acceptance of 1 Year performance bond/letter of credit in the amount of \$287,935.00 in accordance with plans and survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr.; Zoned CH & RM-3 (Case#ROW-2019-07-00009) Recommend approval by Planning Commission.

Councilman Wells, asked did they contact all the businesses?

Tracie Schillace, yes

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y).
Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0
Public Hearing is set for Thursday, February 27, 2020

2. Introduction of an ordinance to revoke an existing 10" water servitude, & accept the dedication of a relocated 10" water servitude requested by Palace Properties, LLC located on Lot 3A1-A2 at Hammond Square Shopping Center in accordance with survey by Acadia Land Surveying, LLC. Tracie Schillace, presented this item informing Council that Walk Ons is coming to Hammond Square Shopping Center and would need the servitude moved because piping would go under restaurant.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to **Amend** the Agenda to read Introduction of an ordinance to revoke an existing 10' water servitude, & accept the dedication of a relocated 10' water servitude requested by Palace Properties, LLC located on Lot 3 A1-A2 at Hammond Square Shopping Center in accordance with survey by Acadia Land Surveying, LLC.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to revoke an existing 10' water servitude, & accept the dedication of a relocated 10' water servitude requested by Palace Properties, LLC located on Lot 3A1-A2 at Hammond Square Shopping Center in accordance with survey by Acadia Land Surveying, LLC.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y).
Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0
Public Hearing is set for Thursday, February 27, 2020

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

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February 27, 2020
5:30pm**

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

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An Ordinance to accept final construction plans for the east portion of Commerce Street Improvements, accept dedication of east portion of Commerce Street (approx. 50'x468') & Cul-de-sac, and acceptance of 1-year performance bond/letter of credit in the amount of \$287,935.00 in accordance with plans and survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr.; Zoned CH & RM-3 (Case#ROW-2019-07-00009). Recommend approval by Planning Commission. Tracie Schillace, asking to accept the final construction plans for the improvements of Commerce Street which is the East portion that's currently private. Also, asking to accept the dedication of the improvements with the exception of the Performance Bond. This is currently a dead end road will be adding a cul de sac. Tracie, stated a condition will like to be added to the approval a piece of property at the end of the street that owes previous taxes and the developer has agreed to place a bond in lieu of paying those taxes.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain: stated the agreement would the developer will satisfy the taxes have that resolve or otherwise to post a bond to secure from unpaid taxes. This is one lot owner who owes the taxes that's doing the dedication.

There were no public comments

2. An ordinance to revoke an existing 10' water servitude and accept the dedication of a relocated 10' water servitude requested by Palace Properties, LLC located on Lot 3A1-A2 at Hammond Square Shopping Center in accordance with survey by Acadia Land Surveying, LLC. Tracie Schillace, stated this is needed for the new Walk- Ons restaurant.

There were no public comments



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
February 27, 2020
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Carlee Gonzales called Regular Session to order at 6:35 pm.

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales

V. REPORTS:

1. Council:

Councilwoman Gonzales, congratulated Councilman DiVittorio & wife on their new baby arrival

Councilman Wells entered the meeting

Councilman Kip Andrews, March 14, 2020 District 1 trash pickup at Martin Luther King Park

2. Mayor:

Recognized Mr. Ernie Andrus, WWII Vet, and asked Mr. Nick Joseph and any Veterans to come forward.

Mr. Andrus, stated he's 96 yrs., old, a WWII Veteran and found a ship like he served on and he's running coast to coast to raise enough money to return the ship to Normandy for a D-Day Memorial Service. Mr. Nick Joseph presented Mr. Ernie Andrus with a key to the city.

VI. Minutes of February 11, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and Second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of February 11, 2020.

Vote: Sam DiVittorio (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved 4-0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for "Taxiway Lighting Rehabilitation – Phase 1 (Design)" at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport for up to \$150,000. David Lobue, stated this is part of the capital improvement plan of the Airport with the total cost expected to be more than \$1 million. This is the first phase and no money from the City is required.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for "Taxiway Lighting Rehabilitation – Phase 1 (Design)" at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport for up to \$150,000.

Vote: Sam DiVittorio (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved 4-0

2. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a work authorization for professional services with Michael Baker International for “Airfield Lighting Rehabilitation (Phase I) Design” at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. David Lobue, stated the contract has been approved from the State and he would like to award the work authorization to our consulting engineer Michael Baker International for the \$150,000. The authorization has been approved and reviewed by the State.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the Mayor to execute a work authorization for professional services with Michael Baker International for “Airfield Lighting Rehabilitation (Phase I) Design” at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport

**Vote: Sam DiVittorio (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved 4-0**

3. A resolution to approve Change Order No. 1 (Final), for “NW Railroad Sewer Improvements” (Project #616-11915) in the amount of a \$3,364.60 credit. Chuck Spangler, stated the final quantities of each bid item and at the conclusion of the work, there is in the amount of \$3,364.60 remaining under the original contract amount.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to approve Change Order No. 1 (Final), for “NW Railroad Sewer Improvements” (Project #616-11915) in the amount of a \$3,364.60 credit.

**Vote: Sam DiVittorio (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved 4-0**

4. A resolution to accept the work for “NW Railroad Sewer Improvements” (Project #616-11915) by Lawson-Bonet Construction, Inc., as substantially complete, commencing the 45-day lien period and withholding 10% retainage. Chuck Spangler, stated the work has been completed and the lift station is in service and complimented the City for the electrical service.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to accept the work for “NW Railroad Sewer Improvements” (Project #616-11915) by Lawson-Bonet Construction, Inc., as substantially complete, commencing the 45-day lien period and withholding 10% retainage. __

**Vote: Sam DiVittorio (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved 4-0**

5. A resolution to approve Budget Change Form 20-04 transferring \$8,000 from “NW Railroad Sewer Improvements” (Project #616-11915) to “Pride Drive / HAEIDD Sewer Extension” (Project #616-12024). Chuck Spangler, stated there were problems at Pride Drive and more funds are needed for this project with no new appropriations.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to approve Budget Change Form 20-04 transferring \$8,000 from “NW Railroad Sewer Improvements” (Project #616-11915) to “Pride Drive / HAEIDD Sewer Extension” (Project #616-12024).

**Vote: Sam DiVittorio (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved 4-0**

6. A resolution to approve Budget Change Form 20-05 transferring \$303,900 from closed-out projects “Drainage Improvements FY 2018” (Project #420-11806) and “Drainage Improvements FY 2019” (Project #420-11908) to “Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements [FY 2020]” (Project #420-12010). Chuck Spangler, stated these are the funds remaining from closed out projects and will go to go to sidewalks & drainage improvements.

Louise Bostic, 113 Elm Drive Hammond: stated the project on S. Chestnut for drainage has not been resolved and has been ongoing for several years. She has standing water in the ditch and had to have wrecker move her car there times because she has gotten stuck. Asking the Council to look into this situation and assist with this drainage issue. This is 610 Iowa so, it would be the 700 block of Chestnut on both sides of the street.

Chuck Spangler, stated this work is in the next phase of drainage projects.

Mayor, stated the City will check on it

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells to approve Budget Change Form 20-05 transferring \$303,900 from closed-out projects “Drainage Improvements FY 2018” (Project #420-11806) and “Drainage Improvements FY 2019” (Project #420-11908) to “Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements [FY 2020]” (Project #420-12010).

**Vote: Sam DiVittorio (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved 4-0**

7. A resolution authorizing Change Order #1 for “Air Traffic Control Tower Build-out” (Project 31706) for an increase of \$1,971. Charles Borchers IV, stated there was a deduction of \$4300 and identified (2) other areas where plumbing work needs to be done to correct existing plumbing to bring up to code and waterproofing of the elevator pit - this is what the City would have to do but its more affordable to have the contractors do it due to the deduction and some savings. The difference is \$1,971.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon authorizing Change Order #1 for “Air Traffic Control Tower Build-out” (Project 31706) for an increase of \$1,971.

**Vote: Sam DiVittorio (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved 4-0**

8. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$112,500 application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase firefighting equipment for the Hammond Fire Department (HFD); and 2) supporting a cash match of \$12,500 from the Fire Millage Fund. Charles Borchers IV, stated this will replace older equipment to meet current standards and the match will come from the Fire Department.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews 1) supporting the submission of a \$112,500 application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase firefighting equipment for the Hammond Fire Department (HFD); and 2) supporting a cash match of \$12,500 from the Fire Millage Fund.

**Vote: Sam DiVittorio (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved 4-0**

9. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$50,000 application to the AARP Community Challenge Grant Program to build an accessible walking trail in Martin Luther King Park; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$25,000 from the Grant Match Fund. Charles Borchers IV, stated this would be for a walking path near the baseball field and playground.

Councilman Steve Leon, asked has someone looked at this concerning drainage issues

Charles Borchers, stated if the City is awarded the grant we will definitely make sure we do not contribute to any drainage issues

Louise Bostic, asked which park

Councilwoman Gonzales, answered MLK Park

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells 1) supporting the submission of a \$50,000 application to the AARP Community Challenge Grant Program to build an accessible walking trail in Martin Luther King Park; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$25,000 from the Grant Match Fund

**Vote: Sam DiVittorio (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved 4-0**

10. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$250,000 grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for improvements to Mooney Park; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$250,000 from the Grant Match Fund. Charles Borchers IV, stated this grant is to assist with redesigning Mooney Park and upgrade the playground equipment.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells 1) supporting the submission of a \$250,000 grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for improvements to Mooney Park; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$250,000 from the Grant Match Fund.

**Vote: Sam DiVittorio (), Kip Andrews (), Carlee Gonzales (), Devon Wells (), Steve Leon ().
Motion Approved 4-0**

11. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tangipahoa Parish Government for road overlays on W Dakota St, N Oak St, NW Railroad Ave, Mooney Ave, Muscarello Rd, Third St, E Hanson St, Maryland St, and Professional Plaza. Lacy Landrum, stated this is a standard contract with the Parish and this will be at the Parish's sole Cost.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tangipahoa Parish Government for road overlays on W Dakota St, N Oak St, NW Railroad Ave, Mooney Ave, Muscarello Rd, Third St, E Hanson St, Maryland St, and Professional Plaza.

Vote: Sam DiVittorio (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved 4-0

VII. FINL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to accept final construction plans for the east portion of Commerce Street Improvements, accept dedication of east portion of Commerce Street (approx. 50'x468') and Cul-de-sac, and acceptance of a 1-Year performance bond/letter of credit in the amount of \$287,935.00 in accordance with plans and survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr.; Zoned CH & RM-3 (Case#ROW-2019-07-00009) Recommend approval by Planning Commission.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt an Ordinance to accept final construction plans for the east portion of Commerce Street Improvements, accept dedication of east portion of Commerce Street (approx. 50'x468') and Cul-de-sac, and acceptance of a 1-Year performance bond/letter of credit in the amount of \$287,935.00 in accordance with plans and survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr.; Zoned CH & RM-3 (Case#ROW-2019-07-00009) with the condition that the developer pay the taxes or post a bond as security for unpaid taxes.

Vote: Sam DiVittorio (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved 4-0

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to revoke an existing 10' water servitude and accept the dedication of a relocated 10' water servitude requested by Palace Properties, LLC located on Lot 3A1-A2 at Hammond Square Shopping Center in accordance with survey by Acadia Land Surveying, LLC.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt an ordinance to revoke an existing 10' water servitude and accept the dedication of a relocated 10' water servitude requested by Palace Properties, LLC located on Lot 3A1-A2 at Hammond Square Shopping Center in accordance with survey by Acadia Land Surveying, LLC.


Vote: Sam DiVittorio (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved 4-0

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

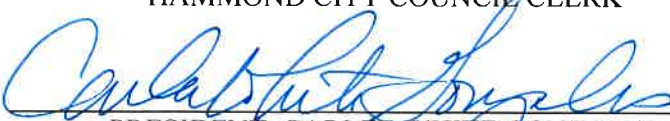
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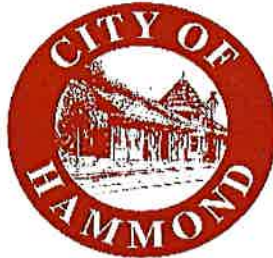
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Hammond City Council Members

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Councilman Kip Andrews
Councilman Steve Leon

City Council Clerk, Tonia Banks

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
March 10, 2020
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales, called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
March 10, 2020
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales, called the Regular Session to order at 5:33pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Council:

A. Melanie Ricketts- Councilwoman Gonzales, stated Mrs. Ricketts wanted to speak concerning the Cemetery at 502 North Wilson Street. Ms. Ricketts asked the Council to protect and maintain the Historic Cemetery at 502 N. Wilson Street. There was no established plan for care and maintenance of the site and the property was donated to the City. She stated that there will be construction on the adjacent sites and this is a concern with foundation work, movement of heavy machinery, the parking of crews, or foot traffic which could endanger and negatively impact the tombstones and crypts and this will disturb any unmarked burials. As the City is the owner of this property she requested the following.

1. that the area be professionally surveyed to ensure all boundaries of the Cemetery are accurate
2. during construction on adjacent properties the cemetery boundaries should be clearly marked
3. the cemetery not be used for storage or parking of vehicles
4. construction not impede access to the cemetery in anyway and be accessible to the public
5. an expert be consulted for maintenance & care of tombstones
6. have the area scanned for unmarked graves
7. develop a plan to stabilize tombstones and crypts
8. place signage & fencing around the cemetery

Councilman Wells Entered the meeting

Mayor, asked if Melanie had a name of a person to consult

Melanie Ricketts, stated there are some from New Orleans

Melvin McElvern, recognized the Louisiana Navy Guard Association and stated the Vice President of the Association has a relative that's located in this graveyard which has historical significance. This is an African American heritage cemetery and he is asking the City to establish boundaries, maintain it, put fences up and preserve the history.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if when this was donated to the City in 1994 or 1995 was there any agreement on who would maintain the cemetery?

Melanie Ricketts, stated the land was donated in 1995 and believe due to it being in a residential area the people near the site maintained the cemetery.

Devon Wells, stated he visited the gravesite and it looks like the property is being divided and the City needs to look at this and it should be taken care of better than it has been. Councilman Wells, also spoke on the new service for trash and a lot of residents have not received trash cans.

Mayor: asked him to give the name and addresses and the City will contact the trash collector to provide trash cans.

Lacy Landrum: stated the City needs addresses if cans have not been delivered so they can contact the trash collector to verify and some areas with concerns will have dumpsters.

Councilman Devon Wells: 805 Mooney Ave is the address that are in need of trash cans

Councilman Kip Andrews: stated on March 21st Cleanup day for District 1 will meet at MLK Park at 10am.

Also, scholarships for District 1 will be going out on Friday for High School Seniors that live in District.

2. Mayor,

A. Andre Monnot – Flood Study: the Council received a report & recommendations from Principal Engineering, Inc. (This report was also available online for review)

Andre Monnot, stated this is the summary for lowering the base flood elevations thru the City and this is offering our opinion. Mr. Monnot went thru each slide from the report.

Dana Gagliano, Hammond: asked questions about the June presentation and the recommendations

Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales, asked to see the Memorandum of Finding referenced in the presentation

VI. Minutes of February 27, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Steve Leon to approve the minutes of February 27, 2020.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to authorize the Falcon Alumni Association to host and serve alcohol on Saturday, May 9, 2020 from 11:00am until 4:00pm for the STA Alumni Crawfish Boil within the downtown parking lots on the west side of the railroad tracks and bounded by Coleman Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Morris Ave., and the railroad tracks. John Daniel Guerin, stated the group is looking to bring this fundraiser to downtown Hammond.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about wristbands and IDs

John Guerin, stated someone will check IDs to restrict alcohol sales.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the Falcon Alumni Association to host and serve alcohol on Saturday, May 9, 2020 from 11:00am until 4:00pm for the STA Alumni Crawfish Boil within the downtown parking lots on the west side of the railroad tracks and bounded by Coleman Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Morris Ave., and the railroad tracks

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Abstain), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

2. A resolution to authorize the Falcon Alumni Association to obtain a Waiver of the Open Container Law on Saturday, May 9, 2020 from 11:00am until 4:00pm for the STA Alumni Crawfish Boil within the downtown parking lots on the west side of the railroad tracks and bounded by Coleman Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Morris Ave., and the railroad tracks. John Daniel Guerin, requested the Waiver of the Open Container law for this event.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to authorize the Falcon Alumni Association to obtain a Waiver of the Open Container Law on Saturday, May 9, 2020 from 11:00am until 4:00pm for the STA Alumni Crawfish Boil within the downtown parking lots on the west side of the railroad tracks and bounded by Coleman Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Morris Ave., and the railroad tracks.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Abstain), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

3. A resolution adopting a revised Grievance Procedure under the City of Hammond's "Section 504 Evaluation & Transition Plan and Summary of Previous & New Actions Taken" and authorizing related housekeeping changes therein. Charles Borchers IV, stated there are Federal guidelines and laws that the City has to comply. The Louisiana Office of Community Development which oversees our Block Grant that provides all the Sewer Improvements between Mooney, Morrison, Thomas, and Palmetto they recommend adopting their grievance procedure.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, asked if this is intended to be part of the City personnel policy since it references employees

Charles Borchers, stated it is not a personnel policy it's a separate stand-alone policy required for compliance for Federal grants.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain would like time to review for any recommendations concerning the City's personnel policies.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to **TABLE** adopting a revised Grievance Procedure under the City of Hammond's "Section 504 Evaluation & Transition Plan and Summary of Previous & New Actions Taken" and authorizing related housekeeping changes therein.

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

4. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Tangipahoa Parish Government, Cypress Pointe Hospital, and The Heights Apartments, LLC for road improvements to John Lambert Drive for a cost of up to \$31,250 (one-fourth of the total cost estimated at \$125,000). Funds are proposed to come from the surplus/available funds. Lacy Landrum, stated this a turning lane added to John Lambert Drive to assist with traffic congestion. This is south of I-12 and there was a traffic study that was completed to analyze if this would be beneficial to this area.

Councilman Devon Wells, requested this item be tabled to review and receive more information he would also like a meeting with the (4) different partners.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to **TABLE** this item authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Tangipahoa Parish Government, Cypress Pointe Hospital, and The Heights Apartments, LLC for road improvements to John Lambert Drive for a cost of up to \$31,250 (one-fourth of the total cost estimated at \$125,000). Funds are proposed to come from the surplus/available funds.

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

5. A resolution to accept the work for "MLK Park Improvements" (Project #11913) as substantially complete, commencing the 45-day lien period and withholding 10% retainage. Pierre Theriot stated the , work is complete and recommends to accept the work as substantially complete.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to accept the work for "MLK Park Improvements" (Project #11913) as substantially complete, commencing the 45-day lien period and withholding 10% retainage. _

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an ordinance declaring two (2) Crown Victoria's moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety. Jana Thurman, stated 3 items were surplus but, (2) are in working condition and asking permission from Council to donate to Rosalind Police Department for public safety.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance declaring two (2) Crown Victoria's moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0
Public Hearing set for March 24, 2020

2. Introduction of an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the sale of the items listed below to sell on GovDeals.com

- 2008 Ford Crown Victoria - VIN# 1FAFP71VX8X125695 (78,715 Miles)
- Bag of Digital Cameras & Video Cameras
- Used Hats & Helmets
- Reflectors/Bag
- Noise Meter
- Box of Cassette Tapes (New)
- Leather Jackets (Bulk)
- Motorcycle Boots (4 pairs)
- 2 Mobile Security Computer Cabinets - Model 273114 (New)

Jana Thurman, stated these items were turned over to be deemed as surplus and asking the Council for approval to surplus and sell on GovDeals

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the sale of the items listed below to sell on GovDeals.com

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Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)

Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0

Public Hearing is set for March 24, 2020

3. Introduction of an ordinance for annexation into the Hammond City Limits, initial zoning to C-H, and placement into the City Council District #4 as requested by Express Oil Change & Tire Engineers (applicant) and One Ninety Corp. (owner) for Tract A-1-B (0.830 acres) of the One Ninety Corp Mini Partition located at 2613 W. Thomas St. in accordance with survey by Dennis L. Gowin dated 1/20/2020 (Z-2020-02-00070). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, stated this is an annexation of Highway 190 on the South side across from Market Street. This is an Oil Change and Tire business and will be in District #4.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an for annexation into the Hammond City Limits, initial zoning to C-H, and placement into the City Council District #4 as requested by Express Oil Change & Tire Engineers (applicant) and One Ninety Corp. (owner) for Tract A-1-B (0.830 acres) of the One Ninety Corp Mini Partition located at 2613 W. Thomas St. in accordance with survey by Dennis L. Gowin dated 1/20/2020 (Z-2020-02-00070). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)

Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0

Public Hearing is set for March 24, 2020

4. Introduction of an Ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by Paula Middleton (applicant) and Kinchen Investments LLC (owner) to allow placement of a mmanufactured home meeting all code requirements to be placed on Parcel 3B located at 1104 Harvey St. in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr., Zoned RS-3 (Z-2020-02-00071). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission with the following conditions:

- 1) The manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards; and
- 2) The approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership by Paula Middleton.

Tracie Schillace, stated the property is in the curve off Harvey Street and they had some items that needed to be completed before brought to the council and asking council approval to introduce.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to introduce an Ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by Paula Middleton (applicant) and Kinchen Investments LLC (owner) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements to be placed on Parcel 3B located at 1104 Harvey St. in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr., Zoned RS-3 (Z-2020-02-00071). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission with the following conditions:

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Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)

Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0

Public Hearing is set for March 24, 2020

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

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
March 24, 2020
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales, called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm.

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

Councilwoman Gonzales announced that public participation in the meeting is available remotely and those who have logged on can send questions. There is a slight delay in the video transmission, so we will have a slight delay before voting to see if questions are received.

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **An ordinance declaring two (2) Crown Victoria's moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety.** Jana Thurman, stated these are (2) cars the City is no longer using and she is asking to surplus and donate to Roseland police department to benefit public safety.

There were no public comments

2. **An ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the sale of the items listed below to sell on GovDeals.com**

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Jana Thurman, stated these items were turned over to the evidence room and the Crown Victoria is no longer in use and is asking approval from the Council to sell on GovDeals.

There were no public comments

3. **An ordinance for annexation into the Hammond City Limits, initial zoning to C-H, and placement into the City Council District #4 as requested by Express Oil Change & Tire Engineers (applicant) and One Ninety Corp. (owner) for Tract A-1-B (0.830 acres) of the One Ninety Corp Mini Partition located at 2613 W. Thomas St. in accordance with survey by Dennis L. Gowin dated 1/20/2020 (Z-2020-02-00070). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission.** Tracie Schillace, stated this property is across from Hi-Ho on Thomas Street and will be located in Council District #4. Tracie informed the Council this will be an oil and tire change business.

There were no public comments

4. An Ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by Paula Middleton (applicant) and Kinchen Investments LLC (owner) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements to be placed on Parcel 3B located at 1104 Harvey St. in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr., Zoned RS-3 (Z-2020-02-00071). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission with the following conditions:

- 1) The manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards; and
- 2) The approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership by Paula Middleton.

Tracie Schillace, is asking for approval to place a mobile home in District 1 under the same conditions as usually imposed. The owner is Kinchen Investments LLC, this was purchased under a bond for deed.

There were no public comments

5. An Emergency Ordinance regarding suspension of disconnection of utility services due to Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19. City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, stated this ordinance comes before you procedurally under the Hammond Charter which does allow the adoption of an emergency ordinance in the same meeting in which it is introduced. To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, and public safety the council is allowed to have a public hearing and vote for final adoption at the same meeting. This ordinance would allow that utilities not be disconnected-but this is not a forgiveness of a bill. The bill still has to be paid. This ordinance would allow the City Administration to work out a payment plan that could be spread-out the cumulated bill may be paid for a few months. Under the Charter and Emergency Ordinances this ordinance is only effective for 60 days from final adoption from today.

Councilman Wells, will there be late fees

Andre Coudrain, late fees are waived

Councilman Kip Andrews, will this be 60 days from tonight

Andre Coudrain, as of today and for 60 days here after utilities cannot be disconnected by the City

Council DiVittorio, the payment plan has not been discussed as of yet?

Mayor, at this time we want to make sure people would not get disconnected

There were no other comments



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

March 24, 2020

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called regular session to order at 6:15pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

Council: Councilman Wells, an issue with the park was addressed and thanked Mayor and Lacy

Councilman Sam DiVittorio, asked about shades & audio for Council Chambers

Mayor, will check into it

Councilwoman Gonzales, commended the City for keeping things up and running and its wonderful for the City to provide childcare for employees

Councilman Kip Andrews, asked people to keep up with elderly to be sure they get what they need.

2. **Mayor:** asked everyone to work together and be responsible with other people and use good judgement and we will get through this

VI. Minutes of March 10, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of March 10, 2020.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. A resolution adopting a revised Grievance Procedure under the City of Hammond's "Section 504 Evaluation & Transition Plan and Summary of Previous & New Actions Taken" and authorizing related housekeeping changes therein. Charles W. Borchers IV, stated this item was tabled at the March 10, 2020 council meeting but he spoke with City Attorney, Andre and Loretta Severan, Human Resources Director. Also, made revisions to remove any references to employees they will direct employees to the personnel policy manual if they are employees of the City and this covers non City employees.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews adopting a revised Grievance Procedure under the City of Hammond's "Section 504 Evaluation & Transition Plan and Summary of Previous & New Actions Taken" and authorizing related housekeeping changes therein.

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

2. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Tangipahoa Parish Government, Cypress Pointe Hospital, and The Heights Apartments, LLC for road improvements to John Lambert Drive for a cost of up to \$31,250 (one-fourth of the total cost estimated at \$125,000). Funds are proposed to come from the surplus/available funds. Mayor Pete Panepinto, stated this is a great deal for the City and will share costs. Mayor Panepinto stated he spoke with Councilman Wells concerning the improvements and Councilman Wells visited the location.

Councilman Wells, stated he approves the item and this is a good deal for the City.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Tangipahoa Parish Government, Cypress Pointe Hospital, and The Heights Apartments, LLC for road improvements to John Lambert Drive for a cost of up to \$31,250 (one-fourth of the total cost estimated at \$125,000). Funds are proposed to come from the surplus/available funds.

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

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to adopt rules and procedures for public participation at City Council meetings.

Andre Coudrain, stated this matter is the result of the Governor's Executive orders for public participation without personal attendance . This is a mechanism for the public to participate remotely- it's a challenge but, we appreciate the public's consideration and patience. It requires the City to adopt a procedure and a process. In the rules, he took the opportunity to clean up existing rules and #10 relates to times of public health and public safety emergency for the Council to provide an alternative method of public participation that could be by internet, video, email, facsimile, telephone or some other method. It also informs the public how they will participate remotely in the process.

Councilman Andrews, anything put in place if the Council could not meet here in Chambers is there a setup remotely.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, stated his recommendation is that the Council still have a quorum of council members physically present. If you're ill you could still participate remotely but you wouldn't count for a quorum and your vote doesn't count.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman Leon** to adopt the recommended rules and procedures for public participation at City Council meetings.

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

2. A resolution adopting a "Language Access Plan for Persons with Limited English Proficiency. Charles W. Borchers IV, stated this was a recommendation of the Louisiana Office of Community Development to assist in compliance with Federal requirements based on the Office of Community Development Program.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** adopting a "Language Access Plan for Persons with Limited English Proficiency.

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

3. A resolution supporting a \$45,000 application to the Traffic Safety Grant Program for impaired driving, occupant protection, and juvenile underage drinking enforcement. Charles W. Borchers IV, stated this is an annual grant that the City participates in- the funds goes to spending on overtime for officers, seatbelt checks, monitoring of underage juvenile drinking, and DUI Checkpoints. There is no match requirement.

There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and second by **Councilman Andrews** supporting a \$45,000 application to the Traffic Safety Grant Program for impaired driving, occupant protection, and juvenile underage drinking enforcement.

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

4. A resolution to approve Rumorz Bar & Grill located at 1406 Corbin Rd., Hammond, La. to obtain a permit to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owner is Terrie Clemmons. Laura Hammett, stated the business is located behind Albertson's and down the street from Gnarly Barley Brewing Company. The business has met all requirements.

Owner-Terrie Clemmons 1406 Corbin Road, stated she will be serving food along with alcohol

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve Rumorz Bar & Grill located at 1406 Corbin Rd., Hammond, La. to obtain a permit to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owner is Terrie Clemmons.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance declaring two (2) Crown Victoria's moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to adopt an ordinance declaring two (2) Crown Victoria's moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
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- Leather Jackets (Bulk)
- Motorcycle Boots (4 pairs)
- 2 Mobile Security Computer Cabinets - Model 273114 (New)

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells to adopt an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the sale of the items listed below to sell on GovDeals.com

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance for annexation into the Hammond City Limits, initial zoning to C-H, and placement into the City Council District #4 as requested by Express Oil Change & Tire Engineers (applicant) and One Ninety Corp. (owner) for Tract A-1-B (0.830 acres) of the One Ninety Corp Mini Partition located at 2613 W. Thomas St. in accordance with survey by Dennis L. Gowin dated 1/20/2020 (Z-2020-02-00070). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to adopt an ordinance for annexation into the Hammond City Limits, initial zoning to C-H, and placement into the City Council District #4 as requested by Express Oil Change & Tire Engineers (applicant) and One Ninety Corp. (owner) for Tract A-1-B (0.830 acres) of the One Ninety Corp Mini Partition located at 2613 W. Thomas St. in accordance with survey by Dennis L. Gowin dated 1/20/2020 (Z-2020-02-00070). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission.

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

4. Final adoption of an Ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by Paula Middleton (applicant) and Kinchen Investments LLC (owner) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements to be placed on Parcel 3B located at 1104 Harvey St. in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr., Zoned RS-3 (Z-2020-02-00071). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission with the following conditions:
- 1) The manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards; and
 - 2) The approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership by Paula Middleton.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to adopt an Ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by Paula Middleton (applicant) and Kinchen Investments LLC (owner) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements to be placed on Parcel 3B located at 1104 Harvey St. in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr., Zoned RS-3 (Z-2020-02-00071). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission with the following conditions:

- 1) The manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards; and
- 2) The approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership by Paula Middleton.

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

IX. INTRODUCTION & FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction and Final Adoption of an Emergency Ordinance regarding suspension of disconnection of utility services due to Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, stated this will take effect on tonight if passed.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to adopt an Emergency Ordinance regarding suspension of disconnection of utility services due to Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19.

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

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I TONIA BANKS, 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 March 24, 2020

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
April 28, 2020
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm.

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
April 28, 2020
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Regular Session to order @ 5³¹pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Council:

Councilman Steve Leon, thanked Robert Morgan & Cyril Gaiennie for projects in his district.

Councilman Kip Andrews thanked City workers who have helped the City move forward. He also thanked everyone who supplied masks for the City.

2. Mayor: stated the masks were donated from Hanes and thanked everyone who has helped the City.
He asked that everyone use good judgment and common sense.

VI. Minutes of March 24, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Steve Leon.

VOTE: Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Carlee Gonzales (Y)
Motion approved 4-0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew the insurance coverage for the City of Hammond for the period of May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021. Don Stiel, Stiel Insurance 118 SW Railroad Ave., Hammond LA. Each Council Member was provided a proposal that Mr. Stiel presented. Stated that this is the same coverage as last year. There are 10 more law enforcement vehicles added than last year and there was an increase in premiums for vehicles. The Airport liability coverage is the same as last year. The rates for properties equipment did not increase. Mr. Stiel reviewed the Commercial Package Policy which the automobile rates are included except for the Fire Trucks. He compared premiums from 2018 to 2020 and explained the difference in each year's rates. He stated the volume and dollar amount of claims impact the premiums.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and Second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the Mayor to renew the insurance coverage for the City of Hammond for the period of May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021 as recommended.

VOTE: Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Carlee Gonzales (Y) Motion approved 4-0

Council members asked the City administration to provide information on claims. Lacy Landrum stated she will provide information.

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Steve Leon to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor to adjourn the meeting.

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
May 12, 2020
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm.

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
May 12, 2020**

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

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

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Council: Councilman Andrews asked about the delay in trash pickups.

The Mayor stated it has happened multiple times and the company is being notified of the problem

Councilman Devon Wells entered the meeting

Councilman DiVittorio asked if yard waste pickup is provided?

The Mayor stated if the pile is 6ft or smaller the trash company will pickup

Lacy Landrum stated vegetative debris should be picked up maybe on the 2nd or 3rd pass. This is part of the contract and if given a specific address it could be tracked.

2. Mayor: stated the tax revenue for March is good, about \$50,000 above projection.

VI. Minutes of April 28, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of April 28, 2020.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution confirming an election date change pursuant to proclamation of the Governor; establishing a new date to canvass the returns of the election; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Lacy Landrum, informed the board that C. Grant Schlueter & staff Foley & Judell are handling this matter. This is to renew the millage for the Police & Fire Departments the election was original scheduled for May 9th but, due to the Governor's Proclamation it has been moved to August 15, 2020 this is the formal resolution to move election date.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution confirming an election date change pursuant to proclamation of the Governor; establishing a new date to canvass the returns of the election; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

2. A resolution to approve Nash Express located at 605 Pecan Street Hammond, La. 70401 to obtain a permit to sell High/Low packaged alcohol. The owner is NHNH, Inc. Laura Hammett stated this is a change of ownership. Mr. Hatem AL-Yafeai is purchasing Nash Express and will be DBA of Nash Express. He has met all requirements and she is seeking approval from the council.

Councilman DiVittorio stated he has been receiving complaints about trash around the store and wanted the owner to be aware of the problem.

Owner, Hatem Al-Yafeai Yass Hajari (Translator) Nash Express 605 Pecan Street, Hammond La stated he has obtained bigger dumpsters

Mayor advised the owner to be sure to check IDs for underage drinking

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to approve Nash Express located at 605 Pecan Street Hammond, La. 70401 to obtain a permit to sell High/Low packaged alcohol. The owner is NHNH, Inc.

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

3. A resolution to purchase one (1) fully equipped Police K-9 Tahoe from Dana Safety Supply in the amount of \$48,260.00 (RFP 20-16). Jana Thurman, stated (6) fully equipped vehicles were originally planned for purchase but due the current situation the Mayor decided to move forward with just (1) for assistance with the K-9 unit. She is asking for approval to proceed with purchase.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to purchase one (1) fully equipped Police K-9 Tahoe from Dana Safety Supply in the amount of \$48,260.00 (RFP 20-16).

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

4. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Rhorer Mutual Industries for Railroad Track Repairs in the amount of \$83,345.00 (RFP 20-17). Jana Thurman stated based off monthly inspections by the railroad inspector these are repairs that are needed, she is asking for permission to enter into a contract for repair.

Councilman Wells asked what businesses use the track for service.

The Mayor stated business out on Pride Drive which is a lumber company which are 2 companies

Councilman Wells asked if this something the City can go into a partnership for repair?

Mayor stated he is looking into getting a contract with these companies to charge a fee per car

Councilman Wells asked when does it have to be repaired?

Mayor stated we generally do it once a year

Lacy Landrum stated this is an emergency repair, they did a temporary repair so the cars could continue to travel on the tracks. This is to ensure travel and the Railroad Inspector found damage it has to be repaired or the train can derail.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio TO TABLE a resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Rhorer Mutual Industries for Railroad Track Repairs in the amount of \$83,345.00 (RFP 20-17).

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

5. A resolution 1) accepting a \$14,913 grant from the Local Government Assistance Program for improvements to the Hammond City Council Chambers; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. Charles Borchers IV stated this grant application was presented several months back and in mid-March we received \$14, 913.00.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked will the Council have a say so in what the improvements will be

Charles Borchers stated the grant application included examples of a new projector for a screen behind Council table, blinds, and (2) displays in the lobby, and other audio visual improvements were in the grant. There is no match involved and the contract is expected in 3-4 weeks and the total project cost is expected to exceed the grant.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon 1) accepting a \$14,913 grant from the Local Government Assistance Program for improvements to the Hammond City Council Chambers; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

6. A resolution 1) accepting a \$27,000 grant from the Community Water Enrichment Fund to purchase water sampling stations; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. Charles Borchers IV, stated this grant is to enhance water sampling system and there is no City match.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews 1) accepting a \$27,000 grant from the Community Water Enrichment Fund to purchase water sampling stations; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

7. A resolution authorizing Contract Change Order No. Four (4) for "Sewer System Rehabilitation FY-2018 LCDBG – City of Hammond, LA" (Project 31813) adjusting for final materials and quantities and deducting \$5,210.30 from the final Contract Price. Charles Borchers IV, stated this project came in under budget and is completed. The project is where Sewer lines were being rehabbed between Thomas, Palmetto, Morrison, & Mooney.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing Contract Change Order No. Four (4) for "Sewer System Rehabilitation FY-2018 LCDBG – City of Hammond, LA" (Project 31813) adjusting for final materials and quantities and deducting \$5,210.30 from the final Contract Price.

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

8. A resolution accepting "Sewer System Rehabilitation FY-2018 LCDBG – City of Hammond, LA" (Project 31813) as substantially complete and beginning the 45-day lien period for payment of retainage. Charles Borchers IV, stated this is substantially complete and by law notice of substantial completion has to be recorded and approved by the Council.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells accepting "Sewer System Rehabilitation FY-2018 LCDBG – City of Hammond, LA" (Project 31813) as substantially complete and beginning the 45-day lien period for payment of retainage.

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

9. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$157,000 grant application to the CARES Act Airport Grants Program to offset economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency and experienced at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. Charles Borchers IV, stated the City has been allocated this amount by FAA under Cares Act, we are not competing for this dollar amount this is what has been told the City can apply for with this grant.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells supporting the submission of a \$157,000 grant application to the CARES Act Airport Grants Program to offset economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency and experienced at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.

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

10. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$61,855 grant application to the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program to offset costs associated with preventing, preparing for, and/or responding to coronavirus in Hammond. Charles Borchers IV, stated the City has been allocated this amount by the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the CARES Act. This could supplement some improvements to Council Chambers if those costs come in higher from the other grant.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio supporting the submission of a \$61,855 grant application to the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program to offset costs associated with preventing, preparing for, and/or responding to coronavirus in Hammond.

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

11. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$20,000 grant application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant—COVID-19 Supplemental Program to offset the cost of personal protective equipment and supplies used to prevent, prepare for, and/or respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency in Hammond; and 2) supporting a \$2,000 cash match from the Hammond Fire Department. Charles Borchers IV, stated this is a competitive grant which the City is competing against other Fire Departments for Personal Protective Equipment such as mask, googles, face shields, etc. There is a cash match but, will come from the Fire Department budget.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon 1) supporting the submission of a \$20,000 grant application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant—COVID-19 Supplemental Program to offset the cost of personal protective equipment and supplies used to prevent, prepare for, and/or respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency in Hammond; and 2) supporting a \$2,000 cash match from the Hammond Fire Department.

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

12. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$15,750 grant application to the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; and 2) supporting a \$7,875 cash match from the Hammond Police Department. Charles Borchers IV, stated the City is able to apply for 25 vests and the Hammond Police budget covers half of the cost and the grant covers the other half. Also, under a State contract there is a discount applied for the purchase.

Councilman Wells asked if all police are required to wear vests

Police Chief, Edwin Bergeron, stated in the policy they have to wear a vest but, they have options to wear an under or over vest.

Charles Borchers stated the vests are on a 5 yr., replacement cycle.

Councilman DiVittorio asked what is done with the old vests?

Charles Borchers, stated they are donated to other jurisdiction, used by reserve officers, or used for backup.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells 1) supporting the submission of a \$15,750 grant application to the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; and 2) supporting a \$7,875 cash match from the Hammond Police Department.

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

13. A resolution for acceptance of work by Spinks Construction, Inc. as substantially complete for "Sewer Extension - Pride Drive/HAEIDD" (Project #616-12024), commencing the 45-day lien period and withholding 10% retainage. Chuck Spangler, stated this is the extension of sewer to an area that's being developed of about 150 acres with no sewer and no water. The City took on a partnership with HAEIDD and owners with the partial that does not have sewer and now there is sewer. This project is complete and in use and he recommends acceptance.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews for acceptance of work by Spinks Construction, Inc. as substantially complete for "Sewer Extension - Pride Drive/HAEIDD" (Project #616-12024), commencing the 45-day lien period and withholding 10% retainage.

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

14. A resolution to approve Changer Order No. 1 (Final) "Martin Luther King Parking Improvements (Project # 420-12108)" in the amount of \$6,910.70 extra [from project contingencies].

Councilman Wells temporarily left the meeting

Chuck Spangler, stated this project is still under budget and this is the final change order for Martin Luther King Parking Improvements.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve Changer Order No. 1 (Final) "Martin Luther King Parking Improvements (Project # 420-12108)" in the amount of \$6,910.70 extra [from project contingencies].

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

15. A resolution to approve Acceptance of work by M & O Construction, LLC "Martin Luther King Parking Improvements (Project # 420-12108)" as substantially complete commencing 45-day lien period and withholding 10% retainage. Chuck Spangler, stated he recommends to formally accept the project to record the acceptance.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve Acceptance of work by M & O Construction, LLC "Martin Luther King Parking Improvements (Project # 420-12108)" as substantially complete commencing 45-day lien period and withholding 10% retainage.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

16. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office and the Hammond Police Department to participate in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program. Police Chief, Edwin Bergeron, stated this is not a match grant, this pays for overtime and is paid by Jefferson Parish.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office and the Hammond Police Department to participate in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

17. A resolution to approve the Fiscal year 2020-2021 Non-Municipal Fire and Police personnel holiday closing schedule for the City of Hammond. Human Resource Specialist, Jacqueline Browder, provided the recommended Holiday closing schedule for the Fiscal year 2020-2021 for Non-Municipal Fire and Police personnel. The holiday calendar has not changed but is adding the Presidential Election date.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the Fiscal year 2020-2021 Non-Municipal Fire and Police personnel holiday closing schedule for the City of Hammond

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance declaring (1) 2003 F- 250 moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety.

Councilman Wells returned to the meeting

Jana Thurman stated this is an old Parks and Grounds truck and would like to the Town of Roseland.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance declaring (1) 2003 F- 250 moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0
Public Hearing is set for May 26, 2020

2. Introduction of an ordinance declaring (1) Crown Victoria moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety. Jana Thurman, stated this is a 2009 vehicle that the City would like to donate to the Town of Tickfaw.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance declaring (1) Crown Victoria moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0
Public Hearing is set for May 26, 2020

3. Introduction of an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in accordance with the procedures in Section 5-03 of the City's Charter. Syeda Naeem, presented the Council with the proposed 2020-2021 budget today as provided by the Charter.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in accordance with the procedures in Section 5-03 of the City's Charter.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0
Budget Work Session is set for June 5, 2020
Public Hearing is set for June 26, 2020

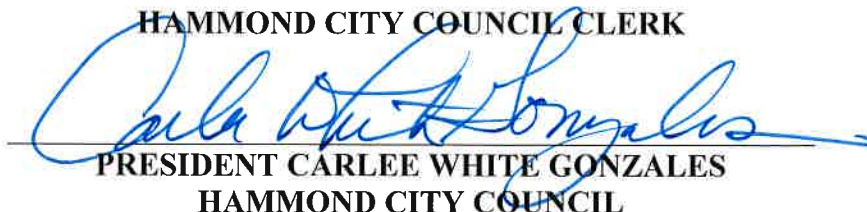
IX. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned.

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312 EAST CHARLES STREET
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May 26, 2020
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm.

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance declaring (1) 2003 F- 250 moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety. Jana Thurman, informed the Council that this is a vehicle that Parks and Grounds in no longer using and turned over for surplus and asking for Council approval to surplus and donate to the City of Roseland for law enforcement purposes.

There were no public comments

2. An ordinance declaring (1) Crown Victoria moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety. Jana Thurman, informed the Council that this is a 2009 Ford Crown Ford Victoria that the Hammond police department is being surplused and asking permission to donate to Tickfaw Police Department for law enforcement purposes

There were no public comments



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

May 26, 2020

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Regular Session to order at 5:32pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Council:

Councilman Leon, would like to make mention of a house on University Ave., 1003 on the corner of Pecan and University - apparently there was a contractor there that cleared out a lot of stuff and stacked up debris and its obstructing the view from people coming out of General Jackson and turning onto Pecan. It seems to be an ongoing problem where the contractors are not removing debris after completing a project. There should be a process in place where the homeowner will be responsible for the debris.

Mayor, stated to make phone call to Streets Department so this could be addressed

Councilman Wells, asked to meet with Mayor and Lacy to review problems in his district.

2. Mayor:

Asked to be notified prior to Council meeting of any issues to they could be addressed or resolved.
Mayor Panepinto asked for prayers for the Baker Family in the loss of State Trooper George Baker.

Councilman Andrews, asked to keep everyone in prayer that was involved in this incident.

VI. Minutes of May 12, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of May 12, 2020.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to purchase one (1) fully equipped Police K-9 Tahoe from Dana Safety Supply in the amount of \$48,260.00 (RFP 20-16). Jana Thurman, stated this was the original bid that was presented at the May 12, 2020 Council meeting. Originally there were (6) to be purchased but the Mayor decided to move forward to purchase (1) essential vehicle that would be the K-9 Unit and asking for Council approval to proceed with the purchase.

Sgt. Quinn Bivona, with HPD for 21 yrs., and now currently the K-9 Supervisor- recently purchased a new dog but they do not have a vehicle for the dog. We're requesting a new vehicle - this is not a want this is a need to have this vehicle. A K-9 Unit has specialty equipment that's equipped with more equipment than a regular parole unit. It benefits the dog and the handler as well.

Lacy Landrum, stated this is millage money which must be used for police equipment.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked how often is the dog used?

Sgt. Bivona, stated the k-9 unit is used in every shift

Councilman DiVittorio, asked how much is the cost per dog?

Lacy Landrum, stated \$14,000

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if that includes insurance for the dog, and do we have any higher risk?

Lacy Landrum, stated no this was paid for by a grant with no match

Charles Borchers, stated when you receive a quote for a police K-9 you receive a quote for a dog and training. This is training for the dog and the handler.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated other jurisdictions do not have this many k-9 units

Mayor Panepinto stated the City of Hammond has more traffic than other jurisdictions.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve purchase of one (1) fully equipped Police K-9 Tahoe from Dana Safety Supply in the amount of \$48,260.00 (RFP 20-16).

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

2. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Rhorer Mutual Industries for Railroad Track Repairs in the amount of \$83,345.00 (RFP 20-17). Jana Thurman, stated Rhorer Mutual Industries was the only company that submitted proposals in the amount of \$83,345.00.

Robert Morgan, stated the biggest repair is the ridge at Ponchatoula Creek with some other issues. If repairs are not made to the track it will be shut down and will cost more in the future to repair it.

Mayor, stated the track serves the industrial park for the City of Hammond and is looking to assess a fee per car

Councilman DiVittorio, stated as of this time we never implemented any fees

Councilman Wells, stated it is a 21 years contract and 17 years since the grant and between 40 to 50 cars on the tracks per month. We need to come up with a solution and let businesses pay for maintenance.

Mayor, solution is to negotiate with these companies and agrees the companies should be involved.

Robert Morgan, stated once you are on Ponchatoula Creek is our responsibility

Mayor, stated there was a company that wanted to come in to sell Limestone that would have caused a lot more traffic - this is when we starting talking about the charging per car.

Councilman Leon, asked is there an agreement with companies for City to provide track?

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked has anyone spoke with other municipalities

Lacy Landrum, stated yes this is where we received the range that is charged by other municipalities

Brandon Thompson, Plant Manager, Graham Industries, stated there are 125 employees at site and looking to grow by 20%

Brad Gautreaux, Supply Chain Manager, Graham Industries, stated they need to have rail service for business

Councilman Wells, stated the City needs the company to help Hammond grow and would like to see more bids for work

Jana Thurman, stated she had to call to get someone to bid for this work and it's published in newspaper

Frank DiVittorio, stated he has heard issues of emergency where the Council is asked to approve now and the revenue will be fixed later and wants to be sure someone is held accountable.

Lacy Landrum, stated it's a team effort. Council Members can submit ordinances and participate in budget issues.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Rhorer Mutual Industries for Railroad Track Repairs in the amount of \$83,345.00 (RFP 20-17).

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

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to appoint Natalie Messer to the Hammond Housing Authority Board for a five-year term from June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2025.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to TABLE appoint Natalie Messer to the Hammond Housing Authority Board for a five-year term from June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2025.

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

2. A resolution to appoint Elliott Sanders to the Hammond Housing Authority Board for a five-year term from June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2025.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to TABLE appoint Elliott Sanders to the Hammond Housing Authority Board for a five-year term from June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2025

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

3. A resolution to appoint Roy Blackwood to the Hammond Historic District Commission to serve the remainder of a four-year term until December 31, 2021. Mayor Panepinto, stated Mr. Blackwood was a part of the committee when the mall was created and appreciated his past efforts and is looking forward to his assistance in the future.

Roy Blackwood, 410 North Hazel, Hammond La. stated he has been a resident over 42 years and Downtown attracted him to Hammond. He informed the Council that he founded and ran a Cultural Resource Management at the University to build 501C 3 Nonprofit Organization and has a passion for preservation.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked is this to fulfill Mr. Howard Nicolas Term?

Lacy Landrum stated yes- that is why it is not for a full 4 year term.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to appoint Roy Blackwood to the Hammond Historic District Commission to serve the remainder of a four-year term until December 31, 2021

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

4. A resolution obligating funds (\$250,000, as previously approved from the Grant Match Fund) to Land and Water Conservation Fund Project "Mooney Avenue Park Improvements." Charles Borchers IV, stated no additional funds as required by Land and Water Conservation Fund Program. This is in now in the second stage and this means that since the State agrees it could be recommended to Federal Government probably means that the funds will be granted.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio obligating funds (\$250,000, as previously approved from the Grant Match Fund) to Land and Water Conservation Fund Project "Mooney Avenue Park Improvements."

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

5. A resolution to purchase Model 300REOZJ Kohler Emergency Generator form RP Power in the amount of \$52,835.00 RFP 20-20 (Water & Sewer Department). Jana Thurman, stated the City received 6 proposals and RP Power is the lowest bidder - this would be an automatic switch Generator.

Councilman Gonzales, asked the location

Jana Thurman, stated this is Well #4 Hwy.190 East behind BJ Furniture

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked what will happen to the previous generator?

Jana Thurman, stated the City will sell it on GovDeals

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to purchase Model 300REOZJ Kohler Emergency Generator form RP Power in the amount of \$52,835.00 RFP 20-20 (Water & Sewer Department).

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

6. A resolution to ratify and award bids received 5/20/2020 for "Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements [FY2020" Project# 420-12010.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to TABLE this item.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. An ordinance declaring (1) 2003 F- 250 moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to adopt an ordinance declaring (1) 2003 F- 250 moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety.

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

2. An ordinance declaring (1) 2009 Crown Victoria moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt an ordinance declaring (1) 2009 Crown Victoria moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety.

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE

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

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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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Councilman Kip Andrews
Councilman Steve Leon

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL PUBLIC MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
JUNE 9, 2020
4:30pm**

I. Discussing of Police Department Budget

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated this is a continuation of the budget work session. On last Friday the Council sat and talked with different department heads and reviewed the budget that was presented to the Council by the Administration to ask questions to the department heads. Due to obvious reasons we could not meet with Chief Bergeron at that time. There will not be votes on the budget tonight. The City Council Meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2020 where budget amendments and Public Hearing will be presented.

Police Chief Edwin Bergeron, discussed budget & Police millage stated there are some increases in some categories.

Public Comments:

Carolyn Harrell, Sherie Dr., Hammond – Spoke in favor of funding for the Police Department and thanked Chief Bergeron for building a quality Department. She is in support of having K-9s on each shift.

Marie Smith, Villa West, Hammond Louisiana- She is against defunding the Police Department and the City of Hammond has good Police Officers.

Steven Racky, retired Police Officer (Forbes Farm) these gentlemen are dedicated and he has never seen gentlemen that meet good standards. Its hard being a police officer and their compensation is very low and we have a great department. They provide great quality and service that I've received from these Officers. In favor of increasing their budget

Sgt. Daniel Boudreaux, Union President, thanked everyone for attending and showing their support. No one is saying that the department trying to be defunded. We have great support from our City this is a budget issue. Sgt. Boudreaux spoke on the failed motion of purchasing a vehicle for the Police K-9. There is a need for a K-9 unit due the miles on the current vehicle. However the pay scale has stalled and would like to see an increase.

Melinda Collins, 47324 Windmill Dr., Tickfaw, she is shocked of the starting salary for Police Officers. Thinks these men and women deserve to get compensated appropriately. They stand on the front line. We count on our Officers and ask the Council to take care of our emergency services.

Kristi Scott, 1102 Rue St Michael, she supports the Police and pay raises and whatever the City has to do to provide adequate pay she is in favor.

Daniel Lambert, 116 N. Cate Street, Hammond, we're all here to support our First Responders and this is one of the professional teams in this area and we're behind them 100% and is in favor of increasing their Budget.

Mike Waholt, Villa West, Hammond, La. due to low pay there will be stepping stones somewhere else. He is in favor of increasing Police Officer pay.

Elizabeth Lafar, 601 Rue Cannes Hammond, La., the Hammond Police assisted her in a situation and they're always there. They deserve more people and more money.

Debbie Norwood, retired Police Officer asked everyone to stand in honor of our HPD Officers. Let's dig deeper in this budget and pay these men and women a salary that's descent and that would keep them here. She is in support of funding our department.

Morris Mashon, Lake Barn Drive Hammond, La. Is in support of funding the Officers.

II. Budget Wrap-up

Lacy Landrum reviewed the several proposed amendments

- 1. African American Museum increase by \$75,000 allocation
- 2. CASA (There was no dollar amount)
- 3. New Hire (Attorney) City Council \$100K
- 4. Car Allowance City Council \$30,000
- 5. Flood Study (Phase 2) \$300K

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked that the Councilmember who proposed the amendments could find money in the budget. The deadline is the Thursday, before the Tuesday of Council Meeting and would like to have that information at an earlier time.

Councilwoman Gonzales stated this session is now adjourned.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
June 9, 2020
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
June 9, 2020
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Council: NONE

2. Mayor: thanked HPD for a job well done on Friday.

VI. Minutes of May 26, 2020: There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve the minutes of May 26, 2020.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to ratify and award bids received 5/20/2020 for “Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements [FY2020” Project# 420-12010. Chuck Spangler, presented this item informing the Council that there were 8 bids and it was very competitive with outstanding prices. He recommends not to award the Alternative at this moment and recommends awarding the bid to the lowest bidder Warner Trucking, Inc. at the base bid of \$898,024.00.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to ratify and award bids received 5/20/2020 for “Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements [FY2020” Project# 420-12010 to Warner Trucking, Inc at the base bid of \$898,024.00.

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

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution 1) accepting a \$61,855 grant from the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program to offset costs associated with preventing, preparing for, and/or responding to coronavirus in Hammond; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. Charles Borchers IV, stated this is the application that the Council approved on May 10, 2020 and was awarded on May 22, 2020 asking the Council to accept the award.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked what is this money to spent on?

Charles Borchers, responded it is a combination of reimbursement for cost that was occurred by the City during this pandemic as well as going toward to future emergencies.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman Leon** 1) accepting a \$61,855 grant from the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program to offset costs associated with preventing, preparing for, and/or responding to coronavirus in Hammond; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

2. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of an application for reimbursement to the Coronavirus Relief Fund for necessary expenditures incurred in preparation for, mitigation of, response to, or recovery from the Coronavirus Pandemic between March 1 and April 30, 2020; and 2) authorizing the Mayor to sign related documents, including the required Federal Funding Certification and Agreement to Hold Harmless and Indemnify, on behalf of the City of Hammond. Charles Borchers IV, informed the Council this is Federal dollars that were awarded to the State and the State in turn making available it available to municipalities, and Parishes. This is for reimbursement from the period of March 1st thru April 30th the City reimbursement will be for payroll, overtime, sick leave, and expenditures for PPE.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked is there an amount?

Charles Borchers, stated looking at \$40,000 to \$60,000

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells 1) supporting the submission of an application for reimbursement to the Coronavirus Relief Fund for necessary expenditures incurred in preparation for, mitigation of, response to, or recovery from the Coronavirus Pandemic between March 1 and April 30, 2020; and 2) authorizing the Mayor to sign related documents, including the required Federal Funding Certification and Agreement to Hold Harmless and Indemnify, on behalf of the City of Hammond.

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

3. A resolution 1) accepting a litter cleanup supplies grant from the Cleanup Supplies Affiliate Grant Program; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers IV, related to an application that was approved in late March by the Council. The items applied for under this program we received from this grant.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells 1) accepting a litter cleanup supplies grant from the Cleanup Supplies Affiliate Grant Program; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

4. A resolution authorizing the demolition of a property located at 611 Magazine St., (99% damaged), located in Council District 1. The owner is Alberta White 611-B Magazine St., Hammond, LA. 70401.

Bobby Mitchell, stated this property is 99% damaged and recommend demolition owner is not present

Councilman Andrews, asked has the owner been informed and all proper protocol been followed?

Bobby Mitchell, responded yes

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells authorizing the demolition of a property located at 611 Magazine St., (99% damaged), located in Council District 1. The owner is Alberta White 611-B Magazine St., Hammond, LA. 70401.

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

5. A resolution authorizing the demolition of a property located at 800 Magazine St., (74% damaged), located in Council District 1. The owner is Sadie Hughes & Demetra G. Wright C/O Demetra Wright 10089 Azalea Dr., Hammond, LA. 70403. Bobby Mitchell, stated the property is 74% damaged and recommends to demolish or remove the structure – the owner is present.

Owner, Demetra Wright, 10089 Azalea Drive, 810 Magazine has been removed and 800 Magazine St., is in the process to be removed. There is one more to be removed and the trailer owner is not being corporative about and should be on this agenda.

Bobby Mitchell, stated this will be placed on the July Agenda

Demetra Wright, asked what's the process of ditches being cleaned in this area

Councilwoman Gonzales, contact streets department

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells authorizing the demolition of a property located at 800 Magazine St., (74% damaged), located in Council District 1. The owner is Sadie Hughes & Demetra G. Wright C/O Demetra Wright 10089 Azalea Dr., Hammond, LA. 70403.

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

6. A resolution authorizing the demolition of a property located at 810 Magazine St., (77% damaged), located in Council District 1. The owner is Sadie Hughes & Demetra G. Wright C/O Demetra Wright 10089 Azalea Dr., Hammond, LA. 70403. Bobby Mitchell, asked that this item be removed from the agenda due to this mobile home has been removed from the property.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to remove this item for the Agenda the demolition of a property located at 810 Magazine St., (77% damaged), located in Council District 1. The owner is Sadie Hughes & Demetra G. Wright C/O Demetra Wright 10089 Azalea Dr., Hammond, LA. 70403.

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

7. A resolution authorizing the demolition of a property located at 1204 Apple St., (99%), located in Council District 1. The owner is Monica L. Hill 1006 E. Thomas St., Hammond, LA. 70401. Bobby Mitchell, stated he recommends for demolition and he did speak with another owner and the notified owner. The rear of the home has been removed and was partially burned and should be taken care prior the 30 day time frame.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked who did you speak with?

Bobby Mitchell, stated Michelle Williams

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon authorizing the demolition of a property located at 1204 Apple St., (99%), located in Council District 1. The owner is Monica L. Hill 1006 E. Thomas St., Hammond, LA. 70401.

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

8. A resolution authorizing demolition of a property located at 202 E. Coleman Ave., (86% damaged) located in Council District 2. The owner is EKORB, LLC 608 W. Robert St., Hammond, LA. 70401. Bobby Mitchell, stated he received a call & email from City Attorney, Andre Coudrain stating the owner requesting an extension on 202 E. Coleman & 204 Coleman to table until June 23, 2020 next council due to quarantine.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked have you spoke with the owner?

Bobby Mitchell, no received information from Attorney Coudrain.

Councilman Wells, why can't we give 30 days from today?

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing demolition of a property located at 202 E. Coleman Ave., (86% damaged) located in Council District 2. The owner is EKORB, LLC 608 W. Robert St., Hammond, LA. 70401.

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

9. A resolution authorizing demolition of a property located at 204 E. Coleman Ave., (72% damaged) located in Council District 2. The owner is EKORB, LLC 608 W. Robert St., Hammond, LA. 70401. Bobby Mitchell, stated the property is 72% damaged and recommend to demolish – the owner asked that item be tabled due to quarantine.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing demolition of a property located at 204 E. Coleman Ave., (72% damaged) located in Council District 2. The owner is EKORB, LLC 608 W. Robert St., Hammond, LA. 70401.

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

10. A resolution authorizing demolition of a property located at 311 S. Linden St., (93% damaged) located in Council District 2. The owner is Thelma L. Rudison 311 South Linden Hammond, LA. 70403. Bobby Mitchell, recommends demolition and the owner is present to discuss other options.

Representative, Ms. Gorman, stated Thelma Rudison is not the owner of this property her mother is the owner. Informed the Council that her mother is not capable of taking care of her affairs and now her Aunt has Power of Attorney over her mother. She is in the process of assisting her mother with her home- 30 days is not enough time but the process will start next week. There have been individuals who supposedly assisted with her mother's home but has taken money and not fix anything. She stated contractors are put in place along with her Aunt and Church Ministry to assist with renovations.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked has a permit been pulled?

Bobby Mitchell, stated no

Bobby Mitchell, stated he is concerned whether or not the work will be done and suggests the option to repair 45 days to acquire a building permit.

Tracie Wells, she stated Thelma Rudison is not the owner so you're making a decision on incorrect information

Ms. Gorman, Thelma Rudison is not the owner she was the original owner stated her mother purchased the property from her

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked is there a transfer of deed?

Ms. Gorman, presented documents to Councilwoman Gonzales

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated it's been filed but not signed by a judge and is an active law suit

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to TABLE demolition of a property located at 311 S. Linden St., (93% damaged) located in Council District 2. The owner is Thelma L. Rudison 311 South Linden Hammond, LA. 70403

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

11. A resolution authorizing demolition of a property located at 611 S. Olive St., (92% damaged) located in Council District 2. The owner is Whitney National Bank Post Office Box 61260, New Orleans, LA. 70161. Bobby Mitchell, stated this was placed on the agenda before and reason was for discrepancy of ownership. The Assessor's office confirmed the bank has majority of ownership of the property.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked what has happened since this item was removed

Bobby Mitchell, still the same - was told this was questionable on foreclosure

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked are we sure Whitney Bank owns this property

Louise Bostic, 112 Elm Street, stated she is in frequent communication with a representative of Whitney Bank in Slidell. This property is adjacent to her property and tried several times to purchase this property and been persistent to purchase this property.

Bobby Mitchell, stated lets proceed with the demolition the time can always be extended

Councilman Wells, asked what was the purpose - that this was brought before us and we can't make a decision on an item that has been presented for the second time.

Bobby Mitchell, stated we have to make sure things are done correctly and yes it does take time

Councilman DiVittorio leaves the meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon authorizing 60 days demolition of a property located at 611 S. Olive St., (92% damaged) located in Council District 2. The owner is Whitney National Bank Post Office Box 61260, New Orleans, LA. 70161.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Absent)
Motion Approved 4-0

Councilman DiVittorio returns to the meeting

12. A resolution authorizing demolition of a property located at 206 George Perkins Sr. Dr., (92% damaged) located in Council District 3. The owner is Mable T. Nelson, EST ET AL 1089 Vionna Ave., Cincinnati, OH. 45224. Bobby Mitchell, stated he is in communication with the owner and they are in favor of demolition and wants to demo themselves. They have applied for a demolition permit as of Monday.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing demolition of a property located at 206 George Perkins Sr. Dr., (92% damaged) located in Council District 3. The owner is Mable T. Nelson, EST ET AL 1089 Vionna Ave., Cincinnati, OH. 45224.

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

13. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Kellermeyer Bergensons Services for janitorial services for all City of Hammond buildings in the amount of \$158,064.00 annually.

Jana Thurman, stated there were 5 proposals – this is an established company out of New Orleans they have great references. They are the low bidder and will start July 1st, 2020

Lacy Landrum, stated this is within budget

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Kellermeyer Bergensons Services for janitorial services for all City of Hammond buildings in the amount of \$158,064.00 annually.

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

14. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract on behalf of the City of Hammond with Gall's L.L.C., the approximate amount of \$50,000 annually for Fire & Police Department Uniforms. Jana Thurman, received 2 proposals and the lowest bidder Gall's LLC

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract on behalf of the City of Hammond with Gall's L.L.C., the approximate amount of \$50,000 annually for Fire & Police Department Uniforms.

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

15. An amendment to the resolution creating the Hammond Housing Authority dated June 1, 1976 to set forth the qualifications of the commissioners of the authority. Councilman DiVittorio made a motion to amend the current resolution to add on the board a tenant with good standing and Landlord as qualification.

Councilman DiVittorio, read the resolution Amendment aloud

Lacy Landrum, stated this resolution aims to make 3 changes First, to change the process of board appointments to the Hammond Housing Authority so, the City Council must approve these instead of following State Law where the Mayor directly appoints and begin serving. Second, to change the board compositions so a tenant participating in the program has a seat, Third, to change the board composition so a landlord participating in the program has a seat. The heart of this resolution real aim goes against State & Federal law because placing a landlord on the board establishes a conflict of interest. Bobby Collins President of the Louisiana Housing Council and teaches Commissioner Fundamentals and Ethics for Housing Authority boards and has never heard of Housing Authority board with a landlord and stated this would be a conflict of interest. Cheryl Williams is the Director of HUD New Orleans field office, her office is responsible for overseeing the public housing contract for Louisiana and believes this is a contract of interest and the Hammond Housing Authority could potentially lose funding if a landlord sits on the board. Asked that this item be table but, urge the Council to vote against this resolution.

Councilman DiVittorio, checked with the legislator that removed it and it was not an Ethical issue but a Mayor that opposed it. Stated New Orleans is also required to have a landlord commissioner by State statue. Shreveport requires confirmation by the Council. I think it's always good to have people involved in the process in the oversight of the body and would like a tenant and landlord on the commission.

Tracie Wells, 610 Mooney Ave., stated she read over the resolution and thinks this is a good idea to have representation from people to participate in programs. Also, think the Council should look at all boards and commissions to see if you have true representation of the people who benefit from the service and it would be good if you have someone to represent the tenant and or the landlord to have input and thinks it's a good item to consider.

Councilman Leon, stated he needs more information for review

Frank DiVittorio, the process has been the Council approving appointments to this board. This is not a change.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked that Counsel review the language and resolution

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to TABLE amendment to the resolution creating the Hammond Housing Authority dated June 1, 1976 to set forth the qualifications of the commissioners of the authority.

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

16. A resolution to reappoint Matt Sandifer to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a four-year term from June 15, 2020 - June 14, 2024. Mayor Panepinto, stated he currently serves on the board and Mr. Sandifer is present.

Matt Sandifer, 408 W. Charles Street, stated he currently sits on the board

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to reappoint Matt Sandifer to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a four-year term from June 15, 2020 - June 14, 2024.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an Ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by Ramona Holland (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements located on Lots 13 & 14 Square 8 Greenville Park Subdivision at 120 W. Newman St.; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2020-03-00072) recommended with conditions by the Zoning Commission. (Tracie Schillace)

- 1) The approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in ownership of Ramona Holland, and**
- 2) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home.**

Tracie Schillace, asked that this be introduced at next meeting for a public hearing. Ms. Holland has not purchased the home - the Zoning Commission recommended approval

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to Introduce an Ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by Ramona Holland (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements located on Lots 13 & 14 Square 8 Greenville Park Subdivision at 120 W. Newman St.; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2020-03-00072) recommended with conditions by the Zoning Commission.

- 1) The approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in ownership of Ramona Holland, and**
- 2) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home.**

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0
Public Hearing is set for June 23, 2020

2. Introduction of an Ordinance to rezone Lot 6 Block 78 Hyer-Survey request by Best Team in Town, LLC from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with survey by Brett J. Martin dated 3/9/2020 (Z-2020-03-00074) recommended approval by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, stated the physical address which is 304 South Oak Street.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to Introduce an ordinance to rezone Lot 6 Block 78 Hyer-Survey request by Best Team in Town, LLC from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with survey by Brett J. Martin dated 3/9/2020 located at 304 South Oak Street (Z-2020-03-00074) recommended approval by the Zoning Commission

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0
Public Hearing is set for June 23, 2020

3. Introduction to Amend Ordinance#16-5481 to allow change in occupancy/ownership from Joseph Ribando III to Timothy S. Shoaf for an existing microbrew pub located on Parcel 2 being 1110 CM Fagan Drive; Zoned C-H (Z-2020-05-00075) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace stated this was approved in 2016 and asking to change ownership and reported in the courthouse.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to Amend Ordinance #16-5481 to allow change in occupancy/ownership from Joseph Ribando III to Timothy S. Shoaf for an existing microbrew pub located on Parcel 2 being 1110 CM Fagan Drive; Zoned C-H (Z-2020-05-00075) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0
Public Hearing is set for June 23, 2020

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

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Councilman Devon Wells
Councilman Kip Andrews
Councilman Steve Leon

City Council Clerk, Tonia Banks
City Attorney, Andre Coudrain



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
June 23, 2020
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in accordance with the procedures in Section 5-03 of the City's Charter. Lacy Landrum said attached to the agenda are the consolidated budget and the possible amendments that were discussed in the budget work session and provided to the Council before the scheduled meeting. The first was to add funds to the Tangipahoa African American Heritage Museum. It would be a positive change of adding \$75,000 for a total allocation of \$100,000. Second to add funds to CASA's original allocation of \$15,000; there was no amount discussed so no total proposed. Third for the Council to hire an attorney for City Council members to consult, which was proposed at \$100,000. Fourth is to provide an auto allowance for each of the Council members for a total of \$30,000. Fifth is to fund Phase II Flood Study at \$300,000. The possible amendments have no sources of funding, and now it's time to discuss sources of funding for these items and any other additional amendments. The fund balance left over is \$91,884 in the General (100) Fund, and the Sales Tax (203) Fund balance is \$9,196.

Councilman Wells, proposed to move \$300,000 from the **Police department** regular salaries & wages (administration) for retirement to put it into the General Fund balance so when retirement comes up, the department can receive it by coming to the City Council. **Lacy Landrum**, stated the \$300,000 is for anticipated retirement expenses and by unallocating it to put it in the General fund balance is not budgeting for a known expense.

Councilman Wells proposed the following amendments:

- 1- Garage Pit** - remove the \$113,500 for the building maintenance under Street in capital projects, which is the garage pit.
- 2- Airport** - in the \$133,000 for tractor - take \$63,000 out and leave \$70,000.
- 3- Recreation** - out of \$178,000 total - remove \$70,000 from generator and do not purchase Starwood-West Coleman property - take the \$38,000 to add for the generator.
- 4- CASA** - \$15,000 in proposed budget - add \$5000 for a total of \$20,000.
- 5- African American Heritage Museum** - \$25,000 proposed - add \$10,000 for a total of \$35,000.
- 6- Council Lawyer** - add \$100,000.
- 7- Flood Study** - allocate \$100,000 total for flood study - reduce the amendment by \$200,000.
- 8- Street dept.** railroad maintenance - take \$100,000 from railroad maintenance and leave \$50,000 in railroad account maintenance.
- 9- Council car allowance**, add \$30,000 for a car allowance for each Council Member. **City Attorney, Andre Coudrain** stated the City Charter distinguishes reimbursement from compensation and this is compensation and does not take effect until the next council election under the Charter.

Public Comments

Sgt. George Bergeron, Local President of Fraternal Order of Police, the money that was budgeted by the Chief for retirement - taking this fund and holding in a separate fund is making that employee wait much longer to receive their final pay from the City. This not fair to make them wait - asked the Council to place this in a separate line item within the department.

Elizabeth Lafarge, 601 Rue Cannes Hammond, La., she works with nonprofit disaster agencies and agrees with police comment to place in a separate line item within the department. If you can't spend \$30,000 out of the budget why allocate it? The street department capital request is part of the discussion to give the \$83,000 at the last budget meeting was because failing to do proper maintenance on a regular basis is not good and if they need it for proper maintenance they should be allowed. Airport needs a tractor, recreation needs a generator and a Flood Study is needed for the City of Hammond.

Chief of Police, Edwin Bergeron, stated putting the retirement money in general budget is not a sound idea. It should be in a dedicated account.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated the intent on retirement money is to have it available for retirees.

Edwin Bergeron, stated it could be a separate line item that can't be touched except for that purpose.

Lacy Landrum, stated the money allocated does not get moved around - this change would not be efficient.

Councilman Leon, asked if the current proposal is only to be used for retirement, is this correct?

Lacy Landrum, yes.

Samuel C. Fuller, 103 Garret Drive, Hammond member of the African American Heritage Museum, stated his concern was why the Children's Museum is receiving \$90,000 and the African American Museum receiving \$25,000.

Councilman Leon, asked how much did you receive for the State of Louisiana this year?

Samuel Fuller, stated nothing this year - we have a capital outlay that the State approved last year and have not received it. We're taxpayers in the City of Hammond and the only Black Museum in a 45-mile radius.

Delmus Dunn, Sr. President of the Tangipahoa African American Heritage Museum, stated we were getting \$50,000, then cut to \$25,000 and were told we would be cut another \$5,000. This should be done fairly.

Laura Knighten, 110 N. Clark St., Hammond La. stated the museum was open to teach our history, and we have struggled all these years. Most of the Council does not know the money that the museum brings to Hammond, and she can't see why we have been cut when more funds should be added to the budget. They said if you know better you do better.

Daniel Boudreaux, Union Police President, stated retirement should be a line item or dedicated fund this system already works. The City needs the tractor, pit, flood study. There is no need for car fee allowance, or money for another attorney when there is already one in place. The recreation department needs a generator due to the storms we have in our area. This is a new budget for no reason.

Elizabeth Lafarge, 601 Rue Cannes Hammond, La. stated she's a licensed CPA and there are internal controls in place that are audited and there is no need to change it.

Llewelyn Jones, 1100 S. Magnolia Hammond, La. stated this is a budget and there needs a sense of fairness and you all are here to take care of business

Lacy Landrum, stated there is 926 acres of grass to be mowed and one tractor cannot cut that based on the amendment. Based on the amendments that were proposed, there is \$245,000 to make all the amendments move forward that were proposed. There is defunding more than what is needed to make the amendments work.

Councilman Wells, stated the \$30,000 for the car allowance is for when I need to use my vehicle to take citizens in my district places. I was told I could use the pool car and was not able. I want everything right for the council when we need things done.

Demetra Wright, 10089 Azela St. Hammond La. stated she called Attorney Coudrain multiple times and has had problems and rules are not being followed if you're going to do the job do it and be fair.

Attorney, Andre Coudrain, stated he represents the City, the City Council, all the City Boards and Commissions and it's not his job to represent every Citizen. If you come before the Council and ask them a question and they refer to me to reply or respond to I will do that.

Devon Wells, stated Ms. Wright has contacted Councilman Andrews and myself multiple times. I asked that the building permit office about who came to the office and what they came to the office for.

Bobby Mitchell, stated he is not the dirty work guy - existing mobile home park in the City are located in the corporate limits of the City and they have to follow restrictions of current zoning laws and areas outside City limits we have no control. Rules are being followed and consistent.

Tracy Wells, 610 Mooney Ave. Hammond, stated there have been questions about why the Council should have their own attorney and budget. The Charter does state that the City Council can have their own attorney for legal advice on an as needed basis - this is written in the Charter.

There were no other public comments

2. An Ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by Ramona Holland (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements located on Lots 13 & 14 Square 8 Greenville Park Subdivision at 120 W. Newman St.; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2020-03-00072) recommended with conditions by the Zoning Commission. (Tracie Schillace)

1) The approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in ownership of Ramona Holland, and

2) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home.

Tracie Schillace, stated the applicant wants to purchase property for a mobile home on this property, it is not located in a proposed mobile home area but, is recommended for approval because there are other existing mobile homes in the area. This is a personal right just for Ms. Holland if the ownership changes that person would have to come before Council and she must meet all other requirements.

Ramona Holland, 115 Washington Ave. stated she has a mobile home on Washington Ave and there are already mobile homes in this area.

There were no public comments

3. An Ordinance to rezone Lot 6 Block 78 Hyer-Survey request by Best Team in Town, LLC from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with survey by Brett J. Martin dated 3/9/2020 located at 304 South Oak Street (Z-2020-03-00074) recommended approval by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, stated they were on the demo list months ago- the new owner purchased the home and tore it down asked to rezone it like other properties on that street.

There were no public comments

4. Amend Ordinance#16-5481 to allow change in occupancy/ownership from Joseph Ribaud III to Timothy S. Shoaf for a existing microbrew pub located on Parcel 2 being 1110 CM Fagan Drive; Zoned C-H (Z-2020-05-00075) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, this is only a change of ownership.

There were no public comments



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
June 23, 2020
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales called regular session to order at 6:40pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Council: NONE
2. Mayor: the Council passes budgets, resolutions and ordinances. The City had no emergency funds, no savings. The Council should not tell employees how to do their job. City Attorney does not tell us what we want to hear. He's not the Administration's Attorney. The department heads need their funds and budgets should not be cut. The tractor is needed, the pit is needed and the generator for the recreation department is needed. All nonprofits were told they needed to raise their own money. The African American Museum needs better management.

VI. Minutes of June 9, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of June 9, 2020.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. A resolution authorizing demolition of a property located at 311 S. Linden St., (93% damaged) located in Council District 2. The owner is Thelma L. Rudison 311 South Linden Hammond, LA. 70403.

Bobby Mitchell, stated ownership was researched and there are other owners that need to be notified.

Llewellyn Jones, stated Thelma Rudison is deceased stated she's assisting her sister with getting her deeds in her name - this is why the activity on the property has not moved forth because the organizations and different people that we were contacting required the deed. We have petitioned different charities, churches, & community to assist with the property and is asking the Council to leave the property alone.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to TABLE authorizing demolition of a property located at 311 S. Linden St., (93% damaged) located in Council District 2. The owner is Thelma L. Rudison 311 South Linden Hammond, LA. 70403.

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

2. An amendment to the resolution creating the Hammond Housing Authority dated June 1, 1976 to set forth the qualifications of the commissioners of the authority. Councilman DiVittorio, stated he proposed a resolution and read the proposed resolution.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to TABLE an amendment to the resolution creating the Hammond Housing Authority dated June 1, 1976 to set forth the qualifications of the commissioners of the authority.

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

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon to authorize Councilman DiVittorio to seek an Attorney General opinion regarding an amendment to the resolution creating the Hammond Housing Authority dated June 1, 1976 to set forth the qualifications of the commissioners of the authority

VOTE: Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y)
Motion Approved to seek AGs opinion 5-0

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution 1) accepting a \$157,000 grant from the CARES Act Airport Grants Program to offset economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and experienced at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor and/or his designee to sign related documents.
David Lobue, informed the Council that this is CARES ACT funding and the airport is receiving \$157,000 from this grant.

Councilwoman Gonzales temporarily left the meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells 1) accepting a \$157,000 grant from the CARES Act Airport Grants Program to offset economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and experienced at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor and/or his designee to sign related documents.

Vote: Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Absent), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

2. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Maintenance Agreement including Mowing and Litter Pickup for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021 between the City of Hammond and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Councilwoman Gonzales returned to meeting

Lacy Landrum, stated this is an annual contract where the City gets reimbursed for maintaining, mowing and litter pickup on state highways in City limits. Lacy stated Whitney Statham was present to answer any questions.

Christina Monistere, 2008 Camilla Ave., Hammond - asked if the City gets reimbursed by the State and how much does the City put out to get done. She's against the resolution.

Councilman Andrews, asked how many cuts and would like to have a routine for district #1

Whitney Statham, stated there are 4 cuts per season at a minimum but there are more than 4 cuts because the City cuts more often.

Councilman Wells, stated if the City is only required to cut 4 times, but its cut more than that - he wants grass cut more often in his district. Asking for a basic service to come and do the work.

Whitney Statham, stated she tries to stay on routine as best as possible

Chief Edwin Bergeron, stated the inmate litter program is back up & running and if anyone needs an area in their district to contact him.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Maintenance Agreement including Mowing and Litter Pickup for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021 between the City of Hammond and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

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

3. A resolution to approve Pour House Pizza and Beer Garden located at 505 W. Thomas Street Hammond, La. 70401 to obtain a permit to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owner is 505 Thomas LLC.

Laura Hammett, they have done everything we've asked and met all requirements seeking approval on tonight. Mr. Anthony is present to answer any questions.

Owner, Anthony Donze 4403 Forbes Farm Dr., Hammond was present

Councilman Andrews, asked about neighborhood concerns over alcohol sales in this area

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated they did not want this to be a bar- this will be a restaurant that serves alcohol he would have to have 60/40 on food alcohol sales.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve Pour House Pizza and Beer Garden located at 505 W. Thomas Street Hammond, La. 70401 to obtain a permit to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owner is 505 Thomas LLC.

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

4. A resolution authorizing demolition of a property located at 128 Moran St., (94%) damaged located in Council District 1. The owner is Cornelia Harris, ETAL 803 Hope St., Hammond, LA. 70401.

Bobby Mitchell, recommended to table because of ownership issues.

Councilman Andrews, stated title research should be done on the front end of the process

Lacy Landrum, stated this will be done on the front end in the future and notices will be sent out on front end along with signage on the property.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to TABLE authorizing demolition of a property located at 128 Moran St., (94%) damaged located in Council District 1. The owner is Cornelia Harris, ETAL 803 Hope St., Hammond, LA. 70401.

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

5. A resolution authorizing demolition of a property located at 411 S. Cypress St., (71%) damaged located in Council District 2. The owner is EKORB, LLC 608 W. Robert St., Hammond LA. 70401. Bobby Mitchell, recommended to demolish.

Attorney Coudrain, stated he checked the title and proper notice was given

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon authorizing demolition of a property located at 411 S. Cypress St., (71%) damaged located in Council District 2. The owner is EKORB, LLC 608 W. Robert St., Hammond LA. 70401.

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

6. A resolution authorizing demolition of a property located at 208 Washington Ave., (84%) damaged located in Council District 3. The owner is Arlene & Brenda Thompson 208 Washington Ave., Hammond LA. 70403. Bobby Mitchell, stated the property is 84% damaged and recommends to demolish

Attorney Coudrain, stated he checked the title and proper notice was given

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing demolition of a property located at 208 Washington Ave., (84%) damaged located in Council District 3. The owner is Arlene & Brenda Thompson 208 Washington Ave., Hammond LA. 70403.

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

7. A resolution authorizing demolition of a property located at 307 Washington Ave., (94) damaged located in Council District 3. The owner is Carol Gray Jackson 7218 Fuschia Lane, Humble TX., 77346. Bobby Mitchell, recommends demolition and stated he received a call from the owner and she's in favor of demolition.

Attorney Coudrain, stated he checked the title and proper notice was given

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing demolition of a property located at 307 Washington Ave., (94) damaged located in Council District 3. The owner is Carol Gray Jackson 7218 Fuschia Lane, Humble TX., 77346.

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

8. A resolution to ratify the proposals received and to award the Fiscal Agent (RFP 21-05) for a three-year contract from July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023. Lacy Landrum, presented a spreadsheet of banks offering proposals and recommends First Bank & Trust.

Councilman Andrews temporarily left the meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to award to First Bank & Trust the Fiscal Agent (RFP 21-05) for a three-year contract from July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023.

Vote: Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (A), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. An ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in accordance with the procedures in Section 5-03 of the City's Charter.

Councilman Andrews returned to the meeting. Budget amendments were discussed as follows:

Cancelling Fund rng

1. Cancel garage pit in the amount of \$113,500

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Di-Vittorio to amend the proposed budget to remove the Street Department maintenance building addition - garage extension and pit in the amount of \$113,500.

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

2. Cancel \$63,000 from the Tractor at Airport

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to amend the proposed budget to remove \$63,000 for the Tractor from the Airport budget.

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

3. Cancel \$40,000 away from generator for Recreation Department

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to cancel \$40,000 away from generator for Recreation Department.

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

4. Cancel the purchase of the Starwood Property total of \$38,000

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to amend the budget to remove the purchase of the Starwood Property total of \$38,000 from the Recreation budget

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

5. Cancel \$100,000 from the maintenance of the railroad from the Streets Department

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to amend the proposed budget to remove \$100,000 from the maintenance of the railroad from the Streets Department

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

6. Move \$300,000 from the Police Administration budget and return to the General Fund Balance.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to place the \$300,000 proposed for retirees into a line item within the Police budget.

Councilman Andrews asked will this line item in the amount of \$300,000 be used just for retirement?

Councilwoman Gonzales, Yes

Vote: Sam DiVittorio (N), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (N)
Motion Approved to move into a line item in the police budget 3-2

Add Funding to budget

1. Add \$10,000 to the Tangipahoa African American Heritage Museum total allocation \$35,000

Councilman Leon, stated no one thinks they are receiving a fair amount of money for the nonprofits - some nonprofits do not receive any funding. He is asking to see tax returns from the last three years next year to show factual information.

Tracie Wells, stated last year the Council said they would do a pool and the nonprofits will apply to that pool and it didn't happen this year.

Samuel Fuller stated a budget is given to the administration

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to amend the proposed budget to add \$10,000 to the Tangipahoa African American Heritage Museum for a total allocation of \$35,000.

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

2. Add funds to CASA - the proposed budget is \$15,000, so the increase of \$5000 brings the total allocation to \$20,000

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to amend the proposed budget to add funds to CASA in the amount of \$5000 to bring the total allocation to \$20,000

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

3. Hire Attorney for City Councilmembers to consult in the proposed amount of \$100,000

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to amend the proposed budget to hire an Attorney for City Councilmembers to consult in the amount of \$100,000

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

4. Auto Allowance for each Councilmember in the amount of \$30,000

Lacy Landrum, stated we can seek an Attorney General Opinion about compensation or whether this will go into this current budget or wait for next election.

Christina Monistere, 2008 Camilla Ave., Hammond stated a lot of City officials have vehicles and we pay for those and is in favor of Council receiving car allowance.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to seek an Attorney General opinion for Auto allowance in the Amount of \$30,000 for Councilmembers.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to amend the proposed budget to allot funds in the amount of \$30,000 for City Councilmembers Auto Allowance.

Vote: Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y)
Motion Approved to allocate \$30,000 for councilmember auto allowance 3-2

5. Allocate \$100,000 for Phase II Flood Study

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to amend the proposed budget to allocate \$100,000 to Phase II Flood Study

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

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to adopt the proposed budget as amended.

Vote: Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y)
Motion approved to adopt as amended 5-0

2. Final adoption of an Ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by Ramona Holland (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements located on Lots 13 & 14 Square 8 Greenville Park Subdivision at 120 W. Newman St.; Zoned RS-3 (Z-20020-03-00072) recommended with conditions by the Zoning Commission.

- 1) The approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in ownership of Ramona Holland, and
- 2) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to adopt an Ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by Ramona Holland (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements located on Lots 13 & 14 Square 8 Greenville Park Subdivision at 120 W. Newman St.; Zoned RS-3 (Z-20020-03-00072) as recommended with conditions by the Zoning Commission.

- 1) The approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in ownership of Ramona Holland, and
- 2) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home.

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

3. Final adoption of an Ordinance to rezone Lot 6 Block 78 Hyer-Survey request by Best Team in Town, LLC from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with survey by Brett J. Martin dated 3/9/2020 located at 304 South Oak Street (Z-2020-03-00074) recommended approval by the Zoning Commission.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt an Ordinance to rezone Lot 6 Block 78 Hyer-Survey request by Best Team in Town, LLC from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with survey by Brett J. Martin dated 3/9/2020 located at 304 South Oak Street (Z-2020-03-00074) as recommended by the Zoning Commission.

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

4. Final adoption to Amend Ordinance#16-5481 to allow change in occupancy/ownership from Joseph Ribauda III to Timothy S. Shoaf for a existing microbrew pub located on Parcel 2 being 1110 CM Fagan Drive; Zoned C-H (Z-2020-05-00075) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to Amend Ordinance #16-5481 to allow change in occupancy/ownership from Joseph Ribauda III to Timothy S. Shoaf for an existing microbrew pub located on Parcel 2 being 1110 CM Fagan Drive; Zoned C-H (Z-2020-05-00075) as recommended by the Zoning Commission.

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE

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

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City Attorney, Andre Coudrain



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
July 14, 2020
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilwoman Gonzales, called Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm
- II. ROLL CALL:** Carlee Gonzales (P), Sam DiVittorio (P), Kip Andrews (P), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (P).
- III. PUBLIC HEARING:** NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
July 14, 2020
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilwoman Gonzales, called Regular Session to order at 5:31pm
- II. ROLL CALL:** Carlee Gonzales (P), Sam DiVittorio (P), Kip Andrews (P), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (P).
- III. PRAYER:** Councilman Andrews
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
Councilwoman Gonzales

V. REPORTS:

1. Council:

A. Councilman Andrews – Certificate of Recognition – this matter was postponed due to the recipient's unavailability to attend

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about work in District #4 on Brandi Lane, Tina, Brenda & Tammy Drive Is there a projected start date on those improvements?

Webb Anderson, drainage project work is beginning and the City does not dictate where they start. Webb, stated he will provide a schedule of the work

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about dumpsters on Rue St. Martin

Lacy Landrum, an email was sent out with update with information due to the staffing challenges the City will take this on once more staff returns

Councilman Wells entered the meeting

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the metal building on the Firestone Building located by the Mall

Cyril Gaiennie, stated composite paneling will be installed

Councilman Divittorio, asked about Joe Ferris Drive

Lacy Landrum, stated the request was sent out and will be out soon as they can

Councilman Kip Andrews, thanked the Hammond Fire & Police Departments for escorts for graduates and asked about the garbage company pickup and making late pickups

Mayor, stated will get better deal on garbage pickup by coordinating with Ponchatoula & Parish. The City has been documenting the complaints- the company said delays are due to COVID. The Parish & Ponchatoula are also having problems and he's looking into and will address the problems.

Lacy Landrum, stated the City has a running spreadsheet on missed pickups

Mayor, people need to call in- we need to document complaints

Councilman Leon, stated he's working with Mrs. EJ (Keep Hammond Beautiful) concerning the clothing donation boxes and they are becoming a problem because they are not being maintained.

Councilman Wells, stated an issue we're having is residents would like to enter MLK Park & Mooney Park just to play ball - the application for the Recreation Dept. is stating they would need insurance to enter into the Park. The other issue he's having are the 4 wheelers and dirt bikes- police need to do road blocks to get them off the streets.

Mayor, stated he is trying to allow people in the park to play ball but still follow state regulations and guidelines. The insurance issue is for basketball tournaments that would like to host in the parks, not just play. Yes, 4 wheelers are a problem and golf carts.

Police Chief Edwin Bergeron, stated he has been keeping track and has written 17 citations and many are being towed- a road block is not feasible and there has been enforcement in the area. Judy Warren in records is keeping track of the citations and the towing.

Councilman Wells, asked is it on record that a 4 Wheeler hit a 5 yr., old child on Natchez street?

Chief Bergeron, if police came out there is a report on the accident. Parents are getting the 4 Wheelers out of tow yards and giving them back to their kids - there are records and towing has been implemented.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if there is there a sound ordinance on dirt bikes

Chief Bergeron, stated there is a sound ordinance and follow the criminal statue of disturbing the peace

2. Mayor:

A. Pam Lightfoot (DOTD)- Community Rating System- Not Able to Attend

Mayor, thanked everyone for what they're doing to fight COVID and continue to mask up, wash your hands, and practice social distancing.

VI. Minutes of June 23, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to approve the minutes of June 23, 2020.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Services Agreement between Tangipahoa Parish Government Animal Control and the City of Hammond for \$60,057 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Lacy Landrum, stated this is the annual contract for animal control and is based on census numbers- it is budgeted.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked do they keep record stats of how many they pick up

Lacy Landrum, stated she will provide information on pickups

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Services Agreement between Tangipahoa Parish Government Animal Control and the City of Hammond for \$60,057 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

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

2. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa for \$9,383 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Lacy Landrum, stated this is the allocation that was in the budget and Crime Stoppers operates a crime prevention tip line- they also sponsor several crime prevention activities.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa for \$9,383 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

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

3. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Child Advocacy Services, Inc. for \$20,000 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Lacy Landrum, stated this amount was allocated in this year's budget. CASA does a lot of Child Abuse prevention strategies and performs forensic interviews with children who have had traumatic experiences.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Child Advocacy Services, Inc. for \$20,000 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

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

4. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging for \$50,000 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Lacy Landrum, Stated this is the annual allocation for this fiscal year. The Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging supplies the City bus system.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging for \$50,000 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

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

5. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Tangipahoa African American Heritage Museum for \$35,000 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Lacy Landrum, stated this is the annual allocation -this is part of the City Economic Development effort as they bring in people across the state and nation to visit the museum and they offer STEM Camp in the summer for kids and this is what the funds are used.

Samuel C. Paul, 103 Garrett Drive Hammond; thanked the Council for the appropriation

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Tangipahoa African American Heritage Museum for \$35,000 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

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

6. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Children's Discovery Center for \$90,000 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Lacy Landrum, stated this is allocated in the budget. They provide Economic Development and Education- the Museum attracts from all over the state and other states to visit this educational center.

Councilwoman Gonzales, noted the agreement contains a paragraph of the City dialing down \$10,000 every year until they reach \$50,000 if the money is available

Councilman Wells, stated we also talked about the pool for nonprofits

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Children's Discovery Center for \$90,000 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

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

7. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs for \$1,962 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Lacy Landrum, stated this is an allocation based on the population.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs for \$1,962 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

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

Councilwoman Gonzales stated she will circulate an email for discussion about creating a pool for nonprofits.

8. A resolution to urge and request all Departments within the City of Hammond to utilize every available avenue and resource to promote and encourage response to the 2020 Federal decennial census.

Councilwoman Gonzales, the resolution urges the City to promote Census responses

Lisa Lambert (Streaming question for public) what resources would be used?

Lacy Landrum, to remind people through every possible medium

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to urge and request all Departments within the City of Hammond to utilize every available avenue and resource to promote and encourage response to the 2020 Federal decennial census.

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

9. A resolution 1) accepting a \$5,000 grant from the Walmart Local Community Grant Program for improvements to Zemurray Dog Park; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. Charles Borchers IV, stated the City has already received a check and the money will be applied to benches for the park.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews 1) accepting a \$5,000 grant from the Walmart Local Community Grant Program for improvements to Zemurray Dog Park; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

10. A resolution supporting the submission of an application for reimbursement to the Coronavirus Relief Fund for necessary expenditures incurred in preparation for, mitigation of, response to, or recovery from the Coronavirus Pandemic between May 1 and June 30, 2020. Charles Borchers IV, stated the State is dividing these funds into phases until they run out. The City applied for \$64,000 and that's what was awarded. This one will be less due to transitioning out of COVID.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked how did the \$64,000 come about?

Charles Borchers, stated the majority was Police and Fire overtime and unexpected expenses

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon resolution supporting the submission of an application for reimbursement to the Coronavirus Relief Fund for necessary expenditures incurred in preparation for, mitigation of, response to, or recovery from the Coronavirus Pandemic between May 1 and June 30, 2020.

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

11. A resolution to approve Q's Seafood and Deli located at 1705 CM Fagan Dr., Hammond, La. 70403 to obtain a permit to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owner is Fagan Food Mart, LLC.
Laura Hammett, stated there is a correction this is for sale of packaged alcohol not on premise.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to Amend the Agenda to read to approve Q's Seafood and Deli located at 1705 CM Fagan Dr., Hammond, La. 70403 to obtain a permit to sell High/Low packaged alcohol.

Laura, informed the Council that this is a change in ownership and they have met all requirements and the owner is present.

Owner, Mahmoud Hemaïd, 1705 CM Fagan Drive, Hammond,

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if employees are trained for alcohol sales

Mr. Hemaïd, replied yes

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve as amended Q's Seafood and Deli located at 1705 CM Fagan Dr., Hammond, La. 70403 to obtain a permit to sell High/Low packaged alcohol. The owner is Fagan Food Mart, LLC.
Motion Approved 5-0

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

12. A resolution to ratify and award bids received June 11, 2020 for "Concrete Street Improvements [FY2020]" Project 420-12022. Webb Anderson, stated there were 8 competitive bids and within budget and recommend award to Richard Price Contracting Co. in the amount of \$786, 999.00 - this includes repairs in the Iowa district, Brandy Lane, Westin Oaks, and Zemurray Park Pool parking lot.

Councilman Wells, thanked Webb for having more than one contractor bidding on the job

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to ratify to ratify and award bids received June 11, 2020 for "Concrete Street Improvements [FY2020]" Project 420-12022.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to accept completion of work on the Commerce Street improvements and cul-de-sac, to release performance bond/letter of credit in the amount of \$287,935.00, and acceptance of 2 year maintenance bond in the amount of \$28,793.50 in accordance with as built plans by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 6/17/2020 (Case#ROW-2019-07-00009). Tracie Schillace, presented this item as an introduction for public hearing and final adoption next Council meeting – the work is completed. This is located in District #3

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to accept completion of work on the Commerce Street improvements and cul-de-sac, to release performance bond/letter of credit in the amount of \$287,935.00, and acceptance of 2 year maintenance bond in the amount of \$28,793.50 in accordance with as built plans by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 6/17/2020 (Case#ROW-2019-07-00009).

VOTE: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0
Public Hearing is set for July 28, 2020

2. Introduction of an ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by Vashaun L. Moore to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on Lots 8 & 9 Blk 10 Greenville Park Subdivision located at 108 & 110 W. Louisa West Street; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2020-05-00076). Recommend approval (4-1) with the following conditions by the Zoning Commission:

- a) This approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in ownership of Vashaun L. Moore; and
- b) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home.

Tracie Schillace, stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted 4-1 for approval and it's not in a proposed mobile home area but, adjacent owners are in support. This is located in District #3

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to introduce an ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by Vashaun L. Moore to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on Lots 8 & 9 Blk 10 Greenville Park Subdivision located at 108 & 110 W. Louisa West Street; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2020-05-00076). Recommend approval (4-1) with the following conditions by the Zoning Commission:

- a) This approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in ownership of Vashaun L. Moore; and
- b) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home.

VOTE: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0
Public Hearing is set for July 28, 2020

3. Introduction of an ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by Dianne W. Hooks to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on Lot 20 Rosehill Park Subdivision located at 2401 Center Ave.; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2020-06-00077). Recommend approval (5-0) with the following conditions by the Zoning Commission:

- a) This approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon change in ownership of Dianne W. Hooks; and
- b) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home.

Tracie Schillace, stated this is in Council District #4 and is in a proposed mobile home area.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to introduce an ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by Dianne W. Hooks to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on Lot 20 Rosehill Park Subdivision located at 2401 Center Ave.; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2020-06-00077). Recommend approval (5-0) with the following conditions by the Zoning Commission:

- a) This approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon change in ownership of Dianne W. Hooks; and
- b) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home.

VOTE: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0
Public Hearing is set for July 28, 2020

4. Introduction of an ordinance to create the Accrual Buyout Fund. Lacy Landrum, stated the funds are reserved to only pay out accrued time and is similar to the witness fee fund.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to create the Accrual Buyout Fund.

VOTE: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0
Public Hearing is set for July 28, 2020

5. Introduction of an ordinance to amend the City of Hammond budget for FY 2020 - 2021 and to transfer \$300,000 from the Police Administration Retirement line item into the Accrual Buyout Fund.
Lacy Landrum, stated funds in a new line item to this specific fund

Janice Carter Beard, is this just for police?

Lacy Landrum, stated it will be for all employees and will be a savings account for retirements

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an Ordinance to amend the City of Hammond budget for FY 2020 - 2021 and to transfer \$300,000 from the Police Administration Retirement line item into the Accrual Buyout Fund.

VOTE: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y).
Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0
Public Hearing is set for July 28, 2020

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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

312 EAST CHARLES STREET

HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

August 10, 2020

5:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Public hearing to order at 5:30pm

II. ROLL CALL: Kip Andrews (P), Carlee White Gonzales (P), Devon Wells (P), Sam DiVittorio (P), Steven Leon (P)

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

Proposed 64 unit public housing development subsidized by The Louisiana Housing Corporation

Councilman DiVittorio thanked everyone for attending and wanted to inform the residents of a large project (64 units) coming off the corner of Natchez and Corbin I wanted the residents to be informed. The project is known as the "The Burrow" funded by tax credits through the Louisiana Housing Corporation. This project could have at least 200-300 residents that will impact this area and needs to look at the impact it has on the District and City. This area is a commercial and industrial use think it has more growth to create jobs. The City has issues with similar development and need to look at long term effects.

Public Comments

James Johnson, 703 Natchez Street, Hammond live 2 blocks from this area and opposes this project - crime is on the rise in this area and placing 64 units in the area is not a good idea.

Rewndy Wells, 109 Grant Street, Hammond lives in the neighborhood and opposed because of the crime -lived in this area for 50 plus years. There are too many of these developments in this area.

Samuel C. Paul, 103 Garrett Drive, Hammond worried about crime- opposed to project

Lemar Marshall, 1104 Rue Chalet, Hammond asked about Mayor's vision of comprehensive plan

Mayor, vision is to keep it what it is today. Mayor Panepinto stated he did not give a letter of recommendation and the City does not want more issues. Management is key to these type of developments and Willa Villa is a problem with management. This area is more industrial which would bring jobs.

Lemar Marshall, the Louisiana Corporation initial approval has gone thru August 20th, 2020 for the next phase. How do we stop to proceed for the community?

Councilman DiVittorio, this is why this Public Hearing was setup to have involvement from Citizens

Counsel, Andre Coudrain, City has not received application

Tracie Schillace, only received site plans

Lemar Marshall, the project is in a "Hub Zone" this area is potential for new business developments and more for commercial that will bring jobs to the community. There is no plan for redevelopment of the community and let us see how we can make this a desirable community and the answer is home ownership being the focus.

Dee Parker, Hammond La. asked about projection of SWRR Ave., this is project supposed to be a 51 one bedroom and 31 two bedroom complex.

Councilman Devon Wells, stated he attended the Planning and Zoning Board and an Engineer said nothing to be done to stop the SWRR Ave., project.

Osa Betts, 700 Natchez Street, lives 4 blocks from project and oppose this development. Mrs. Betts stated she contact the LHC and they stated the board passed Phase I and there are future meetings. Mrs. Betts asked why was this area chosen.

Counsel Chris Moody, 910 Greenlawn represents the developer, client did not get notice of hearing and he does not have all the information. Clients are quality builders, and a quality company - asked that everyone to keep an open mind as this goes through the process.

Councilman DiVittorio, worried that once these are built and later the City will be having to deal with the issues of this property.

Tracie Schillace, on September 10, 2020 there is a Planning and Zoning Board Meeting

Osa Betts, lived in home 40 yrs., and do not intend to move - this is a poor decision to place this in the area. This is 4 blocks from her home and this should not be in this area.

Steven Quinn, stated he grew up in the District 3 and just finding out about this project. On the border of District 3 is all commercial the inner City is run down. He stated he left to serve in the United States Army and when he returned District 3 - still no change. Phoenix Square was named after his grandfather and he is strongly against and opposed to a so called housing projects on the borders or in the inner part of the District 3.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy., 190 West, need houses not multifamily units

Lemar Marshall, LHC has a huge initiative to build homes in communities rebuilding the community with vacant lots builds wealth in our communities would like to see homeownership much better than rental infrastructures.

Councilman DiVittorio going back to the problem of 64 units this is a Hub Zone for commercial industrial use.

Lemar Marshall, yes a hub zone for anyone who wants to invest in Commercial business

Angela Tyrone, 406 Hewitt Road, Hammond moved to the area wanted to be in a diverse area. There has been 3 similar developments in this area and opposes this project - this area should offer home ownership this is important to the community. Why are these ads placed in the classified area of the daily star? Its time to recognize all Citizens, need for homeownership, and it's time to bring people together. The community do not want this development in this area.

Erica Betts Williams, 700 Natchez Street, stated she's an aspiring home owner and she do not want to rent. What are some concrete next steps that's going to happen- wants it plain knowing the community oppose this project

Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales, what is already in our Planning and Zoning, what is allowed, should we review our zoning to determining if large developers are allowed to place certain structures on a property. Let's take a review of our Zoning- if things are already zoned for exactly what they want to do agrees we have trouble defeating this

Councilman DiVittorio, we need to look at the Planning and Zoning maps these are things that need to be revised with a committee.

Damien Strauss, Edwin Neil Way, City could do an overlay district – he is against this project

Tracie Schillace, the Masterplan changed the zoning uses and that is an active plan - the Citizens and the Council should read the Master plan

Osa Betts, need to review what is already on the books and utilize this- look at these projects. Mrs. Betts stated she would like to stop these projects do not wait stop them now

Councilman Wells, need to change Planning and zoning meetings so the Citizens could attend the meetings.

Donald Carter, 1104 Hewitt Road Hammond stated he's from this area, he's a taxpayer and loves the City of Hammond. He ask the Council to listen to the Citizens and do what's right for the community.

Greg Drude, local real estate agent and the developer should have been here to provide information. The UDC a few years ago rezoned all property in the City. If rules change from maps city will be sued- this is bigger than one project.

Lacy Landrum Online Question, even when the Planning and Zoning Commission approves a proposed Development -can the City Council vote against it

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, generally if the Planning and Zoning make recommendation to the Council then the Council have the final say on some things that are described in the UDC - some things can be approved at Planning and Zoning some things come to the Council like rezoning comes to the Council

Lemar Marshall, LA Housing Corp has dollars to purchase and build these projects - will they give the dollars to the City if they don't want these projects - he stated he doesn't think so

Joe Mier, 44064 High Oaks Trail, the need of the project needs to be fulfilled and somebody needs to buy lots and build houses there are a lot of people that are in need of housing. The community can take the entrepreneurship in this area.

Chris Moody, on behalf of the developer thanked everyone who came and stated the developers are watching. He asked the Council to keep an open mind and the client will not be asking for a zoning change- cannot change the rules midstream -this will serve the needs of some people that cannot afford homes.

Councilman DiVittorio who actually evaluates the Planning and Zoning Maps

Tracie Schillace, we did not make changes to the map and zoning at all we made changes to the uses in each one of the zoning districts. Master Plan 2011 the UDC created in 2014 the zoning are the same the uses have changed. The Planning and Zoning have made some changes to uses and took commercial uses out of mixed use neighborhoods. There is a process of changing

Lacy Landrum on Line Question: What about moratorium as an option

Andre Coudrain, can't just pick and choose a project- if you want to stop all developments and take a broader look this can take a while and delay projects which will be all projects- would like a deeper conversation if this is under consideration

Councilman Wells, thanked everyone who came out and thanked Councilman DiVittorio for putting this together and thanked everyone who invested in the Community.

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzalez and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn the meeting all members were in favor. The public Hearing was adjourned.

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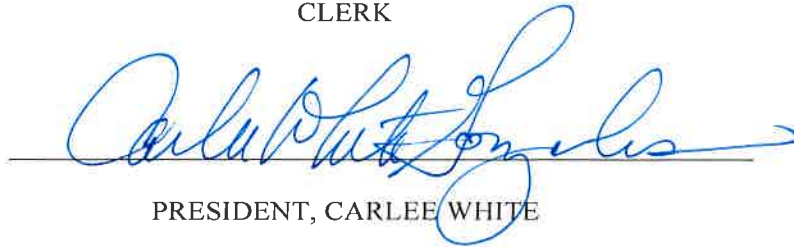
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
August 11, 2020
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Public Hearing to order at 5:30 pm

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
August 11, 2020
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Regular Session to order at 5:35pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

Councilman Wells entered the meeting

V. REPORTS:

1. Council:

Councilman Kip Andrews, stated on this Saturday at 9am MLK Park he will be accepting water bottles to give to schools and will be taking donations. Also, would like to commend Councilman DiVittorio on the meeting last night everything went well and it was good to see Citizens voicing their opinions concerning their neighborhoods he would like to encourage those that are listening to please try to start attending the City Council meetings to follow up and become educated on things going on in the City.

2. Mayor: Lacy Landrum, stated the millage renewal election for Police and Fire is this Saturday, August 15, 2020- voting is open from 7am to 8 pm this is a renewal not a new tax. This is to support Police & Fire salaries, equipment, trucks, vehicles, Fire stations, Police stations and trainings. The Mayor sent a letter to Louisiana Housing Corporation with a copy of the video from the Public Hearing meeting last night and there is a public meeting tomorrow at LHC about Hammond station apartments on SWRR Ave development. The City asked LHC to table this matter but, it's up to the LHC board. The City is closing out the 2020 fiscal year \$435,000 ahead of the sales tax budget and for video bingo that goes to all of our Capital Projects the City is \$135,000 ahead of what was budgeted.

VI. Minutes of July 28, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of July 28, 2020.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to approve Budget Change Form 21-01 to consolidate funding for Mooney Park, specifically transferring \$125,000 from Mooney Basketball Court (Project 12017) and \$75,000 from Asphalt Parking Improvements (Project 12023) and \$110,000 from Mooney Restroom (Project 12111) to Mooney Park Improvements (Project 11919). Chuck Spangler, stated this is a consolidation of funds into the Mooney Park Improvement project.

Councilman Devon Wells, stated he had been asking questions about Mooney Park and received information on Friday and wants to get time to review matters on the agenda ahead of time.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews to approve Budget Change Form 21-01 to consolidate funding for Mooney Park, specifically transferring \$125,000 from Mooney Basketball Court (Project 12017) and \$75,000 from Asphalt Parking Improvements (Project 12023) and \$110,000 from Mooney Restroom (Project 12111) to Mooney Park Improvements (Project 11919).

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

2. A resolution to approve Budget Change Form 21-02 to transfer \$245,000 from Drainage Improvements FY 2021 (Project 12107) to Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements FY 2020 (Project 12010). Chuck Spangler stated this project was bid out in April and stated he included an Add Alternate to do work on S. Cypress that was requested. This was approval in the current budget of \$230,000 for S. Cypress and \$15,000 on Cherry St – he recommends approval to consolidate.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve Budget Change Form 21-02 to transfer \$245,000 from Drainage Improvements FY 2021 (Project 12107) to Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements FY 2020 (Project 12010).

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

3. A resolution authorizing the purchase of a John Deere 6120M Tractor and Rotary Cutter for \$131,597.14 from Louisiana State Contract, using the airport capital request appropriation of \$70,000 (20338000 - 570000) and matching with \$61,597.14 in airport grant funds. David Lobue, stated the grass needs to be cut to come in compliance with FAA & State requirements.

Councilman Wells, asked when was grass cut last time

David Lobue, stated he had guys working overtime on the weekend and 2 guys on today

Councilman Wells, asked how many acres are being cut at the airport

David Lobue, stated about 800 to 850 acres all areas under fence and Hwy., 190

Councilman Wells, stated the tractor that's being bought is a State contract and he went to John Deere & Kubota for prices for tractors outside of State contracts - John Deere was \$152,242 and Kubota \$100,000 without tax but if

financed \$104,000. Asked about the City contract for Kubota- why is there a \$25,000 difference from the \$131,597.14 why are we spending \$25,000 more?

Mayor, stated John Deere is a better quality tractor and has the horsepower to handle the amount of work – the City is looking for something to last. The Kubota tractor the City owns has broken down.

Councilman Wells, stated this is not our money and concerned of spending this amount for a tractor.

Elizabeth Lafarre, 601 Rue Cannes, asked did Councilman Wells make a motion to remove expansion of Mooney Park.

Councilwoman Gonzales, it was Zemurray Park not Mooney Park. Ms. Lafarre apologized to Councilman Wells.

Chris Fairborn, General Manager of Pierce Aviation commend David Lobue and the employees with keeping up with the grass. This affects pilots when grass is high and animals near the runway this is important for safety to keep grass cut.

Mayor, stated \$70,000 is left in the budget for a tractor and \$157,000 is from the Federal government for maintenance at airport and FAA money can be used for this -this will be with Federal dollars not City dollars

Lacy Online Question what brand of tractor did we have before now?

David Lobue, a Kubota

Davis Lobue stated it takes 19 working days to cut entire airport

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the purchase of a John Deere 6120M Tractor and Rotary Cutter for \$131,597.14 from Louisiana State Contract, using the airport capital request appropriation of \$70,000 (20338000 - 570000) and matching with \$61,597.14 in airport grant funds.

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

4.A resolution to appoint John Philip Notariano to represent the fire department on the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from July 29, 2020 - July 29, 2023.
Mayor Panepinto, stated he was voted in by his peers from the Fire Department and requests you accept his nomination for the Civil Service Board.

Lacy Landrum, stated Mr. Notariano is a Captain and has served with the Hammond Fire Dept. over 16 yrs.

Councilman Wells, are you going to be fair when someone is before the board

John Notariano, if right is right and wrong is wrong no matter who you are

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to appoint John Philip Notariano to represent the fire department on the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from July 29, 2020 - July 29, 2023.

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

5.A resolution to reappoint George Bergeron to represent the police department on the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from July 29, 2020 - July 29, 2023.
Mayor Panepinto, stated he was voted in by his peers from the Police Department and was on the board previously and asks for his reappointment.

Lacy Landrum stated he is a Lieutenant with Hammond Police Department serving over for 20 years and has given valuable service on the Civil Service board for 3 years.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to reappoint George Bergeron to represent the police department on the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from July 29, 2020 - July 29, 2023.

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

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if the letter the Mayor wrote to LHC was about just one project or both.

Lacy Landrum answered both

Councilman Andrews asked when will there be a reassessment of the Master Plan

Councilwoman Gonzales, answered the Council would have to form a committee.

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE

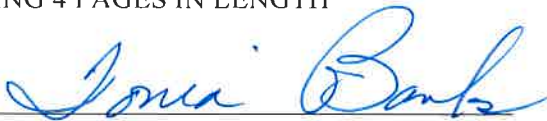
IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE

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

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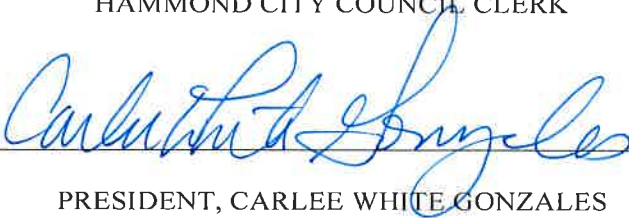
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Notice of Hammond City Council

Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 31, 2020 at 5:30pm

Michael J. Kenney Center, 601 W. Coleman Ave. Hammond, LA

I. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

II. PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE Councilwoman Gonzales

III. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales called Special meeting to order at 5:30 pm

IV.ROLL CALL: Kip Andrews (P), Carlee White Gonzales (P), Devon Wells (P), Sam DiVittorio (P), Steve Leon (P)

Councilwoman Gonzales, welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for respect and to follow the rules and procedures that's outlined in the agenda and there will be a 3 minute time limit. She then turned the meeting over to Councilman Devon Wells.

Councilman Wells, asked everyone to respect each other and everyone is entitled to an opinion and they have the right to voice how they feel.

Councilman Andrews, give everyone courtesy and respect

V. Discussion of the booking room video

Public Comments

Louise Bostic, 112 Elm Drive Hammond, asked who took the video and why?

Councilman DiVittorio, there are surveillance cameras in the booking room

Jermaine Luckett, Baton Rouge La., video shows rules were not followed and he stated he thinks during investigation the video was hidden and the City job is to protect the Citizens. As leaders we should be held at a higher standard.

Rev. Brenda Campbell, 15665 Darson Street Ponchatoula, was a resident of Hammond for about 20 yrs., stated she doesn't get involved with things unless there is a problem and there is a problem. She stated enough is enough and when she looked at the video as an Ex Police officer that was a little too much and it went too far this man was still handcuffed. She will fight for justice and thanked the Council for having the forum.

Marilyn Dunn, Hammond, concerned what's going on in the world and what's going on in our Community and here to show support. It does not matter who took the video the problem is the Citizen that was arrested was not treated correctly.

Kelvin Cryer, 613 Campo Street, Hammond, this has to stop no accountability the Citizens don't have effective way to report when there's a bad police encounter. Issues with accountability and transparency.

Stanley Ledet, 1109 Audubon Drive, Hammond, did not watch the video tired of watching us being slaughtered and denormalized and if you find this as an excuse to where this is acceptable you are part of the problem. If you are not doing your part as a human being you are part of the problem this has to stop. Police need to be in the community.

Betty Surrey, 47297 Shady Acres, Tickfaw, thanked Councilman Wells and Councilman Andrews for bringing this as an issue. Suggest to look at every policy and procedure that was in place governing the protocols that every police officer was expected to follow on the night this occurred specifically booking room protocols and procedures and what to do with contraband or personal property that is taken from a subject. The Citizens of Hammond deserve a fair and transparent police department.

Alton Carter, 406 J W Davis Dr., Hammond, why don't the police ask questions when they get on the scene. He is a victim of police brutality.

Calvin Gallo, 1007 Natchez, Hammond, as it states a picture is worth a thousand words this video is worth a thousand words our voices have been silenced for so long. If you don't see anything wrong with this video you are part of the problem.

*****Video of Booking Room Incident was played*****

Councilman Wells stated as you seen the video this is the reason, we're here tonight to address this issue.

Jim Wells, 41035 Rue Chene, Ponchatoula, born and raised in Hammond left and came back. Finally seen the video and guess police brutality makes you police chief.

Christine Monistere, Hammond, stood before Council almost 2yrs., ago concerning this issue. Mayor was aware of this video at the time. She stated she saw 6 blows to the face and watched officers make jokes, drag a man body across the floor and kick a man all on video. This should be re-opened and investigated.

Janice Carter Beard, 806 Natchez Street, Hammond, you should not reward a man who violated civil rights by promoting him. On every job there are job descriptions to follow and the job of a police officer is to protect and serve.

Alton McCraney, 204 Maryland Street, Hammond, appalled of what he saw on the video and people should be handled with dignity. Its time to stand up and its time for a change this video is unacceptable.

Todd Calmes thanked the Council for the meeting and thanked the police. Asked the Council was this the video shown when the Council approved the Chief position, was this video provided during investigation and did you all see the video, were you all aware that the NAACP was told there wasn't a video, in the video did you view the part were he was struck with a closed fist, punched, grunting in each and every punch no person deserve this treatment. People should be held accountable and there should not be a promotion.

Mike McClanahan, Baton Rouge, NAACP, if asked how he feels about the video he's seen worse video by the Hammond Police. He stated bad police should be turned in and the police Chief should be elected. He stated bad behavior should not be rewarded and he must be held accountable and need to get rid of bad police.

Eugene Collins, Baton Rouge, NAACP, organization was told full video did not exist. A human was treated like a dog and it should be investigated to the fullest extent. If you do not get this under control it is a matter of time, we sue do not let one bad apple cost this City money. We have full confidence that you all will take care of this.

Sandra Weary, 17477 East Park Ave., Hammond first thing that comes to her mind is to pray when something happens. Beating a dead horse will not solve anything we seen the video and the next thing is to do is decide what's going to be happen fighting, and hating is not going solve anything. Once you decide what your going to do if you punish this person do it openly. Get a committee together that will bring someone from here that knows the community and the community knows their character. The black community needs to be heard for the good of the community. There is much discussion.

Kenneth Albritton, people are dead because of cops and the so call protocol the system needs to be reformed. Stated he wants change and peace but cannot with these types of police.

Rodney Perrin watched the video and need to talk about accountability everybody needs to be accountable.

Trenell Williams, Hammond, it is about the uniform that we wear

Margaret Ratcliff, 43511 Willa Villa Road, Kendrick has a family, people that love him. Stated she was not here to be angry at no one and the officers that were involved we pray for you all we not mad. What was done was wrong. She stated I thank you all for everything that you do good and everything you all did bad, but justice will prevail.

Lisa Dangerfield, Hammond stated she posted this video on her Facebook page 3yrs., ago., but was clipped. She stated she lost respect for Chief when she saw him punching this guy on the video. This was wrong and not acceptable you should not put hands on someone in handcuffs and we will no longer stand for police brutality in this City.

Osa Betts Williams, 700 Natchez St., Hammond, lived in Hammond all her life this video disturbs her and if this were an isolated incident then maybe we could move on but, its not. I will not say that I do not have respect for all police officers. It's time to have a Citizen committee for hiring a police officer its time for us to elect a police Chief let the people select. Stated she's fed up with black violence and the madness has to stop. Police officers need to be checked before hired and if you have issues get checked.

Kelly Rockwell, Hammond, asked what the charges were, was he on drugs, and was there something we did not see?

Steven Quinn, Hammond, saw a man handcuffed, punched, tased, treated like animal, then kicked in his groin.

Alisia, Ponchatoula the police are to protect, and he was detained already. Open to what you have done because right is right and wrong is wrong.

Oscar Dantzler, Jr. Hammond, need more involvement with our government, leadership, and politicians to get involved in our community to every aspect. He stated he takes his hat off to our law enforcements because we do have good police officers all police officers are not bad. All men should be treated fair and equal. The Mayor hand picked Bergeron the police chief should be elected position.

George Sullivan, Hammond, was the first to see the video because I served on the Civil Service Board that the Mayor ask him to serve on and did not find fault what the police did we have the greatest group of officers and fireman in this community we need to show appreciation. We need to communicate because somewhere there is a communication problem if this was brought to you contact the Mayor, or Director of Administration. Mr. Sullivan stated the Mayor and Director of Administration new about this during the Civil Service Board meetings there was action taken but, not the way it was betrayed on tonight.

VI. Making an investigation into the Mayor's appointment of the Police Chief.

Public Comments

Jacquelyn Taylor, Hammond, asked since this was under investigation all these years and just having a meeting now why nobody did anything about it. Do the right thing because you all serve us.

Jermaine Luckett, Baton Rouge, reviewed the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics and stated this requires an investigation.

Councilman Wells, Council members received information packet and everything in this packet concerns the investigation and the public can request this and the Council did not have any of this information and the clipping everyone seen that's the same clipping the Council members seen. The decision that we made was on what we heard and type of man he was with officers speaking on his behalf.

Councilman Leon there is a multitude of issues that need to be look at and there is no magic wand to make this go away tonight. Greatly appreciates the input and asking to be patient and give us time.

Councilman Andrews, received multiple phone calls, text messages, and individuals stopping by his church to talk to him. Stated he's not here to point fingers but, it was said that I have a personal vendetta against the police department which is not true goal is to make sure the right thing done when citizens want to be heard. It's not a black thing or white thing it's the right thing. I have nothing against the Chief personally I voted against him because the City had just given a large amount of money and the City was headed down the same road. I felt I did not have the appropriate time to vote on issue of police Chief.

Mayor Panepinto thanked everyone for attending and we came to listen. There was an investigation by the retired Chief. Retired chief was a retired FBI agent he looked at it and sent it to the FBI. The FBI did nothing Stewart was concerned about the kick, so it was sent to the Civil Service Board. In the end the kick was overturned, and I wanted to give 60 days for the kick. Then the Chief at that time resigned and he wanted a local Chief someone that knew the culture, someone to do what's right thing, someone that wanted better training, changing mindsets. The video was investigated and is being re- investigated by FBI. Stated he met with the NAACP locals and Chief Bergeron answered questions is there a learning curve for this yes there should be change and trying to move in a better direction.

Tracie Wells, Hammond, Councilmembers are elected and she has listened to the news and read many different reports that stated you as Council have no authority to hire or fire that this is the administrative job which per the Charter is correct. On the agenda is the booking room video and whether to initiate an investigation according to the Charter you will need (4) votes whether to investigate. When Council was sworn in and asked to choose the Chief by this administration within 3 months you were not shown a video, not told whether not the investigation was complete. Mayor said the investigation was done by the FBI did you all get a clearance letter from the FBI, the packet that you received was there a clearance letter in there saying all had been cleared if not it was not complete investigation by the FBI know the rules do not accept what the administration tell you without documentation. The Mayor has the authority to remove and to hire you have authority to ask the Mayor to remove you make that decision. This is not about the black race or white race it is about the human race. We the people have a voice and it will be heard.

Councilman DiVittorio, thanked officers and thanked all the public who had the courage to come up and speak. When sworn into office it was a big rush to hire a police chief and he was one of the one's that said we need to slow down because this decision is a big decision to make placing someone at the s the highest ranking position. After watching this video was very disappointing and this thrown down our throat so fast and thanked all good officers.

Councilwoman Gonzales, thanked everyone for coming out and a lot of her constituents reach out to her by emails, phone call or text message. These types of forums are important and she's glad to hear from the community. The Council needs to know what you want because we represent you and hope to keep this going being participants is our City government.

Councilman Wells received many phone calls, and emails from many concern Citizens white and black. It will be very disappointing if we don't move forward with this issue as a Council, we seen the video along with the citizens for the first time we can no longer use the excuse I have not seen. The Council does not have the authority to fire the chief or ask him to resign but the Mayor has the authority. The lack of concern from the Mayor shows he does not care about the community and this is not a good example for the community. Mayor hid the video from the council and there needs to be an independent investigation and will vote on the September 8th, 2020 Council meeting.

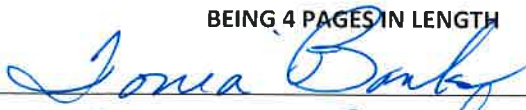
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
September 8, 2020
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales called Public Hearing to order @ 5:30pm

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
September 8, 2020
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. **Council: Councilman Andrews**, stated Saturday, September 12, 2020 9am to 12pm District #1 will have a neighborhood Cleanup Day at MLK Park and will conducting voters registration drive.

Councilman Wells, he is hosting a Community meeting which will be held on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Tangipahoa African Heritage Center 1600 Phoenix Square. Stated his community is hurting and angry we must find a way to channel this anger. Councilman Wells thanked the Mayor, Lacy, President, Tonia & Andre for everyone's participation on putting the meeting together and allowing the residents to speak at the meeting held on August 31, 2020.

2. Mayor: Sales tax report for July down slightly but up \$400,000 for year the City is financially in good shape. Stated he had a meeting with the NAACP Local and Chief Bergeron was present he thought it was very productive and will be meeting again. Hope to make community to feel better about the direction of the City. Trying to heal our City, Community, and Parish.

V. Minutes

A. August 10, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of August 10, 2020.

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

B. August 11, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the minutes of August 11, 2020.

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

C. August 31, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the minutes of August 31, 2020.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated she will pause for public comments from you tube before motion and vote.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to approve Low Road Brewing located at 1110 CM Fagan Dr., Hammond LA to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owners are Low Road Brewing, LLC. Syeda Naeem, stated this business is changing ownership and has met all requirements.

Owner Present-Timothy Shoaf, 26656 Hwy. 22 Springfield, La.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve Low Road Brewing located at 1110 CM Fagan Dr., Hammond LA to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owners are Low Road Brewing, LLC.

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

2. A resolution to approve Shooters Billiards & Grill located at 1306 South Morrison Blvd., Hammond, LA to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owners are TJAX, LLC. Syeda Naeem, stated this is a new business and has met all requirements.

Owner Present- Eddie Fisher, Ponchatoula La. stated this is a restaurant and billiard hall

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to approve Shooters Billiards & Grill located at 1306 South Morrison Blvd., Hammond, LA to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owners are TJAX, LLC.

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

3. A resolution to approve YAMA Grill, LLC located at 2751 W. Thomas Street, Hammond, LA to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owners are YAMA Grill, LLC. Syeda Naeem, stated this is a new business and has met all requirements.

Owner Present- Youchuan Li, Denham Springs, La. stated this is an Asian style restaurant.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to approve YAMA Grill, LLC located at 2751 W. Thomas Street, Hammond, LA to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owners are YAMA Grill, LLC.

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

4. A resolution to purchase Ten (10) fully equipped Police Tahoe's from Dana Safety Supply in the amount of \$438,872.00 RFP 21-06. Jana Thurman stated she received 2 proposals and had one nonresponsive bid- there is money available in the millage account and the City did not purchase any Tahoe's in last fiscal budget year.

Officer Keel, Hammond Police Department, Fleet Manager for the department- stated they usually get vehicles from State contract but these vehicles have been unavailable on State Contract due to GM Strike and several orders for Police Tahoe's were cancelled nationwide. Officer Keel stated they stated reached out to purchase vehicle called turnkey - this purchase comes fully equipped= as Jana said only received 2 proposals these are not on state contract. In 2019 the City purchased 6 Tahoe's, in 2020 fiscal year the City did not purchase any Tahoe's. There are several older vehicles that are in service at this time 2008, 2009, and some 2010 with the purchase of these 10 Tahoe's they could get rid of everything in 2011 and older. The City's maintenance cost for past fiscal year 2020 \$115,000 is just for maintenance on the vehicles; year before \$107,000 - it's steadily increasing this fiscal year so far \$24,000 repairs- they are wearing out.

Councilman Andrews, does this include wrecked vehicles

Officer Keel, wrecked vehicles were already resolved with insurance Company

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the maintenance cost

Officer Keel, the \$24,000 is just for this July fiscal year and previous year maintenance is about \$115,000

Councilman DiVittorio, asked is this for all the units and how many units totaled?

Chief, Bergeron, maintenance includes tires, oil changes, brakes that goes into the vehicle

Officer Keel, there is 112 to 114 vehicles total

Councilman Wells, how many units as of now in the department

Officer Keel, 112 to 114 vehicles total

Councilman Wells, how many vehicles been totaled out within the past 2 years

Officer Keel, there has been 5 since he has been in charge

Councilman Wells, are there any car rental accounts with any car rental agents for the Police dept.

Chief Bergeron, Yes

Councilman Wells, how much are we spending each month for rental vehicles?

Chief, Bergeron, rental vehicles are \$700 per month per vehicle and there are 5 vehicles from court awarded cash

Councilwoman Gonzales, why do you rent vehicles verses purchase them?

Chief Bergeron, for undercover operations

Councilman Wells, for officers that been having wrecks- have they attended any classes so this does not happen again.

Chief Bergeron, departmental policy dictates what the disciplinary action may be every time somebody is involved in a wreck, they are sent through a defensive tactics driving class and also instituted within our annual training that will start next year.

Councilman Wells, as of now how many have took the class

Chief Bergeron, not sure how many currently

Councilman Wells, stated he was told by Lacy that when someone has a accident or wreck they take the defensive driving course and I see as of right now we still not doing it.

Chief Bergeron, yes they are sent through the defensive driver class that Officer Shank is the instructor I don't know how many has took the class.

Councilman DiVittorio, is this class taken before they are issued a unit

Chief Bergeron, yes when they are at the police academy they go through a week long defensive driving class

Councilman Wells, stated he would like to table this item until we see how many has completed the defensive driving course.

Chief Bergeron, everyone who is post certified has finished the defensive driver's course.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy., 190 West asked where is this company from and the City used to get trucks from Bill Hood and wondered if these were up for bid.

Jana Thurman, bids were sent out to all companies and this company is from Baton Rouge and they are nationwide. She informed the council that in the packet she started making a chart with communications with companies on bids and she tries to get proposals.

Mike Rockes, N. General Pershing have they already went out for bid and if pushed back another meeting will we lose the bids

Jana Thurman, we will have to do a re-bid

Councilman Leon, asked Councilman Wells if he tried to get information before tonight's meeting.

Councilman Wells, stated a lot of times when he tries to get answers, he really doesn't get any answers. This is why we're in the situation right now because meetings behind closed doors we been working out problems from the past a lot of things the Council is doing is straightening out problems.

Mayor, on issues you have you do not come to us prior to the meeting - questions are asked at meeting. There are 2wks., before the meeting that you could come into the offices to ask any questions you want, and you will get your answer you need. We are always trying to make ourselves better and this is not true that your questions are not answered - doors are always open and anytime you have request.

Online Question: Joe Mier, Hammond, asked why this is being tabled when the question has been answered and the money coming out of the millage account

Online Question: Justen Walker, 17087 E., Hoover Street, Hammond, can they provide in-service forms for the defensive class since 2018

Chief Bergeron, there is a training record on every single officer at the training facility and could be provided

Councilman DiVittorio, how long is the price locked in when it expires

Jana Thurman had to get an extension - the quotes are good for 30-day proposals – she had to call because the meeting was 8 days past the 30 days - it will be up to the company.

Daniel Lambert, 116 N Cate Street, Hammond, has attended the last several Council meetings and every time there is an issue of the Police Department Mr. Wells wants to take the money away. This should not be tabled - it was on last meeting agenda that you all did not attend - Council do your job. Mr. Lambert stated he has recordings of Frank DiVittorio asking about any dirt on the Chief.

Councilwoman Gonzales, informed Mr. Lambert that this is not regarding the issue

Patrick Strahan, 19480 Dr. John Lambert Dr., Hammond, stated this has been on the agenda for several weeks. This bid is locked in at a short amount of time and why there is a continued block and what is the agenda against funds for the Police Department. There is a need for police to respond to calls and now it's tabled again from last meeting. If you attended the last meeting, then it could have been handled and the information would have been provided if questions were asked earlier. The entire community needs police department.

Stephen Quinn, 42328 S. Airport Road, embarrassed because it has not been voted on yet and we are pointing fingers lets stick to the subject and move forward with the meeting.

Online Question: Carol Herold, 2208 Sherry Drive, why are we not moving forward with confirming we know they all certified in defensive driving when they are post certified and it's required by law.

Councilman Wells, the Millage comes from the taxpayers this is still the taxpayer's money.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to TABLE the purchase Ten (10) fully equipped Police Tahoe's from Dana Safety Supply in the amount of \$438,872.00 RFP 21-06.

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

5. A resolution to purchase (2) Two F-150 Regular Cab trucks for the Water & Sewer Department from Bill Hood Ford in the amount of \$46,938.00. Jana Thurman communicated with 5 different companies there was some concerns if the 2021 will be available and confirmed with Bill Hood that would be able to purchase and have it delivered within 90 to 120 days.

Councilman Wells, how many vehicles does the Water & Sewer department have as of now

Guy Palermo, about 25 vehicles

Councilman Wells, how many were purchased within the last 2yrs.

Guy Palermo, 4 for the meter readers - none for the maintenance side - the last time maintenance received vehicles were three years ago.

Councilman Wells, asked about electronic meter readers

Guy Palermo, putting them in as we go - too costly to do all at one time and its being done in house

Councilman Wells, he is having problems in his area with false reads and bills are being too high with the digital meters no should go out to read - is this correct

Guy Palermo, we will still need to send someone out to read to make sure if there is a leak, or been tampered

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the purchase of (2) Two F-150 Regular Cab trucks for the Water & Sewer Department from Bill Hood Ford in the amount of \$46,938.00.

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

6. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter contract with ARRCO Company Services for Generator Maintenance and Repair Services. Total Annual Preventive Maintenance amount of \$27,266.29 and repair services hourly rate of \$119.00. Jana Thurman, stated this is generator maintenance for all City buildings- currently the City has 51 generators. AARCO was the lowest bid and received 6 proposals.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked which generator is listed to be serviced

Jana Thurman, this is all City building generators

Councilman Andrews, will this exceed the budget

Jana Thurman comes from each department budget, but this will be saving money

Councilman Wells, asked why does Hwy 190 have so many generators

Guy Palermo, these are portable generators to help with stations

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the Mayor to enter contract with ARRCO Company Services for Generator Maintenance and Repair Services. Total Annual Preventive Maintenance amount of \$27,266.29 and repair services hourly rate of \$119.00.

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

7. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Lonestar Prestress Manufacturer, Inc. to provide a Pre-fabricated Restroom Building for Mooney Park in the amount of \$82,895.00. Jana Thurman, stated she received 3 proposals and one came in late and was rejected. The lowest proposal is Lonestar Prestress Manufacturer, Inc.

Louise Bostic, 112 Elm Drive, has anyone been shown pictures - the reason for this question is in Orange Park there is a large building with questionable activity that goes on constantly. This restroom blocks the view of the park – she hope this does not happen in Mooney Park. Hope the neighborhood around Mooney Park is given clear information on what they are given.

Cyril Gaiennie: Mooney Park is not in a flood zone and the reason the building in Orange Park is so high is in a flood zone. This structure in Mooney will be 2ft., lower total pre-fabricated this is a concrete structure.

Councilman Wells, thanked CC for placing the restroom in Mooney Park in his district and it looks good.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Lonestar Prestress Manufacturer, Inc. to provide a Pre-fabricated Restroom Building for Mooney Park in the amount of \$82,895.00.

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

8. A resolution to approve Budget Change Form 21-03 to add funding for concrete street improvements on Brandi Lane, specifically transferring \$130,000 from Concrete Street Repairs - Brandi Lane (project 12116) and \$40,000 from Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements FY2020 (project 12010) and \$80,000 from Surplus Available Funds (42015800 - 560330) to Concrete Street Improvements FY2020 (project 12022).
Webb Anderson, stated these funds will finish Brandi Lane to Old Baton Rouge Hwy.

Councilman DiVittorio, thanked Webb and the administration for working with him on this project- there were some severe flooding problems.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to approve Budget Change Form 21-03 to add funding for concrete street improvements on Brandi Lane, specifically transferring \$130,000 from Concrete Street Repairs - Brandi Lane (project 12116) and \$40,000 from Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements FY2020 (project 12010) and \$80,000 from Surplus Available Funds (42015800 - 560330) to Concrete Street Improvements FY2020 (project 12022).

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

9. A resolution to request proposals for legal services for FY 2020-2021 for Hammond City Council members. Councilman Andrews, stated allocated funds were set aside for legal services and he would like to move forward to accept proposals.

Councilman Leon, there were concerns expressed at budget work session that the Council have legal Counsel. Councilman Leon asked City Attorney, Andre Coudrain in the City Charter it doesn't allow just legal counsel it specifically allows for legal counsel on an issue or case by case event.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, stated he's the chief legal advisor to the Council and to the Mayor, and all City's boards, commissions, and departments. The Charter does give the Council the ability to hire its own legal advisor on an issue by issue basis and it takes a majority vote of the authorize membership. A request for proposal is usually a narrative it's what services you want provided and knowing what you want in terms of legal services. On a case by case basis it may depend on what case you want to refer it will depend on what lawyer you would want to hire.

Councilman Leon, does the Council as a whole have to vote in favor of hiring an attorney for a particular case

Andre Coudrain, it requires a majority vote of the authorize membership (3) to vote to hire a legal advisor on a issues by issue basis it will have to be discussed, debated, and then referred by the Council to a legal advisor.

Councilman Leon, then at that point an RFP will be issued

Andre Coudrain, yes

Councilman Leon, as it's written now there is no specification, no financial perimeters, no case maybe just rewritten then submitted.

Councilwoman Gonzales, a question is who is creating the RFP and what are we're asking for - a list of Attorney's with different specialties, flat rate, hourly rate, or using what the Attorney General hourly rate is these are the questions that need to be set out. Stated she needs more clarification.

Councilman DiVittorio, this is just placing on the agenda to move forward to prepare for the RFP. The next step to where this in place and does pass will get with all the Councilman, City Attorney to organize a proposal guideline sheet for different Attorneys- this was my understanding.

Councilman Leon, this is not what this resolution states

Councilwoman Gonzales, the RFP states what the specifications are- there's nothing that says what an Attorney is bidding on and thinks there should be a work session.

Councilman Wells, stated it's amazing that Councilman Leon just brought this up and if I bring up something I had 2 weeks to looks at it this was brought up in the budget hearing in July so why now are we talking about this at this time when we have issues we should not have to wait.

Andre Coudrain, stated he's the Chief legal advisor to the Council because that's what the Charter says. The Council can choose to ask questions and ask advice.

Councilman DiVittorio, will we set up a committee for a RFP

Andre Coudrain, once there is some direction on what the Council is looking for you have to know what area of law you looking for because it challenging.

Councilman DiVittorio, thought this resolution was to have something in place if the Council would have to seek any specialty attorney that we see fit- that everything would be place that it wouldn't take months and this resolution is good but, may need to be reworded.

Lacy Landrum the key issue is what is the scope of work - is there a specific project or different issues. Is there a consensus on how much money to spend on it because there are different needs at different times are you writing an RFP just for 1 advisor providing a lump sum project or you hiring them on an hourly basis? Then asking them to give you that agreement on that amount.

Councilman Andrews, suggested to TABLE the item to provide more information

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to TABLE a resolution to request proposals for legal services for FY 2020-2021 for Hammond City Council members

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

10. A resolution to initiate an investigation into the Mayor's appointment of the Police Chief.

Councilman Andrews, constituents have been asking about the booking room video and he wants this matter investigated due to the fact of not seeing all the information and not having all the reports and getting a clear understanding to move forward.

Councilman Leon what's trying to be accomplished?

Councilman Andrews, did not feel comfortable with the amount of information being provided with at that time to make a sound decision. The City just paid a large amount of money to an Ex Chief and looks like we were heading in the same direction. To have a clear understanding of what was given if there was report given by FBI - is there a letter states they were cleared, or the Chief was cleared that the Council could see on paper to clear this up and clear all doubt this is what I'm trying to accomplish.

Mayor, asked the City Attorney to comment on when this first started

Attorney, Andre Coudrain, stated in April of 2018 the FBI inquired about the jail booking incident that involved Mr. Ratliff. Chief Stewart sent the FBI the video and police reports that were arising out of this incident. Stated he advised Chief Stewart to keep a record of what was sent to the FBI and the FBI is not forthcoming with information what reviewed or investigated that's for their own purposes. Chief Stewart, did send a letter at his suggestion to the FBI to memorialize that he was sending the video and all the reports that was requested for their review. There is a distinction in the FBI between a review and investigation- these are two entirely different things. The FBI did a review. There was also a disciplinary action pending involved with Officer Mushinsky which could not move forward with Internal Affairs Investigation of that officer while that FBI review was taking place because the possibility of criminal chargers. He advised Chief Stewart that we need to stay on top of this because we couldn't move forward with the Internal Affairs Investigation. Chief Stewart followed up with the FBI in May of 2018 he then reported to me that the FBI will not give you a letter about their review. Chief Stewart, reported to him that based on his telephone call with the FBI that the inquiry was complete and resulted in no further investigation by the FBI nor any Federal Criminal proceedings against any of the Police involved. They reviewed that incident in whole and this was communicated to Officer Mushinsky's lawyer and they said it was ok to move forward with IA investigation. FBI requested information and that was provided by Chief Stewart. The City Attorney stated he called the FBI Agent Smith on August 21, and asked him to confirm that video and reports were reviewed and no criminal investigation or no further FBI action was taken and he confirmed that information. The City Attorney stated that the FBI did tell him as a result of recent inquiries and concerns about the video. It is being re-reviewed and he did speak with a special agent that's in the process of re-viewing the video and Police reports and this is the status as of now and he stated he informed the FBI the City will fully corporate.

Councilman Wells, the reason he is asking for an investigation is because it's a black eye on the City. Councilman Wells stated the Mayor was aware of video and he hid it from him and what else he's hiding and we knew about a clip of the video and the administration knew about the video. On Monday, Mr. Sullivan stated he was the first one to see the video and he was a part of the Civil Service board which the Mayor appointed him - he also stated Lacy and Mayor seen the video and this is why we want an investigation. The Council was not aware of the video. The clipping he received was in his mailbox - the package they received was 2 weeks ago and if this was given before the Mayor brought Chief Bergeron before we wouldn't need an investigation.

Mayor, the clip you received was the same channel 9 news had of the video

*****Video of the previous Council Meeting was shown*****

Mayor, in the video you stated you saw clips of the video

Councilman Wells, why didn't you show the entire video and why didn't you tell us about the entire video

Mayor, what video did you see that someone sent you?

Councilman Wells, stated if his father would have beat one of his brothers he would not get approved for a job. Asked Mayor why wasn't the 13 minute clip shown and why didn't you tell the City Council and Mr. Sullivan stated he did not have a problem with what he saw - Mayor what did you see?

Mayor, saw the suspect come over desk and trying to get him under control - the officer at the time Mr. Bergeron saying he was out cuffs.

Councilman Wells, stated he spoke with Mr. Bergeron and stated the guy was going for the weapon not the pills

Lacy Landrum, what does this resolution entails, the incident or investigation into the process of the appointment

Councilman Andrews, was process followed and information was not provided

Lacy Landrum, believes the Council was provided all information that was requested- there was an entire disciplinary file, Mr. Bergeron at that time the entire personal, and training file along with summaries of all the process and criteria that the City used- everything that was requested was provided. There were lots of discussion about the video - when there are questions you have or still on your mind it helps to communicate those.

Councilman Andrews, true all that information was provided but, there was no video to the extent of what was seen last week.

Mayor, officers were cleared by the Civil Service Board

Lacy Landrum, the packet that was made has was never been requested it was provided because of the discussion about the incident. There has not been any public record request until last week for the incident itself.

Councilman Andrews, are you referring to this packet that Council received 2 weeks ago.

Lacy Landrum, yes

Councilman Andrews, when these question come up I want to provide the right answer. It would have been nice if this was included in all the other items brought before us then.

Lacy Landrum, it was discussed then it was emphasized that this was not part of Mr. Bergeron files this was attached to another office that was disciplined for this event which was several months prior. Emails and other information can be provided with what was given.

Councilman Wells is asking for an investigation into the Mayor appointment for the Police Chief. Asking for full investigation of what's going with the video.

Councilwoman Gonzales, who is going to investigate?

Andre Coudrain, stated there was a Council investigation voted by the council years ago because there was a question wheatear a department head meet a residency of the charter. The Council voted for the investigation and asked him to perform the investigation- he stated he did and reported back to the Council. It's unclear on what you want to investigate.

Councilman DiVittorio, do you want to amend to clarify who you want to investigate or get a committee or third party.

Councilman Wells, the Council does not ask for very much and there going around doing the investigation and they do not want us as a council to have a lawyer. Stated that Andre Coudrain works for the City and the Mayor- this is why the Council needs its own attorney- this is the game the City is playing. In the process we still have concerned citizens that want an answer and as Councilmen we want an answer. We have to go back into our community with unanswered questions. The same package that was given 2 weeks why this package wasn't given when the Mayor brought the Chief before the Council.

Jermaine Luckett, 515 Gardere Lane, Baton Rouge La. use of force paperwork would show that a number of officers broke the law and broke the code of ethics. The relationship between the Police Chief and Mayor – they are childhood friends – a conflict of interest- of course he's not going to want to do an investigation. The actual investigation was not done by an FBI it was done by a retired FBI Agent. The officer that they are saying was disciplined was not punished - his civil police code was violated he wasn't investigated. The problem is not just the Police Chief it's a City that does not stand behind for what's right. Why was he a candidate because there was a conflict of interest and the pictures that were taken as evidence where are they? The Council received an incomplete package and an incomplete package does not give complete information and you as Council can't do your job. Mr. Luckett stated he was pulled over today for a traffic infraction - stated he also knows the street team had orders to find who he was from the previous interview. The problem we're facing is the fear of the citizens. The previous Police Chief was fired for a little of nothing. We can clearly see a man was beating when handcuffed

at what point will you stop need to find a way to hold those accountable that break the law that's all people want not just someone. What video was sent to the FBI and at what point do we hold the City accountable for breaking the law. If Mayor can't give what you need there's something called a recall fight back. The Federal Government should investigate this incident.

Mayor, the Federal Government was involved to begin with and you were pulled over for wrong license plate while driving without insurance and driving without a license.

Andre Randall, 14163 Happywoods Drive, Hammond, La. this is not a black or white issue this is about a kid getting beat by the police officers in handcuffs. If you could close your eyes for a second and picture that was your child getting beat no matter if he was black, white, blue, or green. Stated he's disappointed with the Mayor.

Kendrick Ratliff, stated he was violated as a man and human being why this was covered up and he wants the truth and wants justice.

Stephen Quinn, 42328 S. Airport Road, the flag represents America and Hammond La., volunteered in the United States Army to serve this country the last words says liberty and justice. He stated he wants to see Liberty and Justice.

Online Question, Ronald Valentine, 19013 Old Covington, asked why we just can't ask the Louisiana State Police to review the full video and packet.

Terrence Lee, 13462 Adams Road, Hammond LA., stated he been knowing the Mayor for over 25 years and knowing most of those on the Council for over 20 yrs., or longer. My concerns are as a public servant but the Mayor's office the Chief of Police all of us carry the same public servant and there is a level of accountability. There has been a lot of jumping around policies that should be in place and this City is built on a Charter and if the Charter does not work you need change the bylaws of the Charter. We're trying to resolve a problem and there's a problem that's facing our City and its becoming a custom or a tradition. It is about accountability and people are hurting today. There should be an amendment to the charter and let the people vote on who the Police Chief should be because it's our community and the community should have a voice. This information that's been withheld is critical for our city going forward and it need to be addressed - don't run from it. If you continue doing this you're building a time bomb in this City. Somebody needs to sit down at the table but the community has its own voice. There is a protocol for everything if you build a level of tolerance it becomes a systematic culture of injustice. Let's visit the by-laws and make the changes or set an advisory board in place - somebody will need therapy for stress and pressure.

Sandra Weary, 17477 E. Park Ave., Hammond La., ask Lacy did you say that this report was not against Chief Bergeron

Lacy Landrum, this video was not in Bergeron disciplinary file because it was not attached to his name it was another officer

Sandra Weary, asked the Mayor when you made your appointment based on the fact that this was not attached to the file. Did you make the appointment on that you did now about this until this came out

Mayor, stated he wants to be transparent and the FBI reviewed it. He stated he's not a Police officer - he doesn't know what they supposed to do - there are tactics they are taught. The kick in the groin is what was investigated and he tried to discipline - it was then in the hands of the Civil Service and was thrown out due to the investigation not documented.

Sandra Weary, did the family complain about Chief Bergeron

Mayor, not to my knowledge - it was about the kick to the groin

Sandra Weary, you did you make your appointment based on the information you had

Mayor, did my appointment based on the information I had and there was no discipline brought before him. Mistakes are made but we are trying to get better. The prior Chief did not do community policing but Chief Bergeron does community policing.

Sandra Weary, stated she left City not to return but God said go back to get it right. The devil hates cohesiveness the devil loves to divide - we need to come together appoint a committee someone that's not from here to look at it objectively.

Steve Racke, Farbes Farm, been here for 4-5 Police Chiefs. People make mistakes and stated he's seen the good bad and he is a graduate of the FBI Academy. We are all human and you have to ask yourself are we better off now than we were before. When you do a job and you look at film everything is not detected in a film. Stated this man that's doing his job he's a freak for training he has implemented training for de-escalation. He may have had made a mistake and may have learned from this - he has stood in a truck stop and holds prayers he's trying. FBI will be investigating and NAACP will be investigating and there needs to be an investigating ask yourself are you better off with this man and thinks he's a godly man, and good man.

Patrick Strahan, 19480 Dr. John Lambert Dr., apologies for the fraud statement he stated it appears the council is divided and as a City there is division - there's a lack of transparency. The resolution is confusing is it the Mayor's appointment or the investigation as a whole what are we asking for? Is an investigation been requested to ease minds and hearts to restore community- if so move forward. It truly should be a restoration of the community not an agenda we should be together not divided this looks like an agenda - be a council that comes together. There needs to be communication breakdown barriers and we need unity.

Councilman Andrews, we need to heal the City and stated he's been around law enforcement all his life also and he's in law enforcement and knows the job they do and stress they take. Hammond is a good place to live but, we're not going to tolerate these type of things and it needs to be transparent. Citizens are asking questions and I can't turn my back or walk away from it so it needs to be addressed. There is no personal agenda just want to see the right thing done.

Councilman Wells, everybody had an opportunity to speak on Monday the Chief did not speak – he had the opportunity to speak as well as the Mayor, and Lacy.

Earlene Dangerfield, 801 Hope Street, Hammond, really upset over the whole situation -these times you would think this would not be anymore. The video shows the young man being beaten and his children and wife there at the meeting this is not a good influence for this family. Its time out for all this there was a time that Tangipahoa Parish was known as Bloody Tangipahoa and if we don't get it together it's going to be that again because these young people don't care about life. Please get this together before it's too late.

Alton Carter, 406 J.W. Davis Drive, Hammond, Citizen of Hammond for 55 yrs., stated he was a victim of police brutality

Councilwoman Gonzales, there will be a Townhall meeting that Councilman Wells is hosting to speak on that subject

Alton Carter, stated he was not asked questions and he was beaten and something needs to be done.

Thad Gautier, Sgt., HPD, 120 S. Oak stated he initiated the stop on Mr. Ratliff and he was in the booking room video. Asked in Edwin's confirmation hearing in March 2019 approximately 9 people brought up that video and knew that it existed as some stated they seen it- if it was an issue and we all new about why not table it then like the police vehicles were table but wait three years later to bring it back up. Stated that a video was sent to your house with no return address – would like to know are you willing to release the video to public so we can see what you saw and your motivation on tonight.

Oscar Dantzler, Jr., Chief operates under the Home Rule Charter which governs his job description. The police shall direct and be responsible for the preservation of public peace and order but the video shows just the opposite. The chief and the officers committed several crimes we must act not before it's too late against police brutality, racial profiling, racial discrimination, and segregation. The Federal Constitution state all men are create and supposed to be treated equally tired of being treated like third class citizens. We question that the Council and Mayor will get rid of the Police Chief and everyone that was involved in that booking room. The police chief should be elected and Council should send it to the FBI because something needs to be done. The video is a disgrace and it has to stop now because it affects the whole community, parish, state, country.

Jaeda Giovingo, HPD, reserve officer with the City of Hammond for the last year. Experience in law enforcement in 2000 in Orleans in Parish prison. Stated her experience with Chief Bergeron before he became Chief - he helped mold her career. He's had meetings to bridge police and community. Stated they discovered a program and she volunteered to go to Florida to get training at my cost. I wanted to do something to help bridge the gap between civilian and officers relationships it will always be a problem if its black against white and officers against civilians she know both sides spectrum. We as a people have to stop pointing fingers and figure out a solution to come together and do something different. People are angry- they are looking for someone to blame. Stated she's certified to teach officers and the community she wants to bridge the gap between civilians and officers. Stated she exited to see changes and excited to be part of law enforcement.

Janice Carter Beard, informed the Council there was a video before the vote on Chief Bergeron. There is a job description police supposed to arrest and judges throughout punishment. If you place someone in that position that's ok with dolling out punishment - that's says everybody up under them and coming up behind them this is acceptable.

Daniel Lambert, 116 N. Cate Street, this happened 3 yrs. ago and the Chief was before everyone and we have established the video was available and everyone saw the clipping of what the Chief did but who sent the video. Stated he knows what it's like to be mistreated by the police and Edwin is not the kind of guy that does that known him for 30 yrs., he's not racist he's a good man. Stated he saw the video - he was punched in the shoulder not in the face and he didn't do the things people are saying he's done. We are hear about the Chief not what other people did and the guy who kicked him in the groin was the senior officer in the room.

Councilman Andrews, wants an amendment to have the investigation through outside entity or FBI to investigate

Councilman Leon, what are we investigating - we keep going in circles and all we want to know is what happened. The Mayor already started the process let him finish it. We want the video investigated.

Councilman Wells, we need an investigation

Councilman Leon, What are we investigating?

Councilman Wells, wants an amendment to the motion to rescind the Police Chief appointment for not disclosing the video prior to the appointment.

Councilwoman Gonzales, what are we voting on- we have the power to vote on and the power to investigate it needs to be clear.

Councilman Andrews, the process of the video investigated and have a full investigation.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and Second by Councilman Wells to AMEND the resolution to read: a resolution to refer the booking room video to an independent third party expert for review and a written report

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

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve a resolution to refer the booking room video to an independent third party expert for review and a written report

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

11. A resolution asking the Mayor to remove the Police Chief from Office. Councilman Wells, stated the police chief was appointed by the Mayor and the Council approved this appointment - at the time the mayor brought the chief before us he knew about the video - the chief was a Sgt. at the time and he did not present all the information to me because if did I know for sure I would not have voted for him. During this time a 30 second video was released when I asked the Chief he said the guy grabbed for his gun. Asked the chief about playing the video - he stated it was not a good idea. The Council should have been presented with all information when the Chief came before the board.

Asking for the Mayor to remove the Chief.

Councilman Leon, since this is a personnel matter should the Council get in a personnel matter - can it be a resolution.

Andre Coudrain, it can be a resolution and the Council could ask the Mayor to do something but, it has no force or effect in law because only the Mayor has the authority to remove the Chief - the Council does not have the authority to remove the Chief - it has no legal effect.

Councilman Leon, we're all angry and frustrated about the booking room video and hopefully we will get some resolution to that but, thinks the council should stay within its guidelines. Andre if the council gets involved into this by voting yea or nay does the City have liability.

Andre Coudrain, under the Charter and City Policy and procedures that was approved by ordinance - the council does not have authority over personnel to hire and fire.

Councilman Leon, is this getting you what you want

Councilman Wells, just asking the Mayor to remove the Chief from office. Stated he knows the Council cannot remove the Chief asking the Mayor to remove the Chief because he did not give us all the information. This is why the Council needs to have its own Attorney.

Jennifer Payne, asked the Mayor if he has any intentions to remove the Chief from office

Mayor, will not remove him based on the based on the current information

Jennifer Payne, there is no one else to investigate this incident the FBI reviewed this and if anything stood out they would have investigated. Asking to help the police department get better if there is something we can do better for you tell us. We have to make it work and what's the end game? It will not get better than what we have.

Jermaine Luckett, a violation of the police code of ethics is a violation of law. This is a case where personal feelings and personal relationships is upheld above the law. Stated he personally sent an outside review about a Use of Force document it stated every officer in that room minus Mushinsky broke the law. Personal feelings cannot be the reason you keep someone on the force, personal feelings cannot be the reason you turn a blind eye to certain things. If we're going to be leaders we have to stand up for what's right it's called integrity if you do not have integrity you should not be a leader. We all make mistakes this is true but, need say you're wrong and accept the consequences. Better police force starts at the top and need to look at Mayor as well and ask that the next police Chief be an elected official. Ask that the FBI investigate this matter let it stand if he's innocent let him be innocent if his guilty let him be guilty. We cannot allow this to continue to happen.

Online Question, Bruce Olemen 43444 Pine Road, what's on the video that the council has an issue with practically from the Chief aspect? If it's what we see on the clip that was leaked you seen everything that was related to Chief Bergeron. If it was not on the clip what on the full video did you see pertaining to the wrong doing only on the Chiefs part?

Kendrick Ratliff, this situation happened on a traffic stop while no one was driving. Stated he was taken to the police station, he was violated, kicked, punched, kicked in the groin, stumped in face. The ambulance came and they informed the police that the medicines was prescribed and had multiple chargers for what? They stated there was no video from 2017 it was a cover-up. Then in 2018 there was a 30 second video covered up and still covered up. His rights and constitution was completely messed over completely and then covered up then came up all this time I was going on with my life I was living for my family and my wife. Thank the Lord that this came out and it needs to be fixed.

Brandon Henry, 115 E. Davie Drive Hammond, finally heard from the victim. I don't know the Police Chief and I don't know the Mayor but, he appointed the Police Chief. The Mayor did not show no remorse after hearing the victim speak. Trying to support Hammond and trying to do what's right- this is never right. There is bad and there are good officers on the force but, we have to start at the top.

Jashanda Nelson, 803 Ave., Kentwood La., the issues stretch beyond the appointment of Chief Edwin Bergeron and the booking room incident. The situation brings awareness it helps to shine a light on the true issues at hand individuals, police officers, along with others who are in authority that has demonstrated misconduct, police brutality, and violated Civil Rights of our people violating us the community. There is a pattern for misconduct by the Chief and everyone is talking about the video but, how many other cases were other information was held. Stated she contacted the Mayor office several times and was told the City Attorney will contact her and still waiting for the City Attorney to contact her. There will be more cases if the Chief stays in office. Asked the Mayor what side of justice do he stand on and policies, rules, and regulations apply to everyone. The only way to make change is to demand it and change begins with the Chief needs to be removed from office.

Mayor, stands behind the Chief because he's a good Chief

Oscar Dantzler, Council hands are tied - urging the Council to do something. The Mayor concealed the video from the Council and that's obstruction of justice. The Mayor should not be the Mayor and Council needs to seek their own attorney. The video was very disturbing. The Charter can be amended to give Council power of the City. The City attorney saw video and did not recommend something to be done - this is why the Council needs their own attorney.

Erica Collins, 961 Blackburn Road, the vote matters to the City even if Council can't remove the Chief. This gentlemen was being attacked by someone abusing power. It is important for the Citizens of Hammond to feel secure. Young people are terrified of Police because we think about what can happen to us.

Todd Calmes, does't know how to make a complaint about police officers to the City. Stated he tried to make a complaint and the Chief would not let him file a complaint he stated he called the Mayor and he stated he stands behind his Chief. There is still no process on how to file a complaint- this is not right.

Greg Drude, 111North Oak Street, calling this a black and white issue is a wrong way of doing this - people looking at this video disagree upon what happened, how it happened, and who's at fault. If you're going to do an investigation on this send it to the FBI and they already look at it what good will that do or they send it to the Dept., of Justice and they say we don't see anything wrong will this be the end of it or will it ever end. There is no agreement on what anyone is seeing - if you're going to send to the government send it but be careful who its sent to so we can get an end to this it will never heal but, we can agree to disagree. Whoever you choose make sure it's the right person so we can heal.

Stephen Quinn, asked Andre did you get a report from the FBI if it is - where is the report- wants to see it on black and white.

Andre Coudrain, there is no report from the FBI

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio asking the Mayor to remove the Police Chief from Office.

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

12. A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, August 15, 2020, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein. Lacy Landrum, there were 952 votes cast in favor of the proposition and total 189 cast against

the proposition resulting in majority of 763 votes in favor and due to carry by majority. This was renewal of the Police and Fire. 10% for fire protection, education, training, maintenance of equipment, stations vehicles and communication equipment and acquisition and maintenance of uniforms, protective clothing and tools; 20% for fire protection, acquisition for fire fighting vehicles, equipment & facilities; 10 % for Police education, training and maintenance of equipment, vehicles, stations and communications equipment; 20% police acquisition of vehicles, equipment & facilities, and 40% for paying Police and Fire departmental salaries. Stated this is the Process Verbal of the canvass of those returns and a certified copy will be forward to the Secretary State who shall record the same in office then another copy to the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa then to the Governing Authority.

Councilman Wells Left the Meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, August 15, 2020, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

Vote: Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

13. A resolution to accept the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Annual Report for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant as required by Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and specified in the City of Hammond discharge permit. Guy Palermo, stated this is the annual report for DEQ all testing and showing the City is in compliance.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to accept the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Annual Report for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant as required by Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and specified in the City of Hammond discharge permit.

Vote: Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

14. A resolution 1) accepting a \$35,000 grant from the Airport Improvement Program for design of the Terminal apron joint reseal at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor and/or his designee to sign related documents. David Lobue, this is 100% FAA Grant for rephase & reseal of ramp there is no match required.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and Second by Councilman Leon 1) accepting a \$35,000 grant from the Airport Improvement Program for design of the Terminal apron joint reseal at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor and/or his designee to sign related documents.

Vote: Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

15. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Lion Environmental, LLC to serve as the city's laboratory compliance manager for an amount of up to \$81,010. The contract period will be from September 1, 2020 until August 31, 2021.

Councilman Wells returned to meeting

Lacy Landrum, this person will act as the City full laboratory and environmental manager for the Sewer treatment and storm water requirements. He will be responsible for all testing and reports related to those efforts he has already assisted with permit renewal for the plant, and help with the quarterly and monthly reporting. Asking to contract this the contract period will be from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021 so this could be a year long effort to bring this in house and will benefit the City because it will ensure consistency. This will be absorbed within the current budget.

Councilman Andrews, is this is a contract person

Lacy Landrum, yes

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Lion Environmental, LLC to serve as the city's laboratory compliance manager for an amount of up to \$81,010. The contract period will be from September 1, 2020 until August 31, 2021

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to adopt the following adjusted millage rates and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said corporate limits of the City of Hammond for the Year 2020, for the purpose or raising revenue:

MILLAGE	
General Alimony, General Fund (5207001)	9.010 Mills
Fire/Police (5207002)	9.970 Mills
Public Works (5207003)	1.990 Mills
Total	20.970 Mills

Councilman Wells left meeting

Lacy Landrum, this involves two separate ordinances - only happens every 4 years. The first is the adjusted rates that come from the Assessor’s Office - they list slightly lower rates because they are trying to create a revenue neutral result. The second ordinance is related once adopt the adjusted rates asking to roll forward to the rates that have been approved by the voters. This is the same exact tax rates that were used last year. Brady from the Tangipahoa Assessor’s Office will attend the Public Hearing to answer additional questions.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance to adopt the following adjusted millage rates and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said corporate limits of the City of Hammond for the Year 2020, for the purpose or raising revenue:

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**Vote: Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0**

Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:30pm

2. Introduction of an ordinance to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year’s maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied . Said millage (rate(s) are: (Lacy Landrum)

(5207001)		
Fire/Police (5207002)	9.970 Mills	10.000 Mills
Public Works (5207003)	1.990 Mills	2.000 Mills
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	Adjusted Rate	2020 Levy
(5207001)		
Fire/Police (5207002)	9.970 Mills	10.000 Mills
Public Works (5207003)	1.990 Mills	2.000 Mills
Total	20.970 Mills	21.040 Mills

Vote: Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:30pm

3. Introduction of an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com.

- Bobcat Stump Grinder Model #SGx60/B950
- District of America, Auto 2-post lift Model 9000EB
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- Tracks off a Kubota Excavator
- Tracks off a Bobcat skid steer
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There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com.

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Jana Thurman, stated the items were turned over from departments they are either need repairs or they are damaged.

Vote: Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:30pm

4. Introduction of an ordinance to accept permanent servitudes related to drainage improvements on Brandi Lane.

- A. Frances Ard, 406 Brandi Lane, Hammond, LA 70403**
- B. Louis & Angela Billiot, 408 Brandi Lane, Hammond, LA 70403**

Lacy Landrum, attached are signed servitudes meet with both residents and they are located in Council DiVittorio's district. This is to improve drainage in this area and will be on the resident's property.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance to accept permanent servitudes related to drainage improvements on Brandi Lane.

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Vote: Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:30pm

5. Introduction of an ordinance regarding use of the Hammond Rail Spur for a minimum fee of \$350 per rail car. Lacy Landrum, the fee is \$350 per rail car to use the Hammond rail spur this is \$350 per car per roundtrip. This will enable the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement that will cover liability issues, and other issues.

Councilman Andrews, will there be standard price or it could be lower or higher

Lacy Landrum, \$350 will be the base line where it starts. Both of the businesses that currently use the spur has been notified and also of the public hearing. They ask if this implementation can be delayed until February 1, 2021 this coincides with the beginning of their fiscal year.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance regarding use of the Hammond Rail Spur for a minimum fee of \$350 per rail car.

Vote: Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:30pm

6. Introduction for an Ordinance to accept the re-dedication of a portion of Parker Blvd. right of way (60' x 284.81'), and Acceptance of a 1-year Performance Bond/Letter of Credit in the amount of \$10,000 for the construction of an "L" turnaround at the north end of Parker Blvd. located at the intersection of a 19' alley in accordance with survey by Andrew N. Faller dated 1/18/2020 (SUB-2020-01-00117) Recommended approval by the Planning Commission. Tracie Schillace, asking to rededicate and accept the dedication. This was an abandonment by the police jury and is asking to get rededicated to the City. They also agreed to build an L turnaround for safety measures and they have 1 year to construct and provided the City with a bond.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked who will be doing the work

Tracie Schillace, Jamestown is doing the work.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an Ordinance to accept the re-dedication of a portion of Parker Blvd. right of way (60' x 284.81'), and Acceptance of a 1-year Performance Bond/Letter of Credit in the amount of \$10,000 for the construction of an "L" turnaround at the north end of Parker Blvd. located at the intersection of a 19' alley in accordance with survey by Andrew N. Faller dated 1/18/2020 (SUB-2020-01-00117) Recommended approval by the Planning Commission.

Vote: Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:30pm

X. **ADJOURN:** There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn the meeting. Motion 4-0 to adjourn

XI. **There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to reopen the meeting to reconsider the of purchase (10) Ten fully equipped Police Tahoe's from Dana Safety Supply in the amount of \$438,872.00 RFP 21-06.**

Michael Lindsey 111 Edwin Neil Way was in support of the reconsideration

Vote: Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Abstain), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (N), Steve Leon (Y). **Motion Failed: 2 Yeas, 1 Nay, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent**

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
September 22, 2020
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called public hearing to order at 5:30pm

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

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Lacy Landrum, this is a reassessment year which happens every 4 years. This is what the assessor's office provides to us as the adjusted rates. Brady Sledge is in attendance from the assessor's office to answer any questions about this process. The assessor provides the millage rates that balances out to revenue neutral. It is important to take public comments and to affirm that we have taken public comments.

There were no public comments

2. An ordinance to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year’s maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied . Said millage (rate(s) are:

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Lacy Landrum, this will roll forward to rates approved by the voters. What is levied is what was approved by voters. It is important to take public comments and to affirm that we have taken public comments.

There were no public comments

3. An ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com.

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Jana Thurman, the equipment is not repairable or the cost to repair exceeds the value of the equipment.

There were no public comments

4. An ordinance to accept permanent servitudes related to drainage improvements on Brandi Lane.

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Lacy Landrum, stated the City has met with both property owners and they have signed initial affidavits that they are granting to the City a temporary servitude during construction and a permanent servitude after construction for the installation of draining infrastructure and to improve the Brandi Lane area.

There were no public comments

5. An ordinance regarding use of the Hammond Rail Spur for a minimum fee of \$350 per rail car.

Lacy Landrum, this is has been in the works for some time and it ends up to be \$100 per square mile of the rail spur - its 3 ½ miles long and charging \$350 for a round trip. Lacy stated worked with (2) businesses that use the rail and is proposing to introduce and start this fee February 1, 2021 which will be at the start of their new fiscal year.

Councilwoman Gonzales, the money we collect from this will it be set in a designated fund?

Lacy Landrum, have not discussed but will be shown in the budget separate. It will under revenues but have its own line item. Revenue will be shown under revenues and expense for railroad maintenance as whole will be shown under street department budget.

Councilman Andrews, will the additional amount be put in place just for maintenance on the railroad tracks

Lacy Landrum, yes, this will go to supplement that maintenance. She doesn't know if it would be a total revenue neutral yet it will take the first year seeing how many cars go through and how many end up paying the fee. It will not be revenue neutral for this fiscal year since it will not be implemented until February of this fiscal year.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if other municipalities do they evaluate the fee every year. Has it stayed the same or has it gone up?

Lacy Landrum, fee has stayed the same and this sets the minimum and it can change and leases will be signed with each one of the users

Councilman Wells, asked if money was set aside in July of this year in the amount of \$150,000 for maintenance

Lacy Landrum, do not know right of hand what the railroad maintenance is but, the budget was cut by \$100,000 because we were trying to work out the details of this ordinance and see if this could assist to generate some revenue to go back into those areas.

Councilman Wells, \$150,000 was set aside but removed \$100,000 and it left \$50,000 in the account to maintain the railroad. Stated he estimates 20 cars per week in this process come up with \$7000 a week and in 4 wks., \$28000 and 12 months \$336,000 a year. This is a plus due to researching and homework on this. The City did not want to do this but was pushed and thanked the City for being pushed. This is a plus because it does not cost the tax payers no money and can pay for itself.

Lacy Landrum, the car number can vary per week and she is hoping for a revenue boost in this area. This is something we have been working for 2 yrs., and for many years the rail has been stable has not have the required maintenance and know it is of age and this is a good way to move forward.

Councilman Wells, \$85,000 was provided to help repair

Lacy Landrum, this was an emergency repair and stated she appreciates Councilman Wells work on this revenue proposition.

Councilman Wells, thanked Lacy for the work she has done

There were no public comments

6. An Ordinance to accept the re-dedication of a portion of Parker Blvd. right of way (60' x 284.81'), and Acceptance of a 1-year Performance Bond/Letter of Credit in the amount of \$10,000 for the construction of an "L" turnaround at the north end of Parker Blvd. located at the intersection of a 19' alley in accordance with survey by Andrew N. Faller dated 1/18/2020 (SUB-2020-01-00117) Recommended approval by the Planning Commission. Tracie Schillace, asking for (2) things (1) accept re-dedication of an abandonment of Parker Blvd (2) acceptance of a \$10,000 performance bond. This money will cover the cost to build a turn around that was required by the Planning Commission at the end of Parker Blvd.

Councilman Wells, what district is this in?

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated this is her district next to Forbes Farm

There were no public comments



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

September 22, 2020

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Regular Session to order at 5:45pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. **Council:** Councilman Andrews recognized citizens of District #1

Catherine Davis-recognized for community service for providing food during COVID

Benny Jackson-resident of district #1 for over 40 plus yrs. She's a member of First Church of God In Christ, served as Church district #12, Assistant Missionary for 10 yrs., and District Missionary of 13 yrs. She was employed by the Tangipahoa Parish School System for over 30 yrs.

Donald Bell- presented to Lady Bell on his behalf- The minister of New Life World Outreach Center for over 28 yrs., a district resident for over 40 plus years. Greatly appreciate his love for his church and community he will always be in our memories.

Councilman Andrews stated on October 3rd, 2020 from 9am- 12pm at the African American Heritage Center there will be a voter registration drive on that day. Also, information will be available for convicted felons that could re gain their rights back to vote.

Councilman Wells stated he attended a racial sobriety introduction - they spoke on Black, White, & Hispanics trying to mend a community. There was a lot of information and in the process, it took him back to August of the booking room incident and it went downhill. He stated he spoke with Andre and he was trying to get him to turn it into a community meeting stated he needed everyone to come out. In the process of the meeting the emails that he received from the Council about social distancing when we had previous meetings where no one was worrying about social distancing. Council Andrews decided to have meeting at the Recreation Center which gave the social distancing and he thanked Councilman Andrews. Our Council President Carlee, did not want this meeting to happen - the reason I'm stating this is because if I did not attend this racial sobriety introduction at First Christian Church this is amazing how the Church wants to assist and we the City Council members can't do anything to try to heal the community and the community is hurting. On September 8th, 2020 the Council meeting was about him the same video that he saw had a chance to see but, the entire video never seen it and at this meeting the Mayor answered one question from Jennifer Payne stood and asked him would he fire the Chief the Mayor stated no. Stated he knew he was going to have issues when he took office. He stated to the Mayor if anything take place its all on you because you let this take place you did nothing to heal or help situation you said nothing would happen to the Chief. If something happens to me do not let this die!

Carlee White Gonzales stated she was following the advice of Counsel which was not to have a special meeting that it should be a Townhall- thinks something what has been implied is not accurate. Informed the citizens there is few days left for the Census which is important -it assists with federal funds for schools, hospital, roads etc., please complete the census. Old Covington Hwy is getting sidewalks thanked the City, Engineers, and workers, waiting on benches for Zemurray dog park, and wanted to mention that at previous meetings we had citizens that stated the Council is not working together and Councilman Leon had an idea of a work session to come together to tackle topics that are on the agenda and it will be open to the public.

Councilman Leon, stated he wants to have something set up

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he was not available this week but would look at his schedule. Asked about Old Covington Hwy., sidewalks - getting a road study completed considering the expansion since it is narrow has anyone looked into this to get a study?

Lacy Landrum, spoke with the Regional Planning Commission out of New Orleans about funding this project, and we need corporation from the Parish and has yet to come to a consensus on the study.

Councilwoman Gonzales stated herself and Councilman Leon have been approached by residents in their district regarding the Flood Study and would like this to be on the work session agenda.

Councilman Leon, there will be some road work done on Whitmar Drive on October 4th this project is the City and the Parish. Everything is working on compliance issues and thanked Guy Palermo for fixing broke water main on Pecan Street.

2. Mayor: Pam Lightfoot CRS Program

Mayor Panepinto, stated he had 2nd meeting with local State NAACP - this meeting was very successful, and have received a lot from the Community and as Councilman Wells stated the Community is hurting and he understands change is necessary and plans on working with the NAACP and the Community to make this happen. The Census is important and needs to be completed by the end of the month.

Pam Lightfoot (CRS Program) stated she is the State CRS program manager. She reviewed a Powerpoint slide that provided information on the FEMA/NFIP program, voluntary program, and information on reduced flood insurance premiums where there is better floodplan management. Mrs., Lightfoot shared the goals of CRS and stated that 41 Louisiana communities, which makes up 80% of the States flood insurance policies. In the powerpoint she reviewed the benefits of participation and the community responsibilities.

VI. Minutes

Tracy Wells, 610 Mooney Ave., from the minutes of September 8th, 2020 it read in the minutes that the meeting was adjourned and then reopened to reconsider an item that was tabled and the YouTube feed had ended before the public could ask question. (1) is there a violation of the open meetings law (2) don't the Council have to take a vote of the Council before you move something from the table before the final vote.

Councilwoman Gonzales, someone came up and asked for this item to be reconsider. I asked Counsel the procedure and Andre informed us of the procedure we took a vote to reopen and that vote failed and the meeting was not re opened.

Tracie Wells, stated that the Council should allow the full public participation through every outlet including you tube

Lacy Landrum, you tube participation is not a state requirement.

A. September 8, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of September 8, 2020.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1.A resolution to purchase Ten (10) fully equipped Police Tahoe's from Dana Safety Supply in the amount of \$438,872.00 RFP 21-06. Chief, Edwin Bergeron, stated this was originally on the agenda for August and was postponed and had to ask Dana Safety if they would hold over the 30 day bid they agreed form the first meeting and after tabled last meeting had to ask them to hold again and their response was they agreed as long as there is availability - as of 3:30pm today they advised the units were sold and not available. He is requesting that this item be removed from the agenda.

Online Question Lt. Bergeron, President of the Fraternal Order Police Lodge#34 -127 Oak Street, Hammond asked that the council approve the much needed police vehicles for the department

Stephen Quinn, 900 S. Mooney asked Chief Bergeron if they looked into Ford Explorers for comparisons of pricing or just looking at Tahoe's

Chief Bergeron, Tahoe's are most reliable and best suitable

Councilman Andrews, stated he met with one of the Sgt., of the police department and discussed things that were going on with the vehicles. The Sgt., expressed his concerns about the fleet and he discussed with me coming out to speak with his shift. Councilman Andrews stated he appreciated the Sgt., for reaching out and understood and is looking to continue to move forward.

Chief Bergeron, the vehicles are necessary for police work

Councilwoman Gonzales, do you anticipate rebidding the same

Chief Bergeron will look at the 2021 contract and state contract

Councilman Wells, asked Lacy for documents on the police and fire vehicles that was totaled, and wrecked for the last 2 yrs., including the name of drivers, date happened, defensive driving course completion, and drug test. Stated he asked this 2 yrs. ago saying everyone that has an accident attends a defensive driving course this is why the insurance rate was up. There is a certain timeframe 2hrs to take a drug test and take a defensive driver class this is important because they would be more aware knowing they would have to take a test thru this training.

Chief Bergeron, he spoke with his training coordinator and they have held a drivers class once a quarter and the last one was in November and plan on having one in March but, due to COVID did not hold a class. The class is a three day class and they have people in this class now and will continue for every quarter and as of this month classes have been held.

Councilman Wells, ask questions because his constituents ask him questions. This information need to be truthful with public.

Councilman DiVittorio, remembering this coming up in budget about the insurance -is there a policy on a time limit they have to attend.

Chief Bergeron, the last class was in November of 2019 and was trying for every quarter but the next quarter was in March and there is a class going on now.

Councilman Wells, asked how many people are in the class now

Chief Bergeron, 7 or 8 in the class

Lacy Landrum, policy does not have a time line on classes- it also depends on severity of the accident it's not going to be required of an insurance policy and not affect your insurance if it's a minor collision - if it is a major collision that will impact your rates. As part of discipline, a letter of instruction, letter reprimand or other disciplines is what the mayor signs off on -and hopes to have the information ready by this week.

Patrick Strahan, 19480 Dr. John Lambert Drive Council continues to delay the issues and this should not be delayed. Agrees defensive driving courses should be in place and reviewed all information has been presented and reviewed. There is no reason for this to continue to be pushed back.

Online Question: Carolyn Harrell 2208 Cherie Drive, shouldn't those who have had an at fault crash participate. Did you ask how many of these crashes are at fault this is probably the most important question?

Mayor, the City does look to see who is at fault this is part of the process

Stephen Quinn, 900 Mooney stated this item was tabled and this is getting personal and learned from Mayor Pete that personal relationships mean a lot to him and relationship to the City comes second and it divides the City. There has to be a healing and it has to start with this Council first because we have people picking sides no one is taking accountability to do what's right.

George Tucker, 44019 Forbes Farms Drive, Hammond, stating he's hearing some very concerning discourse and lot of half answers and is attending for clarity for his self. There was a request for documents asked 2 years ago about the names, date of accidents, whether classes taken, and drug test taken. There needs to be full disclosure and transparency- it does not take a lot - there are some real issues going on at this time. If there is an answer give a complete answer because the public needs to be informed. Councilman DiVittorio, asked a question related to Old Covington he wanted to know what study or decision have been done and the conversation went to another subject - the question is what's being done? There needs to be complete discussions and need to come together.

Councilman Andrews, agrees there is a need for healing and we need to come together for the common cause which is the Citizens of Hammond.

George Tucker, yes, police need adequate vehicles but police need to protect and serve not arrest and harass

Councilman Andrews, need accuracy but, need to make sure tax payers money is spent correctly

Lacy Landrum, the sidewalks that are proposed is in much later phases that goes past Range Rd. The current construction is a small segment that is by the nursing home on Old Covington - that section has been approved for this fiscal year. We're trying to find consensus with the Parish on the Old Covington Road traffic study - the majority of Old Covington Hwy between Range and Airport is actually in the Parish jurisdiction not the City. We have to have their buy in on this project. The Traffic Study has to show the full flow.

Councilwoman Gonzales, this was addressed to me from constituents in my district that had concerns of the nursing home residents taking their wheelchairs and driving down Old Covington Hwy., and walking to and from the dollar store. Stated she had an infrastructure meeting after she was elected and this was the number one thing they stated was needed.

Christine Monistere, 208 Camilla Ave, Stated each Council member speaks for their district residents. When people of their districts ask questions they would like the answers. There are (3) districts that are in turmoil - hopes that we could come to a peaceful resolution and start healing this community.

Cpt. Charles Monistere, HPD if someone is in a wreck you will get drug tested whether you're at fault or not at fault.

Councilman Wells, think its fair that everyone gets drug tested right or wrong

Pam Palmer, 43502 Robinson Road, asked Councilwoman Gonzales if her constituents asked for the sidewalks but, Lacy stated it was prior authorized, is it approved?

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated after she was elected she had and infrastructure meeting for district #2 and this meeting was to discuss the 5 yr., capital outlay - this is when citizens in my district who requested this and stated this was a need for this area.

George Tucker, stated Cpt. Monistere said they are drug tested. When are they drug tested and the timeframe?

Cpt. Monistere, tested within hour or two if the test is positive goes to HR and there are consequences.

Online Question: Anthony Giovingo, 47635 Montecello Drive Hammond, wants Council to approve the purchase of the vehicles – it become an office for patrol officers

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to REMOVE the purchase Ten (10) fully equipped Police Tahoe's from Dana Safety Supply in the amount of \$438,872.00 RFP 21-06.

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

2.A request for proposals for legal services for City Council attorney. Councilman Andrews, stated he drafted a resolution to have Council retain an Attorney on issue by issue basis.

Councilman Wells, thanked Councilman Wells for preparing the resolution

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Leon to approve request proposals for legal services for City Council Attorney.

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

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to approve Wingstop #1748 located at 1712 SW Railroad Ave., Suite 2, Unit B Hammond, La. to sell for low alcohol on premise. The owners are Gabbywings Enterprises, LLC. Syeda Naeem, stated this is a new business that has met all requirements.

Owner Present: James Garrett, Houston Texas

Councilman Andrews, how long has the business been operating

Jason Garrett, 3 weeks

Councilman Andrews, has alcohol been sold in the last 3 weeks

Jason Garret, no

Councilman Wells, Congratulations & Welcome to Hammond

Councilwoman Gonzales temporarily left meeting

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**Vote: Steve Leon (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Devon Wells (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0**

2. A resolution to approve The Rind Cheese Shop currently located at 1307 W. University Ave., Hammond La. 70401 to sell High/Low packaged alcohol at its new location 212 SW Railroad Ave., Hammond La. 70403. The owners as The Rind LLC. Syeda Naeem, stated owner is relocating the business and has met all requirements.

Councilwoman Gonzales returned to the meeting

Owner, Ashely Piquet, stated she is relocating but, will only sell package alcohol - no alcohol will be poured on premise.

Councilman Wells, welcome to Hammond again

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

3. A resolution supporting the submission of an application for reimbursement to the Coronavirus Relief Fund for necessary expenditures incurred in preparation for, mitigation of, response to, or recovery from the Coronavirus Pandemic between July 1 and September 30, 2020. Charles Borchers IV, this is the 3rd round of funding and will be one of the larger requests.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon supporting the submission of an application for reimbursement to the Coronavirus Relief Fund for necessary expenditures incurred in preparation for, mitigation of, response to, or recovery from the Coronavirus Pandemic between July 1 and September 30, 2020.

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

4. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to authorize Airport Consultant Michael Baker International to design the Terminal apron joint reseal at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport (this \$34,945 work authorization is to be funded entirely by the \$35,000 grant accepted by Resolution 20-0908-14). Lacy Landrum, stated this grant was accepted earlier and to be in compliance with both State and Federal Funds - is giving work authorization by task and the task they received is \$34,945 and is entirely covered by the grant.

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

5. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for air traffic control services at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. Lacy Landrum, the City is working with FAA for this - does not change operations but allows FAA reimbursement to natural guard & City will equipment.

David Lobue, available to answer questions

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for air traffic control services at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.

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

6. A resolution to ratify and award bids received 9/22/2020 for “Mooney Park Improvements.” (Project #420-11919). Chuck Spangler, recommend to award the bid to low bidder Wainwright Construction Maintenance Inc. for \$238,800 subject to the approval by the State. This is City funds but this is still a land and water control park, this is the second phase.

Councilman Andrews, asked what was the State approval

Chuck Spangler, all of the parks at one time received land and water conservation funds- this is a federal funded project - it's a 50/50 match the City put up funds and the State put up funds. The State will have to evaluate anything you do in that park before they assist with the funding.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to ratify and award bids received 9/22/2020 for “Mooney Park Improvements.”

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

7. A resolution to purchase 100 new body camera packages from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for a total cost of \$286,514.40 to be paid over five years at \$57,302.88 annually. The annual funds will come primarily from police millage and from court awarded cash if needed. Chief Edwin Bergeron, Jr., stated the department needs a better body camera system with better reliability the current system has malfunctions. Axon body cameras are currently used by Baton Rouge Police Dept., and State Police.

Marcus McMillian, IT Director, this system is needed for accountability and the current system has issues. This company offers one solid piece and has paper trail this will go to cloud storage for backup and will provide better storage and will be cheaper in the long run.

Councilman Andrews, would it come on when a Taser is engaged?

Corey Morse HPD, yes it's made by the same company and would be connected to body camera and the body camera is constantly recording once engaged it would go back up to a duration of 2 minutes so it will catch 2 minutes prior. The current body camera is not secured and the mount breaks off if an altercation takes place - the new system is magnetic. We would like to purchase 91 and currently have 79 officers and 12 reserved officers Axon are giving 9 for free. The price will also include (4) administration licenses and this is for audit trail only for review only - cannot edit or change - all on cloud view only.

Councilman DiVittorio, is the officer able to turn the current system on/off whenever

Chief Bergeron, yes, and the current system now they can and there is no log but the Axon body system has a log

Councilman DiVittorio, is there a policy in place for officer that turn body camera off for disciplinary action

Chief Bergeron, no way to know if it is officer error or malfunction but the new system will log it at all times

Marcus McMillian, less moveable parts and less area of destruction

Councilman Andrews, with the new system if Taser is pulled the body camera comes on

Corey Morse, it has a 30ft., radius so if I turn a Taser on everyone in the area it will turn everyone's body camera and back track up to 2 min

Chief Bergeron, Tasers will be integrated with body camera

Councilwoman Gonzales, will this change how long it is saved

Marcus McMillian, the policy does not need to be changed - data will be available

Lacy Landrum, will be sure it is aligned with State record retention schedule

Shaun Meyer, Representative of Axon, would like to clarify that the 90 day time frame is not limited so its free and will assist with getting own data - you still own it.

Councilman Wells, asked Marcus if he will have all the technology he needs to operate these cameras. Will the cameras still work without the new cars?

Marcus McMillian, will be enhanced when new cars are purchased and to integrate with body cameras

Councilman DiVittorio, what if technology changes?

Shaun Meyer, City will get credit if there is an upgrade

Marcus McMillian, this is good for the IT Department to have data and the link can be set for enforcement and court purposes

Councilman Wells, how long to train officers working the cameras

Marcus McMillian, the company has been dedicated to this contract

Chief Bergeron, stated he informed Shaun he would like someone to come in and train the officers and they are going to train everyone in the department and peer to peer training. Corey will be a certified trainer within the Axon body cameras so that he could train new officers.

Lemar Marshall, 1104 Rue Chalet, suggests that the replacement plan to be added to the contract. Asked the Chief is there a policy on use of camera? Does the camera have to be on?

Chief Bergeron, not saying we don't implement the policy - we're saying due to faulty equipment we have had a hard time taking action against officers.

Lemar Marshall, there should be a policy and be sure it is implemented - just can't say due to equipment not reliable

Chief Bergeron, Axon system will log all information and State police stated it works well for them

Paulette Hebert Walker, 543 S. Second Street, Ponchatoula, President of the African American Women's Network, and National Action Network with Rev. Sharpton, (1st Question) how long after an incident will the public of families be able to see the video?

Chief Bergeron, our current system is the Public Records Request that's done and it goes to the City Attorney to determine whether it can be released or not.

Paulette Walker, is the Council requesting something providing 80% credit

Mayor, this is the for the 80% credit for the replacement plan

Paulette Walker, how often is the equipment going to be checked

Chief Bergeron, this will be a random check

Paulette Walker, will there be extra cameras for backup and warranty

Chief Bergeron, yes

Paulette Walker, Read statement from Rev Al Sharpton in reference to body Cameras

Mrs. Walker provided 750 plus signatures for body cameras of Citizens of Hammond Louisiana and was given to the Clerk for City records. This started on June 7, 2020 the people of Hammond is interested in body cameras. We want to make sure when incidents occur that it is recorded safely, securely, and people held accountable. I provided you the motto for the National Action Network "No Justice No Peace" but our motto for African American Women Network "Great Women Do Great Things" ladies teach your children to do the right things and please go vote.

George Tucker, mentioned there is policy but you either have no effort to or way of enforcing it

Chief Bergeron, having problems with the current body camera system so it becomes problematic when we want to discipline an officer for not using his body camera because we're unable with the current system to prove whether or not they actually disabled or did not turn on

George Tucker, does the public know that they really have no protection if there is a question about footage from body camera. There is no way to enforce the discrepancy between what may be said by a citizen vs a police officer

Lacy Landrum, the majority of public records request that come in that's requesting body camera footage are fulfilled by body camera footage

George Tucker, that's a different question because the information given is that there is no way to enforce it. The question is the public aware and has it been enforced. The community should be told about the problems with cameras.

Corey Oubre, 706 S. Orange Street, how are current body camera turned on? Informed that his fiance experienced firsthand and with her incident they did not camera everything and has been getting the run around.

Marcus McMillian, the new system that we're purchasing now officer has to engage it

Corey Oubre, why are we buying for officer’s cameras if they might not turn them on and what is the disciplinary action.

Chief Bergeron, it depends on the call

Lacy Landrum, thinks it is days of suspension

Corey Oubre who checks to see if every officer has a camera

Chief Bergeron, shift supervisor

Councilman Wells, we still need to answer questions

Councilwoman Gonzales, we’re been hearing that there are problem with the current system and many reasons have been given that the new system are better and this is my appreciation and this purchase provides a better way of doing things and more transparency which is what everyone wants

Online Question, Is there preventative maintenance required for the new cameras

Shaun Meyer, the cameras break at low rates their waterproof, shockproof and has a low rate of failure

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to AMEND to add to contract 80% credit toward the purchase of any upgrade to the hardware of the system in the future in the contract with Axon.

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

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Motion Approved 5-0

8. A resolution creating a housing advisory committee. Councilman DiVittorio, this will be a committee to look at housing issues in the City.

Lemar Marshall, thanked the Councilman for the effort to look at this issue and this will be good for the City.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells approving a resolution creating a housing advisory committee.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to adopt the following adjusted millage rates and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said corporate limits of the City of Hammond for the Year 2020, for the purpose or raising revenue:

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Motion Approved 5-0

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year’s maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied . Said millage (rate(s) are:

(5207001)		
Fire/Police (5207002)	9.970 Mills	10.000 Mills
Public Works (5207003)	1.990 Mills	2.000 Mills
Total	20.970 Mills	21.040 Mills

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Public Works (5207003)	1.990 Mills	2.000 Mills
Total	20.970 Mills	21.040 Mills

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com.

- Bobcat Stump Grinder Model #SGx60/B950
- District of America, Auto 2-post lift Model 9000EB
- Scottsman Ice bin
- Portable Air Compressor 1HP
- Bobcat Jaw
- Woods 3240 Bat wing model 9580
- Unit 604 Kubota Tractor M110
- Tracks off a Kubota Excavator
- Tracks off a Bobcat skid steer
- Kohler 180K W Model 180RZD Generator serial 0702759
- Bobcat Breaker Model B

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to adopt an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com.

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

4. Final adoption of an ordinance to accept permanent servitudes related to drainage improvements on Brandi Lane.

- A. Frances Ard, 406 Brandi Lane, Hammond, LA 70403
- B. Louis & Angela Billiot, 408 Brandi Lane, Hammond, LA 70403

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Motion Approved 5-0

5. Final adoption of ordinance regarding use of the Hammond Rail Spur for a minimum fee of \$350 per rail car.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to adopt an ordinance regarding use of the Hammond Rail Spur for a minimum fee of \$350 per rail car.

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

6. Final adoption of an ordinance to accept the re-dedication of a portion of Parker Blvd. right of way (60' x 284.81'), and Acceptance of a 1-year Performance Bond/Letter of Credit in the amount of \$10,000 for the construction of an "L" turnaround at the north end of Parker Blvd. located at the intersection of a 19' alley in accordance with survey by Andrew N. Faller dated 1/18/2020 (SUB-2020-01-00117) Recommended approval by the Planning Commission.

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Motion Approved 5-0

IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction to an Ordinance for a rezoning request by Best Team in Town LLC of a lot being the W 2/3 of the NW 1/4 of Block 4 of the Iowa Addition located at 600 & 602 E. Morris Ave. in accordance with survey by Brett Martin from RM-2 to MX-C (Z-2020-08-00081) Recommend approval by Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, would like to introduce tonight and set for public hearing approved by Zoning Commission - is located at 600 & 602 E. Morris Ave for mixed use commercial.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance Introduction to an Ordinance for a rezoning request by Best Team in Town LLC of a lot being the W 2/3 of the NW 1/4 of Block 4 of the Iowa Addition located at 600 & 602 E. Morris Ave. in accordance with survey by Brett Martin from RM-2 to MX-C (Z-2020-08-00081) Recommend approval by Zoning Commission.

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

Public Hearing is set for October 13, 2020

2. Introduction of an Ordinance to 1) Accept the dedication of Covington Ridge Subdivision infrastructure improvements, 2) Approve final subdivision (Lots 1-17, CA-1, CA-2, & CA-3) all in accordance with final plat and as built plans by McLin Taylor, Inc., 3) Accept a 2 year maintenance bond in the amount of \$51,110.80, and 4) Accept a 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$336,040.00 5) Accept a 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$25,000 (SUB-2020-07-00134) Recommend approval by the Planning Commission with the following conditions: 1) Final approval from Sewer District for lift station test 2) Final approval for City street light test. Tracie Schillace, the subdivision being developed

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

Public Hearing is set for October 13, 2020

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

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Notice of Hammond City Council

Special Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 19, 2020 at 5:30pm

Michael J. Kenney Center, 601 W. Coleman Ave. Hammond, LA

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

III. Prayer: Councilman Kip Andrews

IV. Pledge: Councilwoman Gonzales

V. "Review and discussion of the proposed ordinance to rezone 41.75 acres from RS-8 to 1-L requested by Round Table Investments, LLC, located at 2100 Industrial Park Rd."

Councilwoman Gonzales thanked the IT & Rec Department for getting things set in place for tonight's meeting.

A. Councilman Andrews (Opening of Meeting): stated once he finish speaking he would turn it over to Medline for a presentation first then asking for the following subdivisions to have a representative speak on their behalf: Oak Knoll, Oak Ridge, Oak Creek, Pine Hill, Country Club Estates. Also, those that are representatives of their subdivision will have 10 minutes to speak then it will be open to the floor with 3 minutes to speak. Please be cordial to one another and let us do things in decently and in order.

B. Medline Presentation: Dmitry Dukhan, Vice President of Real Estate for Medline, been in business for 30 yrs., and with Medline for 6 yrs., provided a slideshow about Medline. Medline is a healthcare company that supply PPE and there are 200 locations worldwide. Medline carries mask, gowns, ventilators, chairs, and surgical instruments. There are 50 distribution Centers across the United States. Outgrew the facility in St. Tammany and leasing facility in Hammond for the last 2 years this will address the hospital supply care needs in the State of Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, & Arkansas.

Medline Fleet parcel vans, straight trucks, Semi Trucks there are 10 to 15 trucks throughout the day typically between 6am to 11pm the max is 40 to 60 truck throughout the day includes box trucks, parcel vans, and semi-trucks in the process of testing electric parcels.

In the slide presentation Dmitry provided locations in Denver, Maryland, and Washington of where Medline distributions centers are in large dense residential areas also met with these residents to address their concerns. Stated willing to reach out to adjacent areas and redirect some of the flood risk to their property. Also, open to contribute with the roundabouts at 190 and Industrial Parkway, reduce flood risk, reduce light disturbance, and \$500,000 grant from the State that can contribute the roundabout or any other need.

Oak Knoll Representative, Buck Brignac: 25 Pine Court, one of the five neighborhoods around the area and in the City limits. There are 850 residents impacted in this area and this project will take up the entire area. The Comprehensive Master Plan done in July 2011 with 197 pages with a lot gray areas and ask Council to go back and read this plan. Mr. Brignac stated he filled they were cherry picked and residents needed Planning & Zoning to listen. Consider adopting an overlay plan for the airport the area should be considered industrial for future use so neighbors will not be complaining about other things around it. The left of the airport is all industrial and the right was already residential. This is where we invested our money to build this is our community and now, we have a City Council that will judge. The Masterplan is a living document not set in stone it states the "Future development preserves and enhances the existing neighborhoods" this is the first line in the goals of the plans. We have nothing against Medline this is a matter and concern because we have invested a lot in our homes, we do not receive homestead exempt. The massive size will cover this area and throw the drainage water into our neighborhood and we deal with flooding every year. His home is usually within 3 to 4 inches of flooding when there is a rainstorm. If this happens hopefully Medline will address these concerns of the flooding. At the next meeting will provide a slide show and but, the future growth should be on the left side not near neighborhoods.

Oak Ridge Representative, Courtney Forbes: 156 Oak Hollow Drive, in attendance to challenge the rezoning request of Roundtable Investment for 41 acres in her neighborhood from residential to industrial. Stated her objections are flooding, traffic, aesthetics, and the degradations of the area in quality and value. The site will be at least 600,000 and possible 800,000 sq. ft., the project was faced with tremendous opposition in St. Tammany where Medline has an existing facility. The scale of the building the Mercedes Benz Superdome is the largest 6 dome structure in the world this is 18 acres or nearly 14 football fields. The proposal would impose this monstrosity in the middle of a quite tree line residential neighborhood with no barrier and no transition. There can be increased flooding can be expected around the perimeter effecting many roads and homes. The amount rain falling on this site will be pushed offsite and effecting family homes across the street. The number of trucks has changed dramatically in conversation over a time period with St. Tammany. Mrs. Forbes stated heavy traffic of large trucks represents noise, road deterioration, and traffic clusters this will be a headache and a hazard if this project is approved. This project will be an eyesore to the area and this is a downward spiral that will driveway homeowners. Asked #1 what is the pay scale of the majority of the jobs #2 what is the turnover rate/how many new jobs new hires are going to happen #3 Is Medline a good place to work? This does not belong on Vineyard Road and rezoning is wrong and vote urge you to vote against it.

Oak Creek Representative, Trion Hogan: 47150 Well Way Oak Creek, thanked everyone who put this meeting together on tonight. There are 80 signatures alone that is against this project. His main concern is traffic and how this changed from 60 to almost 180 and numbers are different and represent a figure unrealistic to cover that geography efficiently. Is the salary between \$15-18 hr., starting salary which shift work from 6am to 11pm that's three shifts of people in and out of our community on a daily basis Monday thru Friday and occasionally weekends. So, this traffic will be consistent and with this many individuals traveling this narrow road it's very dangerous. Do not believe this best serve Medline to service that area or geography put forth in Hammond propose closer to I-10 or I-12 merge. Logistically speaking their making poor decision and we as a community will eat this decision if we can get it in Hammond I will love to see it somewhere else. We are going to look at an increase in traffic and the community will have to deal with it I will love to see Medline in Tangipahoa and Hammond just not in proposed location.

Country Club Estates Representative, Christy Wiltz: 19280 Country Club Estates, this building is 600,000 plus square feet this is a huge issue with drainage. Stated water runs downhill all the subdivisions except for Oak Creek, and Oak Ridge are downhill. She understand the purposes of a sub pump in her backyard because when it rains in Hammond her backyard gets 2 to 4 inches of water and do not trust Medline will be able to do anything about this problem. I understand the roundabout but we have young drivers on this road traveling to Hammond High. I hope the Council considers this Tangipahoa or Hammond is a great plan but not in a residential area.

Councilman Andrews, asked by the show of hands who were in attendance in concerns of drainage, flooding, traffic, and noise. Each concern was represented by the majority of residents that were in attendance.

Charlie Palist, 19340 Country Club: Why did Medline leave Covington for 15 yrs., and my understanding the reason is because your tax exemption expired. Will Medline come here and receive a tax exemption for 15 yrs., and leave this area then we end up with an abandon building? Will Air Traffic increase or will everything coming in over the road?

Erin Horzelski, 19221 Vineyard Road: brand new home built on Vineyard and Industrial. Ask every one of you when you walk away in 10 yrs., it's about Pandora's box if we say yes to this what do we say yes to later.

Frank Key, 4647 N. Coburn Rd., he is outside City limits and ever since this property has been cleared, he now has flooding from the runoff. He is not against Medline, but he is concerned about his property already taking of water.

Marcus Gerdes, 296 Pine Crest, Oak Ridge, RS-8 Zoning to a 600,000 sq. ft warehouse this type of change is not part of comprehensive plan or zoning and not allowed on the masterplan. Concerns about the amount of vehicles and looked online at Medline Distribution Center in Tulsa, AZ this property is 630,000 sq., feet, with 299 parking spaces with 40 to 60 trucks so, the numbers that are given just do not add up. It is the wrong location for this size of mega warehouse.

Wendy Helms, 1 Pin Oak Lane, 45% of the 40 acres will be utilized in the beginning but what about the remaining? Would you go higher if there is a need for more space?

Dmitry Dukhan, planning 10% for office and potential customers will current will be 2 stories inside will not go outside. The building is 40 clear, and this building is 37ft clear. There will be shipping, receiving, main, and Supply Chain offices can go 3 stories inside. Committed to industrial Park for entry and exit and for emergency would use Vineyard. As for noise can stand 2 ft., away from building and hear no noise. We can improve drainage and flooding and for the landscape berms and new trees will be put in place. There will be 40-60 trucks per day for hospital sales. This building is 600-650k sq., different facility in St. Tammany 80 acres and this location is 42 acres at this location.

Hugh Dascubach, 19 Pin Oak Lane, Oak Knoll Estates, in South Louisiana you cannot control flood. We have the Air National Guard, and they are involved in emergencies for our Country and they do not need to be involved in tractor trailer traffic when they need to get out to defend us.

Colen Hughes, 6 Fairview Ct., we talked about the 40-60 trucks but how are they going to be tracked, enforced, what is the incentive to stay at this number, and how will we get these averages monthly, annually? How are we going to enforce the things we say we're going to do, how we're going to stay off Vineyard Road? Landscape plan around the perimeter so we don't have to see the building.

Dmitry Dukhan introduced the concept of berms, shrubs, and trees. On the East & North side of the property could be pushed toward the Industrial side.

Gretchen Norvechco, 19512 Camille Lane, outside the City limits of Hammond and thought about crime in the area that will bring other people to the neighborhood. Asked are you going to allow parking on site for the 3rd party trucks or trucks coming from other distributions centers because #1 Parking on Industrial is none #2 Truck Stops in Hammond are full 40-80 trucks where will they park? Berm is protecting Medline property not the community property and flooding in the area is already a problem.

Stan Johnson, 238 Oak Hollow Drive, when it rains, we have water over Vineyard and Industrial. If the Parish President in St. Tammany refused to let Medline come to protect their residential areas and I ask Council to do the same thing.

Thomas Schwartzman, 837 Oak Hollow Drive, questions the amount of trucks and the double delivery to the warehouse, and concern of the traffic these numbers will bring. He would like the facility but on the Westside of Pride Drive not near Vineyard Road. Build the facility but not in the proposed area.

Gina Streeter, 46499 Pine Hill Court, closet house to the distribution center asked why there is not a distribution centers in the State of Illinois where the company is from.

Dmitry Dukhan, stated there are 5 centers in Illinois

Gina Streeter, her family moved here to work at the Lynn Haven Mission and she did her homework on flooding and what that property was zoned and this changed without asking the Citizens, has this been decided, has it been voted, have your pockets been lined? Have you already made up your mind? There should be a little more notice just a small white sign on the property. How do Parishes work?

Councilwoman Gonzales, welcome to area and to apply that any of us have taken any money is rude and I'm insulted. We have not voted on this we are here in a special session to hear the residents and their concerns.

Shelby Jackson, 47060 Vineyard Trace, think about when you brought your home and you looked around what was around. This was supposed to be residential and we want our voices to be heard. Medline set roots in St. Tammany why are you leaving St. Tammany?

Dmitry Dukhan, been in St. Tammany for 15 yrs. it's a 200k sq. ft. facility and we outgrew it and leased a space in Hammond. We do want a facility where we could have permanent roots and be there for a long time. This is why we're building a 630K sq. ft. facility that is not expandable. This is nothing to do with incentives this is a Louisiana facility but we have the facility and it is not expandable. There are 5 distributions centers in Illinois that are located next to residential areas.

Mike Blessing, 19421 Camille Lane, Planning and Zoning Board was the least professional meeting that he attended in a long time. Cannot believe a new fact was not understood by the Planning Board after all the discussion stated he lives next to the property no never talked to him so, how could you vote on something when new information was presented. Stated the Planning Board didn't do a good job of decorum and proper things of research and understanding. There is property by Interlox its clear and it could place at this location.

Dmetry Dukhan, this facility is not being sold by Medline Industry and this property has been part of the industrial market for the last 4 years. Medline has been looking at the property have not purchased the property. We care about everything residents have said and yes its big facility and understand the concerns and we always do the right thing this is why we have been in business 120 yrs. by doing things the correct way. We will take care of the flood, traffic, lights, and property.

Louis Baham, 417 Oak Hollow Drive, is there any idea of a drainage project in Oak Ridge subdivision or one in the last several years.

Councilman Andrews, this is something I've been looking at actual before all this came about something that will be added in my 5 yr., Plan

Louis Baham, understand but it supposed to have been a drainage project for years and we've been having problems for a long period of time and now we're considering a large project that may impact the drainage. We have not addressed the flooding on Vineyard Rd., or Industrial Park Rd., at the present time under the present conditions and would like to hear from the Council considering the current situation because this is my main concern and would like this addressed.

Lacy Landrum, in the Council 5 yr., Capital Outlay Plan there is \$204,000 approved for Vineyard, Oak Creek, Oak Ridge this is a drainage plan that's already budgeted for fiscal year 2023. The Council votes on the 5 yr., Capital Outlay Plan every year as part of the budget process.

Brent Ridder, 19254 Country Club Lane, nothing against company but would not like company in the neighborhood. Stated his concerns is fire protection and there is there a plan of action for a building of this magnitude in case of a fire. There will be a rate of crime, and traffic because people will still take other routes in the area.

Dmitry Dukhan, most regulated buildings and will go for full review by the Fire Chief, Building Inspector and Inspections are every 2 to 3 wks. Traffic we can control most of drivers and it will be addressed if drivers are not following guidelines. We want to go South of the Industrial Parkway to I-12

Greg Drude, 1500 University Dr., Real Estate Agent and has nothing to do with this project. There (2) devils in the room one you know and one you don't know. If there is a new subdivision that goes up on this property you will have just as much as coverage of a land and not going to do what Medline say they will do with the flooding you already have in the area. If Medline is willing to go in and do drainage that will not only take care of their property and the run off for it but also willing to work with Parish and the City this is a win for both parties.

Doug Johnson, 611 W Church Street, stated he has kids and grandkids in the area. There is a lack of Parish Planner we can't continue to grow when a Zoning Board puts up some 2 by 3 signs a few months before something major happens to property owners. There should have been 4 x 8 there 6 months ahead time. It's also not fair to our business community and encourage the Council to change the rule for posting for Zoning Board and make them place signs well in advance.

Mike Redford, 24 Pine Court, this area has not changed that much and the best place in to live and put in a major distribution Center is not acceptable. The flooding in this area is major and its routine flooding. Stated he's fought for 10yrs., to get drainage improved where he lives but has got worse and purchased 3 sump pumps for my yard.

Greg McClan, 17 Fairway View, Oak Knoll, the problems will be traffic and drainage. Will you increase Industrial to 5 lanes? Will there be a roundabout at the end of Industrial and 190 or by the Fire Station, Will you increase Airport Rd., to 5 lanes going to I-12? Already have to fight traffic at Chapapeela Park. There should be some Guarantees about building being left vacant if Medline decides to leave and how long will it take to build the facility?

Kirk Jackson, 46349 N Coburn Rd., love the facility but this is an inappropriate area for building this facility. What other areas have Medline looked at in our area and why you chose not to go to them? Is the 41.75 acres the only property in your plan or there another piece that's adjacent to the 42 acres that you have in your project?

Dmitry Dukhan, Medline looked at a 100s of sites this site address has a lot of things we're looking for and yes, there is 17 acres that's adjacent we would like this property for retention control to go to a 500 yr. flood zone instead a 100 yr., flood zone.

Kirk Jackson, the sign issue should be a 2 X 2 and & a 2 X 18 inch it's illegal. There are only a few that received letters and the residents have not had time to get together to be up to speed because this is moving fast. We want you in this Parish but in an appropriate area.

Becky Swindale, 300 Oak Hollow Drive, live in Oak Ridge for 35 yrs. this is not appropriate and asking Council to think about this decision.

Dr. Jeff Liner, 515 Pine Crest, Oak Ridge, there is a Latin motto “First Do No Harm” Residents have told the Council about the harm that will happen to them if this project goes through. Asked Council to think about their decision before you vote.

Steve Heiser, 156 Oak Hollow, admire Medline Representative for attendance and he’s against this rezoning.

Ed Swindale, 300 Oak Hollow Drive, Retired Engineer, do not image how the traffic would be controlled in this area. Asked Council is this entire property in City Limits?

Councilwoman Gonzales, yes

Online Question: Tracy Wells 610 Mooney Ave, relative to the 17 acres that the Medline representative was speaking is this property in that area where you’re proposing build?

Dmitry Dukhan, it’s adjacent to the 42 acres

Councilman Wells, City Council did not make a decision this started out with Planning & Zoning and from my record Oct., 8th rejected in St. Tammany then 2 days later accepted in Hammond it’s not the City Council its Planning and Zoning. Stated he’s concerned about everyone in attendance but, we cannot rush these projects coming into our area.

Councilman Andrews, thanked the residents for attending

Online Question, Tracy Wells 610 Mooney Ave., is the 17 acres on the agenda

Councilwoman Gonzales, the 17 acres is not on this agenda and has nothing to do with this request.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor to adjourn the meeting.

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
October 13, 2020
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An Ordinance for a rezoning request by Best Team in Town LLC of a lot being the W 2/3 of the NW 1/4 of Block 4 of the Iowa Addition located at 600 & 602 E. Morris Ave. in accordance with survey by Brett Martin from RM-2 to MX-C (Z-2020-08-00081) Recommend approval by Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, informed the board that this property is on E. Morris corner of Olive and Morris the Zoning Commission recommended approval from RM-2 to MX-C and meets all the Master Plan requirements.

There were no public comments

2. An Ordinance to 1) Accept the dedication of Covington Ridge Subdivision infrastructure improvements, 2) Approve final subdivision (Lots 1-17, CA-1, CA-2, & CA-3) all in accordance with final plat and as built plans by McLin Taylor, Inc., 3) Accept a 2 year maintenance bond in the amount of \$51,110.80, and 4) Accept a 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$336,040.00 5) Accept a 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$25,000 (SUB-2020-07-00134) Recommend approval by the Planning Commission with the following conditions: 1) Final approval from Sewer District for lift station test 2) Final approval for City street light test.

Tracie Schillace both conditions have been satisfied 1) Final approval from Sewer District for lift station test 2) Final approval for City street light test.

Councilwoman Gonzales, made a motion to amend the item to add a 2 year maintenance bond in the amount of \$70,000

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to amend to add a 2 year maintenance bond in the amount of \$70,000.

**Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (), Carlee Gonzales (Y)
Councilman Wells did not respond
Motion to Amend 4-0**

Tracie Schillace, the conditions has been satisfied received the approval letter from the Sewer District and the lift station is up and running and the street light test has been completed by the City and are functioning.

There were no public comments



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

**October 13, 2020
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Regular Session to order at 5:55pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Council: Councilman Andrews, on October 31st will set up in MLK to allow kids from District 1 to come out and receive candy. Also, for the area out by the Airport will be setting up times to come out and distribute candy to those subdivisions. On November 7th will be the final cleanup in the district from 9:30am-12pm will meet up at MLK Park.

Councilman DiVittorio, Brandi Lane is looking good on drainage project. Councilman DiVittorio, asked about bid for sound system, and TV wanted to know if Music Express on the vendors list.

Lacy Landrum, referred to the Grants Department

Charles Borchers, receiving new quotes due to first quotes were higher. If there is a particular vendor you would like us to invite for a quote will be happy to contact that vendor there has to be a minimum of three to purchase.

Councilman Wells, invited Brandy Jones to speak

Brandy Jones 46013 Durbin Road, Hammond Louisiana 70401, on September 22nd a petition was on the agenda for the police to be required by law to wear body cameras. Stated she asked a question on you tube and her questions were not answered and she asked Councilwoman Gonzales could this petition be placed back on the agenda?

Councilwoman Gonzales, this petition was never on the agenda there was a purchase for body cameras on the agenda which passed.

Brandy Jones, stated the petition was for it to be required by law

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated a petition was presented at the meeting under the agenda item which was the purchase of the body cameras but this was not an item asked to be placed on the agenda thought the petition was in support of officers wearing body cameras.

Councilman Wells, she's asking about questions that were not answered

Lisa Lambert, stated Mrs. Brandy had asked questions in the beginning and then stated someone with her was present at the meeting and she didn't need the question answered.

Brandy Jones, stated she did say that the lady who was present was on her team then she stated the questions that she had were not still answered she submitted the petition in advance.

Councilman Wells, stated the petition was submitted with the item presented concerning the body cameras.

Council Clerk Tonia Banks, stated the night of the meeting Mrs. Hebert had questions concerning the body cameras and Councilman Wells stated that he had a petition that he wanted to be filed for the records and Mrs. Hebert provided the board with the petition and the reason for the petition. The petition is in the file for record purposes.

Brandy Jones, would like this item to be placed on the agenda. She wants this to be a law that requires police to wear body cameras and will provide contact information so this could be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Councilman Wells, there was a shooting in Mooney Park and would like the police to do a better job and ask the community about information concerning who have cameras. Before anything gets built in Park he wants cameras.

Councilwoman Gonzales, Cate Square Music in the Park and DDD is hosting event will be October 24th

2. Mayor: City is looking into the footage of the shooting in Mooney Park.

Sales Tax are up so far \$325,000 above projection

VI. Minutes

A. September 22, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of September 22, 2020.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the questionnaire. Lacy Landrum, this is the annual questionnaire that is required as part of the City audit.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the questionnaire.

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

2. A resolution to establish a Hammond City Charter Review Committee to determine if any provisions of the charter need simplification, clarification, amendment, addition or deletion and to make recommendations for revisions. Lacy Landrum, stated this is proposing the committee to review the Charter would like to do this on a regular basis and trying to make the final report by June 30th, 2021 which will put us at November 13th, 2021 election should there be propositions that citizens which to see moving forward from the review.

Councilman Andrews, in section 2 would like to see only the (5) Councilmembers have an appointee appointed to the board.

Councilwoman Gonzales, are we asking to remove the Mayor's (2)

Councilman Andrews, yes

Lacy Landrum, the Mayor will not have any appointments to the board and it will be a different composition than used last time

Councilman Andrews, can set him with (1) member with non-voting power

Lacy Landrum, the Mayor who is elected by all the people of Hammond will have no appointment to this committee that will be reviewing the City's Charter which is the foundation for the City

Councilman Wells, yes he's asking for the Council to choose a person and the Mayor to have (1) non-voting person.

Councilwoman Gonzales, ask City Attorney, Andre Coudrain can the Council choose which to place on ballot

Andre Coudrain, Council will have to vote to approve any item that would be put for a vote. The Council could put all, some, or none of the recommendation of the Charter committee.

Lacy Landrum, the Council will have to choose which propositions will go to the ballot of the people and then the people will vote on those propositions but you will have to pass resolutions on each propositions in order to be considered for the election. The Council will have the final say on what will go on the ballot for the people.

Councilman Wells, would like to add that do not have to live in Hammond

Councilwoman Gonzales, you want to remove that all members shall be residents of the City of Hammond

Councilman Wells, yes, I would like to remove they have to be residents of Hammond. Planning and Zoning has members who don't live in the City of Hammond.

Louise Bostic, 112 Elm Drive Hammond, La. Committee should have input from Mayor and asking for people who are not part of our City this sounds a little absurd as a Citizen and would like to know the logic behind it?

Councilman Wells, Planning & Zoning have members that are not from Hammond

Ken Ross, 610 W. Thomas Street, Hammond, La., need broad based opinion from public on Charter and the community should be consulted. This should not be Council controlled ask the community.

Councilwoman Gonzales, no reason not to take away Mayor Appointee

Councilman Leon, it seems like we should want more input not less don't reduce the committee from 7 to 5

Councilman Wells, think it should be given a chance don't criticize

Councilwoman Gonzales, this is a 6 month process that goes to the ballot more access, information and input lead to better ideas.

Lacy Landrum, did we have a residency requirement in the Housing Committee? The Charter forms the foundation of the City's laws and we believe we should outside of Hammond that not Hammond residents.

Councilman DiVittorio, the Planning and Zoning Committee is an important committee and they don't have no residency requirement.

Mayor, why not have someone from Administration

Councilman Wells, issue with Police Chief Mayor you're looking on your behalf and Mayor can't see how districts are destroyed.

Mayor, all districts get worked on and are addressed

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to amended to change to 5 Council Members appointees on Charter committee with the Mayor having (1) appointee non-voting.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to amend to remove residency of Hammond but being residents of Tangipahoa Parish.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt as amended to establish a Hammond City Charter Review Committee to determine if any provisions of the charter need simplification, clarification, amendment, addition or deletion and to make recommendations for revisions.

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

3. A resolution to enable the YouTube's chat function during the livestream of the City Councils meeting allowing for public comment provided the citizens name, address are provided. Councilman Andrews, senior residents stated they enjoyed have this option especially during this time of the pandemic we should have some guidelines in place to keep this option available.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that she planned on turning the YouTube chat function off following the work session. This is opening up the City to complaints because we're unable to control the chat correctly given the platform that it is with people commenting on things that not on the topic. Stated love having comments and wants public participation.

Councilman Leon, there are possibilities of internet going down are bad weather so how do we handle this if it's policy

Councilman Wells, should continue to do it and place on a screen that everyone could see the questions and profanity can be bleeped out.

Joe Mier, 44065 High Oaks Trail, this is two unreliable and don't know if it is the actual person. It's also unsecure people can come to the meetings or got to their Council members this is opening up City to liability.

Tracy Wells, 610 Mooney Ave., stated she participates in You Tube and it's a great asset. A law was passed effective June 12th, 2020 at number 302 reads "In part that the public body shall provide mechanism to receive public comments electronically both prior to and during the meeting". If you set up an email who is going to monitor it, and it can have lag time as well. "The public body shall properly identify and acknowledge all public comments during the meeting".

John Doe, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, No Comment

Lacy Landrum, the YouTube came in under the pandemic time this what allowed for these technology meetings and the Governor order has expired.

Andre Coudrain, YouTube is not required some other mechanism which could be by email

Patrick Strahan, 19480 John Lambert Drive, could live stream still be available

Councilwoman Gonzales, yes

Patrick Strahan should have some opportunity for public participation remotely

Councilwoman Gonzales, some questions still need to be answered

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to Table a resolution to enable the YouTube's chat function during the livestream of the City Councils meeting allowing for public comment provided the citizens name, address are provided.

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

4. A resolution to approve alcohol renewals for 2021. Laura Hammett, this is the annual renewal and there are no new businesses.

Councilman Andrews, there are (2) stores inside of his district that he has been receiving complaint about and according to the law no alcohol is to be sold within 300 ft., of feet of a church or a school.

Rev. McCarthy, 508 E Colorado St, Pastor of St Paul Baptist Church there is a building that is becoming an eyesore it's a lot of loitering, and drinking the members of the church are afraid and it's too much this location is B& J Groceries.

Deborah McQueen, 1002 Magazine Street, Hammond, La. 70401, stated she is a community member of District #1, Community Advocate and a Ministry- Promise Keeper Ministry. Mrs. McQueen stated that her Ministry Promise Keeper Ministry has done several events for the kids in the community an B& J Groceries, and Magazine Food Mart has stepped up to assist the community, to see about the children, and made sure she had everything she needed. She was able to start a community library and both stores were her bigger donors never told her no. She held a Keeping 100 in MLK Park feed 100 people, registered 100 voters, had 1000 books donated for the library that was started and these (2) community stores were the only ones to step up. The people that are standing outside are our community and our people these are the people we see about and feed and have nowhere to go. This seem to a personal issue but, remember where you come from and thanked both stores for assisting and she would not mind helping these stores cleanup their area.

Rev. McCarthy, never said the store was an eyesore the loitering, drinking, trash and what goes on outside the store.

Ihmadan Warrad , Owner of B& J Grocery never had problems at B & J Grocery and he has employees who cleans up around the building and he gives to the community he's trying to make a living.

Phil Tran, Owner of Magazine Food Mart: stated he feels bad about the complaint he's trying to do good for the community and he there to assist with the elderly when they come to the store.

Councilman Andrews, stated there several police reports on people hanging out.

Phil Tran, stated he does not allow hanging out and yes there are some trouble makers that hangout and threaten him when he ask them to leave. He wants fairness and tries to do his best and he does not want any trouble.

Jennifer Davis, 400 E. Colorado, Street Hammond, La., lives near B& J Groceries and she's sick of this store they sit out at this store all day long drinking, sell drugs, and no one stop them the police pass by and still don't do anything. Stated she's complained no one does anything. The new owners of this store allow everyone sit in front of the store see it every day because she lives by it. I want you to drive by there to see it for yourself they do not care about our community.

Fred Hammond, 1201 E. Church Street, he now both owners and have seen them tell people to leave store and they won't. These owners are decent folks.

Ahmad Warrad, 406 E. Colorado Street, been in store 3 years and no disrespect the lady that spoke she's mad because her store has challenges and their business picked up. He has respect for everyone and there are signs saying no loitering. There is good and bad and we do not allow fighting when there is a problem we called the police. Our store is a good store like family and we have nothing against anyone.

Councilman Andrews, stated has nothing against the owner of these stores but something has to be done with people hanging out in front of these stores and the police informed him they cannot do anything because its private property. He's getting comments and complaints about these issues and it's a bad site he has seniors worried about passing by getting to their homes.

Councilman DiVittorio, should this fall in line with Code Enforcement or police

Councilman Andrews, stated the police told him this is private property

Tracie Wells, asked is this within 300ft., of a church?

Councilman Andrews, yes

Tracie Wells, did they get permission from the Pastor before issued a liquor license?

Councilman Andrews, he was told both stores are grandfathered in

Tracie Wells, this needs to be revisited because if you have rules and procedures in place especially if a pastor has concerns and it's a part of your ordinances.

Councilman Wells, the community is hurting and it's nothing against them given mask and books. The Community is informing Councilman Andrews of their concerns it's time to come out and speak at Council meetings to inform the ones who don't live in our community to know what's going on in our communities. We're not expecting the City to save our community we have to work with one another but, we're expecting the City to help us because these are taxpayer's and registered voters. I'm not against the store owners and people don't understand the law and once it's explained they should know nobody should be in front of the stores drinking. The City will have to do a better job seeing what our problems are in the community.

Councilman Andrews, never said anything about closing anyone store down. It's time to make a change because he drives by both location and he see the hanging out and it looks terrible.

Councilman DiVittorio will there be a grace period given before receiving their liquor license.

Andre Coudrain, there are reason businesses could loss liquor licenses and there are standards to comply that's set by **Ordinance in Section 5.35 Grounds for Revocation, Suspension, or Non Renewals**. There are requirements they have to follow to keep their licenses.

Laura Hammett, at this time everyone is in compliance

Councilman Wells, asked when does the liquor license expire

Laura Hammett, December 31, 2020 and they have requirements that are needed such as sales tax clearance and will be mailed out end of October due December 1, 2020 with 30 day grace period. This is for the City of Hammond

Councilman Wells, asked Andre what can be done

Andre Coudrain, these two stores could be tabled and approve the others

Ken Ross, 610 W. Thomas, the problem is the loitering, and drinking of alcohol outside of the store. The property owners can authorize the police to remove individuals from in front of the stores.

Frank DiVittorio, under prior Chief had a trespassing problem and he had to fax a letter to police department stating anyone that's not living there is trespassing.

Online Question, Daniel Lambert 116 N Cate St, what laws and ordinances has these stores broken to be removed for approval

Councilman Andrews, 300 ft., within a church or a school

Councilman Wells, how can these two could be tabled and whatever we decide it needs to be on paper and filed.

Councilman Andrews, would like to remove these two stores so he could set up time to meet with store owners to come with a solution to these problems. He stated he would like to meet with the Pastor of St. Paul, residents of the area, and the store owners to work together.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to TABLE the approval of Magazine Food Mart & B& J Grocery.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the remaining businesses alcohol renewals for 2021.

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

5. A resolution 1) accepting a \$19,776 grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. Charles Borchers IV, this is a follow up to the approval of the application and was funded in the full amount requested. There is no match

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews 1) accepting a \$19,776 grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

6. A resolution (1) approving Hammond Northshore Regional Airport's 2021-26 Capital Improvement Plan; (2) requesting that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements specifically described in the Airport's CIP Application; (3) agreeing to certain assurances related to the preceeding; (4) authorizing the Mayor and Hammond City Council President to sign CIP documents; and (5) authorizing the Hammond City Council Clerk to attest to these signatures. David Lobue, the attached documents are a part of our 6 yr. CIP. The 2021 plan is what we're looking for the coming year and this shows the (3) projects we're looking to fund. #1 will be our AIP project 90% Federal Grant 10% from State no City of Hammond match. The next two projects are State projects and the first of these projects is the Air Space Study for recent land purchases this is a safety priority no City of Hammond match, the last is Airfield lighting and signage rehab Phase I construction next year funded in the amount of \$680,000 with a \$20,000 grant match from City that comes out of the Grant Match funds.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to (1) approving Hammond Northshore Regional Airport's 2021-26 Capital Improvement Plan; (2) requesting that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements specifically described in the Airport's CIP Application; (3) agreeing to certain assurances related to the preceeding; (4) authorizing the Mayor and Hammond City Council President to sign CIP documents; and (5) authorizing the Hammond City Council Clerk to attest to these signatures.

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

7. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement for the collection of ad valorem taxes between Daniel Edwards, Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector for Tangipahoa Parish, and the City of Hammond. Lacy Landrum, one of the opportunities is \$20,000 flat fee that the City will pay and Ponchatoula has already committed to this with a similar agreement with a \$10,000 flat fee based on their parcels. The move will be more efficient and can be paid online and will be paid all at one place this is recommended by the Accounting and IT Department. The tax roll comes in November and 2 years ago we had four employees up here at Thanksgiving holiday that had to enter in data manually because of 1 keystroke error. This year the Tax accessor changed their software.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about the agreement so its \$20,000 per year and it's for 4 years with an automatic renewal does the automatic renewal stay at \$20,000

Lacy Landrum, this is not specified and it's not locked into the contract, but it is a contract for 4yrs.

Councilman DiVittorio, do we know the system that the Sheriff office is using?

Marcus McMillian, using the system we are looking at now. The current software we're looking at now the prices that we will pay will in the things we would invest into getting that to be on the same level to do at the City of Hammond we're actually saving to actually allow them to do it.

Councilman DiVittorio can this software branch off to other duties like collecting permit fees or anything else or strictly taxes.

Marcus McMillian, it does taxes, occupational licenses it is a management for those types of functions to give you templates to put your license together. The system that we currently have in place every tax year we have to go in

and make changes to and if there's an error you would have to manually enter the data. This was written in house and to keep it going it's tying up man hours, taking chances there are no warranties, and we can't call up no one for this software.

Councilman Wells, how much overtime are we using

Marcus McMillian, a lot of overtime hours and we would have to purchase the software this direction saves salary if the Sheriff office collects

Councilman Andrews, what happens to Laura Position?

Lacy Landrum, we will not hire for a Revenue Supervisor will ship Laura position as a controller position

Councilman DiVittorio, would like some type of option out if this does not work

Lacy Landrum talked to Parish and the School board and they have not had any problems with the Sheriff Office collecting the taxes.

Buck Brignac, 25 Pine Court Hammond, he is an Assistant Consultant stated he works with E. Baton Parish, Jefferson Parish doing a lot of tax collections and software. This is a good opportunity for City this will allow the department to do their functions. Should let the Sheriff collect it in a full one system and there sure be a secure system.

Tracy Wells, what is the cost to upgrade system

Lacy Landrum, \$30,000

Tracy Wells, the Sheriff office will also be responsible for the tax sales and they currently use Civic Source so will they continue to use Civic Source for the City of Hammond

Lacy Landrum, assume so

Tracy Wells, Civic Source charges quite a bit of money to the taxpayer if they have to go to a tax sale. Mrs. Wells passed out handouts to the Council to show different county that use Civic Source reviewed the fees of Civic Source. The cost is exorbitant to use civic source to redeem property. Take in consideration when you make this decision the cost it would cost the citizen when it's time to redeem their property if they miss that December 31st deadline. If you are not sure the fee that Civic Source is charging do not make a decision tonight.

Marcus McMillian, taxes are coming up in November and if not voted tonight would probably have a delay in processing taxes.

Councilman Wells, voters should decide what to do and need more research this is last minute

Syeda Naeem, fees are for uncollected taxes only a few people do not pay I would say less than 1%

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** authorizing the Mayor to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement for the collection of ad valorem taxes between Daniel Edwards, Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector for Tangipahoa Parish, and the City of Hammond.

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

8. A resolution to authorize the City Council to retain Michael Adams and his law firm DeCuir, Clark & Adams, LLP regarding the issue of the investigation of the 2017 Police Booking Room video according to the terms of his proposed engagement letter and authorizing Councilman Kip Andrews or other appropriate representative to execute the proposed agreement; and in the interest of efficiency and limitation of cost to designate a Council Committee composed of Councilman Kip Andrews and _____ as primary contacts for communication between the Council and Mr. Adams. Councilman Andrews, now that we have the entire video, we can have it reviewed to have clear cut answer to what took place.

Attorney, Michael Adams, 732 N Blvd., Baton Rouge La. partner with the firm of Decuir Clark & Adams we are a commercial general practice law firm. Stated he has been involved with representing boards and commissions and been practicing law for 34 yrs., and he has been appointed by the courts to investigate to recover assets for consumers.

Councilman Leon, what are you asked to do?

Attorney, Michael Adams, full review of what happened and were protocols followed.

Councilwoman Gonzales, the engagement letter does not say that, and the scope of engagement should be specific.

She asked is there a cap on hourly fee, is this a flat rate or hourly rate, who would be the other license professionals, depositions. Stated the scope of work is needed

Attorney, Michael Adams, it is the Council job to tell the scope of what you want and yes this is a standard engagement letter understand the cost can get expensive that's why it important to be in communication with lawyers and clear scope of work.

Councilwoman Gonzales stated the resolution has Councilman Andrews and another person as primary contact this causes concerns because the direction you're sent on may not be the will of the voting Council. Stated her concerns to have one person directing the engagement without better scope, cap, and timeline. This is not narrow enough in her opinion. Councilwoman Gonzales, asked Attorney Adam if he has any Civil Service experience?

Attorney, Adams, there is a partner in our firm that practice exclusively Civil Service. There will be a second Attorney for communication purposes, cohesiveness, and consistency. To timely return to a report or finding it should be more than just him working on the file. In 120 days could have a report brought back to the Council.

Councilman Wells recommend getting an attorney because we keep covering it up goes back to 2017. There is an incident out that have not been solved and the City one was investigated and no investigation was done. It is like we're trying to cover it up and we keep getting pushed back this needs to take place and move forward. The City is hurting and still having problems.

Councilman Andrews, in conversation thought an Attorney was needed because we need to move forward it is an eyesore on Hammond.

Councilwoman Gonzales, this would cost City \$50,000

Patrick Strahan, 19480 Dr. John Lambert Drive, stated he reviewed Attorney Adams credentials and stated he has outstanding accomplishments. The City needs healing in the City and if doing an additional investigation helps with this it helps with healing. Asked about the FBI review, can city hire Seth without Attorney, why we need attorney, can other consultants in State do that? What are rates and fees? Why not expert analyze it immediately?

Online Question, Dion Grasnickle, 41138 Cubbie Run, the investigation will easily be \$150,000 should have a cap please do not send over \$50,000

Morris Meshon, 42482 Lakeborn Drive what grounds does the Council have to hire an independent person such Seth

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated the Charter allows Council to hire special counsel and experts

Councilman Andrews, the only agenda is the truth

Chris Gideon, 4031 Park Rail is there a reason why this not being investigated by the experts at Louisiana State Police or Attorney General's Office

Councilwoman Gonzales State Police will not investigate this unless it's for criminal chargers

Online Question Morris Meshon, this is a witch hunt and the taxpayer's citizens don't agree with the claims

Online Question Ryan Gonzales, 905 Dakota Street please state for the record the Attorney Fee Schedule
Partners \$300 per hour

Associates \$225.00 per hour

Legal Assistants (Paralegals) \$100 per hour

Law Clerks \$50.00

Councilman Andrews stated there is no hidden agenda at all the only agenda is the truth.

Online Question Ryan Gonzales, was there a request for proposals for either the Attorney or the investigation

Councilwoman Gonzales, no RFP for Attorney or expert

Ken Ross, 610 W. Thomas, the resolution is necessary and should get consultant first then lawyer after. This will be expensive and there needs to be a budget this is too open ended.

Tracy Wells, it's good to define what the scope is, what if investigation leads you down another road. What does the Council have available? It has been proven that an investigation was not performed and Civil Service Attorney said no investigation was done so it's time to move forward. \$50,000 is not too much to spend and this should move forward.

Councilwoman Gonzales, could kick back to Civil Service

Councilman DiVittorio, what about cap

Attorney, Michael Adams, can put cap on it there is no open ended arrangement for cities and it's all negotiable

Councilman Leon, do you work with other consultants

Attorney, Michael Adams, there were a couple but, was asked to look out of State to get unbiased opinion.

Councilwoman Gonzales, not ready to vote on this proposal and this should not be a free for all and it's very open ended. There was no RFP done and it should be tailored down.

Councilman Leon, stated he agrees this is too open ended and needs to be spelled out & how much will we spend.

Attorney, Michael Adams, if we are detained we would develop a scope of work. I can't answer about the cap because we don't know what is out there but, we will need corporation in getting all information requested. There should be a timeline for preliminary findings.

Councilwoman Gonzales, many times councilmembers ask for delays

Councilman Wells, an investigation is needed

Councilman Leon, this is too open ended

Councilman Wells, Council Committee composed of Councilman Kip Andrews and Councilman DiVittorio as primary contacts for communication between the Council and Mr. Adams.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the City Council to retain Michael Adams and his law firm DeCuir, Clark & Adams, LLP regarding the issue of the investigation of the 2017 Police Booking Room video according to the terms of his proposed engagement letter and authorizing Councilman Kip Andrews or other appropriate representative to execute the proposed agreement; and in the interest of efficiency and limitation of cost to designate a Council Committee composed of Councilman Kip Andrews and Councilman DiVittorio as primary contacts for communication between the Council and Mr. Adams.

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

9. A resolution to authorize the City Council to retain Seth W. Stoughton regarding the issue of the investigation of the 2017 Police Booking Room video according to the terms of his proposed engagement letter and authorizing Councilman Kip Andrews or other appropriate representative to execute the proposed agreement; and in the interest of efficiency and limitation of cost to designate a Council Committee composed of Councilman Kip Andrews and _____ as primary contacts for communication between the Council and Mr. Stoughton. Councilman Andrews, stated he reached out to different agencies and Mr. Stoughton recommend by Attorney, Adams in which he worked with before.

Councilwoman Gonzales, do not think this appropriate because proposals were not put out

Councilman Leon, constituents wants the truth but, not be irresponsible. Asked Attorney, Adams if he could provide 2-3 consultants to consider.

Councilman Andrews, can another list of experts be provided

Attorney, Michael Adams, yes, other experts can be provided but would need to get to it quickly

Patrick Strahan, 19780 Dr. John Lambert Drive, thinks an investigation should happen if it heals the community. Would a zoom function or anything else be used with Mr. Seth ensure all cost and analyze to make part of the contract. The resolution as it reads is regarding the booking room video only states video does not state anything else no other statements or paperwork. If we want a full unbiased investigation by an expert it should be amended to include all of those things leaving every stone unturned.

Attorney, Andre Coudrain, the booking room video according to the terms that proposed engagement letter you would need to look at the engagement letter and fill in the blanks. Discuss the blanks and the retainer agreement for the consultant

Councilwoman Gonzales, zoom is a great idea

Courtney Forbes, 156 Oak Hollow, thank you for taking the time to look at the video and appreciate what the board is doing

Daniel Lambert, 116 N Cate do contracts need to be put out for public bid for attorneys

Councilwoman Gonzales, not for professional services

Carol Harrell, 2208 Cherie Drive, in our region we have wealth of Use of Force experts certified by our federal circuit courts. Will the Council please put out a call for bids for those experts consultants?

Councilwoman Gonzales, thinks that is a great idea

Morris Machon, the agenda is always published and can we consult other attorneys?

Lacy Landrum, the source the funds in your budget Council has the \$100,000 allocated for the Council Attorney and a line item for consultant services you can transfer

Councilwoman Gonzales, how much is in consultant services

Lacy Landrum, \$2000 this will be a resolution already budgeted funds if it come from the ending fund balance it's an ordinance.

Tracy Wells, if you ask Mr. Adams why he chose Mr. Seth he could give you the answer why he selected him instead of going back to search and find 3 more if you gave him a task to select a SME to do this job and that's who he selected are you questioning his professional choice or you choosing to delay?

Councilman Wells proposed Councilman DiVittorio

Attorney, Andre Coudrain the scope of agreement is blank

Attorney, Michael Adams, would keep consistent to review, advise, and opine with the incident that happened in the booking room.

Attorney, Andre Coudrain, recommendation to investigate and provide a review of and advice surrounding the 2017 booking room incident that occurred within Hammond Police Department

Carlee Gonzales, our resolution required a written report we sure make sure we ask for that scope of work.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the City Council to retain Seth W. Stoughton regarding the issue of the investigation of the 2017 Police Booking Room video according to the terms of his proposed engagement letter and authorizing Councilman Kip Andrews or other appropriate representative to execute the proposed agreement; and in the interest of efficiency and limitation of cost to designate a Council Committee composed of Councilman Kip Andrews and Councilman DiVittorio as primary contacts for communication between the Council and Mr. Stoughton.

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

10. A resolution to approve a (4- way) stop sign at Washington and Louisiana West. Tracie Schillace stated it should be West Louisa West instead of Louisiana West.

Councilman Wells, residents have been complaining about a lot of near misses at this location and informed the residents will bring this information to the City. What are the right procedures to get a stop sign put in place?

Mayor, get with Robert Morgan the put stop signs up for traffic congestion, then Chuck Spangler, DOTD and then decision

Lacy Landrum need to review crash reports

Councilman Wells, asked for all data and information on Mooney, Cherry and Coleman. He wants the right way to do it.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to approve a (4- way) stop sign at Washington and W. Louisa W.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance for a rezoning request by Best Team in Town LLC of a lot being the W 2/3 of the NW 1/4 of Block 4 of the Iowa Addition located at 600 & 602 E. Morris Ave. in accordance with survey by Brett Martin from RM-2 to MX-C (Z-2020-08-00081) Recommend approval by Zoning Commission.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to adopt an Ordinance for a rezoning request by Best Team in Town LLC of a lot being the W 2/3 of the NW 1/4 of Block 4 of the Iowa Addition located at 600 & 602 E. Morris Ave. in accordance with survey by Brett Martin from RM-2 to MX-C (Z-2020-08-00081)

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

2. Final adoption of an Ordinance to 1) Accept the dedication of Covington Ridge Subdivision infrastructure improvements, 2) Approve final subdivision (Lots 1-17, CA-1, CA-2, & CA-3) all in accordance with final plat and as built plans by McLin Taylor, Inc., 3) Accept a 2 year maintenance bond in the amount of \$51,110.80, and 4) Accept a 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$336,040.00 5) Accept a 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$25,000 (SUB-2020-07-00134) Recommend approval by the Planning Commission with the following conditions: 1) Final approval from Sewer District for lift station test 2) Final approval for City street light test.

Both conditions have been satisfied 1) Final approval from Sewer District for lift station test 2) Final approval for City streetlight test.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to Amend to add 2 yr., maintenance bond in the amount of \$70,000.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to adopt an ordinance to 1) Accept the dedication of Covington Ridge Subdivision infrastructure improvements, 2) Approve final subdivision (Lots 1-17, CA-1, CA-2, & CA-3) all in accordance with final plat and as built plans by McLin Taylor, Inc., 3) Accept a 2 year maintenance bond in the amount of \$51,110.80, and 4) Accept a 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$336,040.00 5) Accept a 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$25,000 6) Accept a 2 year maintenance bond in the amount of \$70,000. (SUB-2020-07-00134)

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance to re-adopt ordinance #20-5626 to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage (rate(s) are: Lacy Landrum, informed Council that the ad was published incorrectly in the local journal. Informed these are the same rates from last year and if anyone has any questions the public is welcome to speak.

	Adjusted Rate	2020 Levy
General Alimony, General Fund (5207001)	9.010 Mills	9.040 Mills
Fire/Police (5207002)	9.970 Mills	10.000 Mills
Public Works (5207003)	1.990 Mills	2.000 Mills
Total	20.970 Mills	21.040 Mills

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to adopt an ordinance to re-adopt ordinance #20-5626 to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage (rate(s) are:

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Motion Approved 5-0

IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction for an Ordinance to Annex three parcels being 11.311 acres & 13.663 acres (parcel#21T6R80000114), 17.55 Acres (parcel#21T6R80000087 & 21T6R80000113) all owned by the City of Hammond located at the NE and South intersection of Industrial Park Rd. and Hwy 190 East as per legal description by Mark T. Chemay dated 9/21/2020, to be zoned S-2 (Hammond Airport District), and City Council District #1. (Z-2020-0900084) Recommended approval by Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, setup for annexation and placed in Council District 1 which is a recent purchase.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an to Annex three parcels being 11.311 acres & 13.663 acres (parcel#21T6R80000114), 17.55 Acres (parcel#21T6R80000087 & 21T6R80000113) all owned by the City of Hammond located at the NE and South intersection of Industrial Park Rd. and Hwy 190 East as per legal description by Mark T. Chemay dated 9/21/2020, to be zoned S-2 (Hammond Airport District), and City Council District #1. (Z-2020-0900084) Recommended approval by Zoning Commission.

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

Public Hearing is set for October 27, 2020

2. Introduction for an Ordinance to rezone 41.75 acres from RS-8 to I-L requested by Round Table Investments, LLC in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 12/9/1980 located at 2100 Industrial Park Rd. (Z-2020-09-00083) Recommend approval with conditions:1) No manufacturing only distribution, 2) Freight vehicles shall be limited on Vinyard Rd and Industrial Park Rd is the primary route of travel, 3) Install fence or dirt berm on the Vinyard Rd property line, 4) All ingress/egress shall be on Industrial Parkway, 5) Drainage plan must meet or exceed the 100 year flood plain requirements. Tracie Schillace, asking to be set for next meeting annexed in 1998 into the standard zoning into light industrial.

Courtney Forbes, 156 Oak Hollow Drive, live in vicinity and strongly oppose to be zoned industrial would create flooding problems there should be other options for this property. This will bring the area down and it needs to stay residential.

Buck Brignac, 25 Pine Court, the master plan is to enhance the neighborhoods. There are already flooding issues now and the neighborhoods should not be disturbed.

Sid Guedry, 50 Pine Square, Oak Knoll Estates, sent an email with list of problems there is better use for the property.

Kirk Jackson, 46349 N Coburn Rd., people were told not to come or room would packed. He has property adjacent to property and was told this would be residential and a gated community. The masterplan is for what community desires it to be.

Councilman Andrews, stated he received a lot of emails and phone calls he stated he will host a Special Meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020 at the Hammond Rec Center at 5:30pm and have the Medline Representative available to discuss.

Ed Hoover, owner of property and there is a lot of misconception. This should be commercial

Trion Hogan, Oak Creek, thanked Council for the meeting. Take some due diligence to this that applied to everyone else. Asked is there a timeline to submit petitions

Councilwoman Gonzales, Thursday before October 27, meeting

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an Ordinance to rezone 41.75 acres from RS-8 to I-L requested by Round Table Investments, LLC in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 12/9/1980 located at 2100 Industrial Park Rd. (Z-2020-09-00083) Recommend approval with conditions: 1) No manufacturing only distribution, 2) Freight vehicles shall be limited on Vinyard Rd and Industrial Park Rd is the primary route of travel, 3) Install fence or dirt berm on the Vinyard Rd property line, 4) All ingress/egress shall be on Industrial Parkway, 5) Drainage plan must meet or exceed the 100 year flood plain requirements.

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

Public Hearing is set for October 27, 2020

3. Introduction for an Ordinance to approve Expanded Conditional Use request by Rosiland Pines (Owner) & Constance Pines (applicant) to allow placement of a Manufactured Home meeting all code requirements on proposed Lot C of the Pines resubdivision survey located at 810-C Natchez St; Zoned RS-3 (ECU-2020-09-00082) Recommended approval with following conditions by the Zoning Commission.
1) Resubdivision survey must be completed as proposed before issuing any permits; and
2) this approval is with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership by Rosiland Pines or Constance Pines
3) the manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD Standards. Tracie Schillace, proposed surveyed if approved

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

Public Hearing is set for October 27, 2020

4) Introduction for an Ordinance to approve Expanded Conditional Use request by Bessie Hunter (owner) & Shaunta Mack (applicant) to allow placement of a Manufactured Home meeting all code requirements located at 504 E. Michigan St.; Zoned RM-2 (ECU-2020-08-00080) Recommend denial by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, there are no mobile homes near except this area.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to introduce an Ordinance to approve Expanded Conditional Use request by Bessie Hunter (owner) & Shaunta Mack (applicant) to allow placement of a Manufactured Home meeting all code requirements located at 504 E. Michigan St.; Zoned RM-2 (ECU-2020-08-00080) Recommend denial by the Zoning Commission.

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Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0

Public Hearing is set for October 27, 2020

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK



PRESIDENT, CARLEE WHITE GONZALES

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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

City Council Clerk, Tonia Banks
City Attorney, Andre Coudrain



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
October 27, 2020
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An Ordinance to Annex three parcels being 11.311 acres & 13.663 acres (parcel#21T6R80000114), 17.55 Acres (parcel#21T6R80000087 & 21T6R80000113) all owned by the City of Hammond located at the NE and South intersection of Industrial Park Rd. and Hwy 190 East as per legal description by Mark T. Chemay dated 9/21/2020, to be zoned S-2 (Hammond Airport District), and City Council District #1. (Z-2020-0900084) Recommended approval by Zoning Commission.

Councilwoman Gonzales, at the request of the Administration asked that this item be removed from public hearing so they could be re-noticed and sent back to Planning and Zoning Board.

Mark Forglan, 44559 S. Corbon Road, owns parcel at 44663 Wainwright Drive which is just to the east and south of the property. Stated he does not oppose adopting this ordinance and annexing this property. He asked that the City only cuts as many trees as is necessary to accomplish the safety goals of this project and not to clear cut the entire property.

Mayor, City is doing environmental assessment of property and the City has requested FAA to allow a buffer. The City will leave as much as they can.

Councilman Wells entered Meeting

Brian Throsher, stated there is a motion to remove from the agenda and refer back to the Planning Commission. Why would there be public comments on an item that would be removed from agenda.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, stated the item is on the agenda and the public has the right to comment

Brian Throsher, perhaps the Council will entertain a motion to defer public comments until the items are actual on agenda and voted on and discussed at that time.

Andre Coudrain, comments are still public records, and the public has the right to address the Council on any item on the agenda.

There were no other comments

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to REMOVE from the agenda an Ordinance to Annex three parcels being 11.311 acres & 13.663 acres (parcel#21T6R80000114), 17.55 Acres (parcel#21T6R80000087 & 21T6R80000113) all owned by the City of Hammond located at the NE and South intersection of Industrial Park Rd. and Hwy 190 East as per legal description by Mark T. Chemay dated 9/21/2020, to be zoned S-2 (Hammond Airport District), and City Council District #1. (Z-2020-0900084) Recommended approval by Zoning Commission.

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Motion to Remove 5-0

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Councilwoman Gonzales, stated the items that have been removed will return to planning and zoning which will allow public comment at their meeting November 5, and will return to Council for introduction November 10, and public hearing November 24th.

Michael Dvornek, 1042 Oak Hollow, they stated they will add a berm and this will not assist to help with noise and the other problem is traffic - does not know how this will be handled and there needs to be more planning and thinking.

Mrs., Dvornek, 1042 Oak Hollow, concerned about this annexation because it has not been thought through properly. If you drive down Industrial there are ditches that are currently being washed away and people are expressing themselves with concerns - who will have to pay for the results of this annexation - it will come back to the City. Are you annexing a problem? This has not been thought through enough - it sounds nice to include and forward thinking but there is not enough planning or thought. As representatives and as Politicians your careers and how you are perceived in the future will be identified by projects you supported or opposed for this community.

Hugh Dauschbach, 19 Pin Oak Lane, lives in Oak knoll Estates, has had water within 5-6 inches of homes - the creek that runs back behind Oak Knoll is the very same creek is on this property. Medline stated they wanted to use the 17 acres for a retention pond but, does not understand how the water will flow from the 41 acres to the 17 acres without backing up the creek that's there. Has there been an independent Hydraulic Study of the drainage in the area? The biggest concern is the traffic when Medline speaks of 60 tractor trailer trucks it's only their trucks this could be doubled to 120 in and out. If there is a backup on Industrial it could reroute drivers down Corbin, Morris, Pride, or Vineyard and Corbin Road cannot handle a lot of tractor trailer traffic. Asking Council and Planning & Zoning Commission do its due diligence and conduct more studies on traffic.

Cindy Lavergne, 47071 Vineyard Trace, if this goes back to Planning & Zoning is the work session on Thursday, 29th at noon and can the public attend the work session?

Councilwoman Gonzales, yes

There were no other comments

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Motion to Remove 5-0**

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There were no public comments

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to Remove from agenda an Ordinance to approve Expanded Conditional Use request by Rosiland Pines (Owner) & Constance Pines (applicant) to allow placement of a Manufactured Home meeting all code requirements on proposed Lot C of the Pines resubdivision survey located at 810-C Natchez St; Zoned RS-3 (ECU-2020-09-00082) Recommended approval with following conditions by the Zoning Commission.

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Debra McQueen, 1002 Magazine Street, are the comments that are made tonight going to be on record at the Planning Zoning meeting or will they have to be repeated.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, the comments that are made tonight are public records of this meeting, but everyone is entitled to attend the Planning and Zoning meeting to make comments or additional comments.

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Motion to Remove 5-0



HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
October 27, 2020

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Regular Session to order at 5:45pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Council: Councilman Wells, wanted to correct a mistake at Special Meeting concerning St. Tammany denial of a land clearing permit on October 6 and our Planning & Zoning Department approved rezoning a 41 acre on October 8th to come before council for final decision. When he has made a mistake, he will correct his own mistake. Asked about the status of a requested stop sign on Louisa W. and Washington Ave. This has been two weeks since this was voted on and passed and still no stop sign in place. The other problem on Mooney Ave., there have been 4 shootings in the last 5 weeks and what can we do to slow this down and completely stop it.

Mayor completely stopping it is not something that can just happen. The City can't control what people do on a regular day to day basis. There is an issue with gangs in our community.

Chief, Edwin Bergeron, he is working with the District Attorney's office because most people are repeat offenders. Also, he has reassigned detectives to try to suppress the crime in the area.

Councilman Wells, is there a way we could stop the cars from parking in the park?

Mayor, generally the Park Rangers has been in control of it,

Councilman Wells, asked to have signs placed in Mooney Parking stating no parking on the grass

Chief Bergeron, stated he would review any ordinances regarding parking on grass in the parks and work with park rangers.

Councilman Andrews, can this process at Zemurray Park be implemented at all parks in the City of Hammond

Chief Bergeron, this was implemented at Zemurray and MLK for patrols that had additional overtime funds for this to take place. As Chief would love the increase overtime funds to increase patrol in the parks. This goes through our Recreational Director, and HPD was to assist the Park Rangers with the large crowds.

Councilman Andrews, would like to something done across the board and there should be policy in place to cover all parks.

Chief Bergeron, will check into ordinance on parking on grass

Online Question: Debra McQueen 1002 Magazine Street, are there any current scheduled Police or community meetings if not will there be?

Councilman Wells, there should be meetings, but it never took place I have talked to Chief about it.

Chief Bergeron, multiple times he has reached out and had no response and I have asked for help setting up meetings.

Online Question: Debra McQueen 1002 Magazine Street, do we need a community leader to step up to plan this meeting between Police and Community?

Online Question Jeff Holmes, 4 Lynn Lane, would like someone to elaborate on the gang issue

Councilman Andrews, will review his calendar on a date due to this being a resident in District #1 and will get with Chief Bergeron for a meeting.

Councilwoman Gonzales, there is a Night out Against Crime on Friday in Zemmurray Park this is a good Community and Police Event.

Councilman DiVittorio, are Park Rangers at every park and how are they assisting

Mayor, they are generally at all parks

Chief Bergeron, thinks it is usually targeted - things are currently investigated and we are working on it

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about signage placement and who oversees posting signs and why we have signs of the wrong size?

Mayor, it is being corrected and signs have been removed and the residents will have time to express opinion.

Councilman Wells, how far will we go back on the signs since they were the wrong size?

Andre Coudrain, if someone believes the Council took an action that was wrong, they will have to file a lawsuit. The rezoning that has happened prior years if people didn't file a lawsuit, they lose the right to challenge it and this is why we pulled the current ones that are pending.

2. Mayor: there is another storm and sandbags are ready if needed and everyone needs to be prepared.

Halloween is this Saturday from 5:30pm – 8:30pm everyone should be cautious.

VI. Minutes:

A. October 13, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to request for the police department to be required to wear body cameras at all time by law.
Brandi Jones, 310 Mooney Ave., thanked the Council for placing this on the agenda. The 700 people that signed the petition would like the police to be required by law to wear body cameras this was a huge concern in the community.

Councilwoman Gonzales, provided Mrs. Jones a copy of HPD General Order 151 on Body Cameras.

Brandi Jones, this is what the requirements are?

Andre Coudrain, this is a policy of the department that requires all members who are issued body worn video cameras to wear while on duty or detail.

Brandi Jones, the concern is there not on all time, can be cut off and if they do it is the buddy system the community is concerned about it.

Councilman Divittorio, who manages if officers do not turn them on or enforces the consequences?

Andre Coudrain, the department

Brandi Jones, the Chief stated there was no way of knowing if the officers had the cameras on or off and these are the general orders that have been in place. Therefore, we need a system in place if it does happen an officer can face consequences.

Lacy Landrum, there have been officers suspended for not wearing or activating their body cameras

Andre Coudrain, during his time as City Attorney there have been some officers disciplined for not using body cameras, or car cameras.

Chief Bergeron, the new system should be in place by December 15, 2020 and the new system will be automatically activated with the officers it is a one single set. A lot of the community concerns along with the administration is we are looking to put in policy of mandatory checks by supervisors to make sure of accountability. First, the new cameras will make a big difference. Second, how to hold the officers accountable on the daily checks and get turned on properly. As soon as the Taser is activated is activates the body camera and the other good thing is if you're an individual officer and you're on scene and don't have your own if I come up and turn my camera it automatically activate your camera, get within a certain distance it activates, and it captures minutes prior.

Councilwoman Gonzales, with this general order perhaps with the new system there is some things that need to be updated.

Lacy Landrum, this update has started

Brandi Jones, the community requests to have this law in place.

Andre Coudrain, this is a policy of the department and approved by the Mayor and could be changed by the Mayor. If the Council wants to enact an ordinance that could not be changed by the Mayor, the Council could do that. The Council can create a policy. Stated that the Council should consult with Chief Bergeron so the Council do not get too deep into law enforcement procedures or protocols, but the Council could pass an ordinance really need to consult with the Chief.

Councilman Wells, suggests that this item be tabled until next Council meeting to review the general order policy.

Councilwoman Gonzales, informed Mrs. Jones if she has suggestions this would be helpful

Online Question, Debra McQueen 1002 Magazine Street, thinks the Chief should go on record saying that ultimately the responsibility should be his and his chain of command relative to making sure officers wear the body cameras. Stated she read up the new vendor and should be a representative that has a backup log that will be able to be recalled when necessary when the cameras are activated.

Councilwoman Gonzales, everything is stored in the cloud so it cannot be edited or removed at all

J Holmes, 4 Lynn Lane, how easy is it to review the video and what about public access

Andre Coudrain, depends on the circumstances but it could be in response of a public records request, depends on if it's a criminal proceeding still pending - typically do not release while criminal proceedings are pending. A public record request for videos could be requested- they may or may not receive it.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews to TABLE request for the police department to be required to wear body cameras at all time by law.

Vote: Steve Leon (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Devon Wells (Y).

Motion Approved 5-0

2. A resolution to purchase ten (10) Police Tahoe's from Gerry Lane Chevrolet for \$348,637.40

(State Contract# 4400020203). Councilman Leon wanted to bring this backup and thinks the questions have been answered and now we need to move forward. If there are issues in policies, issues in procedures that need to be changed let's discuss these changes - we shouldn't lose a whole year without vehicles. It is time to move forward with this purchase of the vehicles.

Councilman Wells, stated he asked for the public records request, but he has not finished reviewing the records

Councilman Leon, should move forward with the purchase while the information is being reviewed.

Jana Thurman, these Tahoe's are now available on State Contract. Gerry Lane Chevrolet is the vendor who was awarded the contract - if able to order tonight they will be in around January. We do not know exactly what the equipment cost in the future will be- this price will be just for equipment.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked for information on the millage- there is more than enough funds to cover the vehicles and upgrades.

Councilman Andrews, agrees to move forward but should implement some guidelines for accidents.

Councilman DiVittorio, proper way is to address it and then correct it then move forward with the purchase. He appreciated Cpt., Monistere calling and giving information.

Angelo Monistere, the plan is to implement defensive driving and will do it on an annual basis it can be done at the training facility. Stated most of the crashes are minor there are not a lot of major crashes.

Councilman Wells, when cars are totaled where does the money go?

Lacy Landrum, back to the millage fund

Councilman Leon, we need to review policy and procedures that we can agree upon

Lacy Landrum, Tahoe's are preferred units and sometimes accidents are caused by other drivers and the City should not hold off on the purchase.

Councilman Wells, how many cars do we need?

Cpt., Angelo Monistere, we need 10

Chief Bergeron, there is a need for training and retraining for defensive driving.

Kent Soileau, units are up to 12yrs., old - Police vehicles get more use and life expectancy is shorter.

Jeff Holmes, 4 Lynn Lane, what is the relationship with Gerry Lane & Mayor?

Mayor, I do not know the individual

Jeff Holmes, 4 Lynn Lane, requesting this to be reviewed as long as possible and would like this tabled

Sidney Guidry, 50 Pine Square, has there been an inordinate amount of vehicles wrecks of the Hammond Police that will stop them from buying vehicles on State Contract for an excellent price.

Jana Thurman, stated it does prevent from being on state contract. The Mayor has no decision on who wins the bids. The State bids out their own contracts and when it's the lowest bidder he cannot come in and change.

Michael Lindsey, 111 Edwin Neil Way, give the Police the cars they are needed thank you

Sgt., Thad Gautier, HPD the department needs new vehicles because they represent the City.

Brent Ridder, 129254 Country Club Lane, urges the Council to vote yes on this matter HPD deserve dependable vehicles to respond to us the citizens.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to purchase ten (10) Police Tahoe's from Gerry Lane Chevrolet for \$348,637.40 (State Contract# 4400020203).

Vote: Steve Leon (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Devon Wells (Y).

Motion Approved 5-0

3. A resolution 1) accepting a \$7,875 grant from the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; 2) approving a \$7,875 cash match from the Hammond Police Department; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. Charles Borchers IV, stated this a follow up and was awarded was the amount requested there is a match and it comes from the police department budget.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells 1) accepting a \$7,875 grant from the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; 2) approving a \$7,875 cash match from the Hammond Police Department; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Vote: Steve Leon (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Devon Wells (Y).

Motion Approved 5-0

4. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$17,088.15 grant application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for life-saving equipment (mechanical chest compression devices) for the Hammond Fire Department. Charles Borchers IV, there is no match required.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio supporting the submission of a \$17,088.15 grant application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for life-saving equipment (mechanical chest compression devices) for the Hammond Fire Department.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption an Ordinance to Annex three parcels being 11.311 acres & 13.663 acres (parcel#21T6R80000114), 17.55 Acres (parcel#21T6R80000087 & 21T6R80000113) all owned by the City of Hammond located at the NE and South intersection of Industrial Park Rd. and Hwy 190 East as per legal description by Mark T. Chemay dated 9/21/2020, to be zoned S-2 (Hammond Airport District), and City Council District #1 (Z-2020-0900084) Recommended approval by Zoning Commission.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to REOVE from agenda an Ordinance to Annex three parcels being 11.311 acres & 13.663 acres (parcel#21T6R80000114), 17.55 Acres (parcel#21T6R80000087 & 21T6R80000113) all owned by the City of Hammond located at the NE and South intersection of Industrial Park Rd. and Hwy 190 East as per legal description by Mark T. Chemay dated 9/21/2020, to be zoned S-2 (Hammond Airport District), and City Council District #1 (Z-2020-0900084) Recommended approval by Zoning Commission.

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

2. Final adoption of an Ordinance to rezone 41.75 acres from RS-8 to I-L requested by Round Table Investments, LLC in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 12/9/1980 located at 2100 Industrial Park Rd. (Z-2020-09-00083) Recommend approval with conditions: 1) No manufacturing only distribution, 2) Freight vehicles shall be limited on Vinyard Rd and Industrial Park Rd is the primary route of travel, 3) Install fence or dirt berm on the Vinyard Rd property line, 4) All ingress/egress shall be on Industrial Parkway, 5) Drainage plan must meet or exceed the 100 year flood plain requirements.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to REMOVE from agenda an Ordinance to rezone 41.75 acres from RS-8 to I-L requested by Round Table Investments, LLC in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 12/9/1980 located at 2100 Industrial Park Rd. (Z-2020-09-00083) Recommend approval with conditions: 1) No manufacturing only distribution, 2) Freight vehicles shall be limited on Vinyard Rd and Industrial Park Rd is the primary route of travel, 3) Install fence or dirt berm on the Vinyard Rd property line, 4) All ingress/egress shall be on Industrial Parkway, 5) Drainage plan must meet or exceed the 100 year flood plain requirements.

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

3. Final adoption of an Ordinance to approve Expanded Conditional Use request by Rosiland Pines (Owner) & Constance Pines (applicant) to allow placement of a Manufactured Home meeting all code requirements on proposed Lot C of the Pines resubdivision survey located at 810-C Natchez St; Zoned RS-3 (ECU-2020-09-00082) Recommended approval with following conditions by the Zoning Commission.
1) Resubdivision survey must be completed as proposed before issuing any permits; and
2) this approval is with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership by Rosiland Pines or Constance Pines
3) the manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD Standards.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to REMOVE from agenda an Ordinance to approve Expanded Conditional Use request by Rosiland Pines (Owner) & Constance Pines (applicant) to allow placement of a Manufactured Home meeting all code requirements on proposed Lot C of the Pines resubdivision survey located at 810-C Natchez St; Zoned RS-3 (ECU-2020-09-00082) Recommended approval with following conditions by the Zoning Commission.

1) Resubdivision survey must be completed as proposed before issuing any permits; and
2) this approval is with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership by Rosiland Pines or Constance Pines
3) the manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD Standards.

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

4. Final adoption of an Ordinance to approve Expanded Conditional Use request by Bessie Hunter (owner) & Shaunta Mack (applicant) to allow placement of a Manufactured Home meeting all code requirements located at 504 E. Michigan St.; Zoned RM-2 (ECU-2020-08-00080) Recommend denial by the Zoning Commission.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to REMOVE from agenda an Ordinance to approve Expanded Conditional Use request by Bessie Hunter (owner) & Shaunta Mack (applicant) to allow placement of a Manufactured Home meeting all code requirements located at 504 E. Michigan St.; Zoned RM-2 (ECU-2020-08-00080) Recommend denial by the Zoning Commission.

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE

Councilwoman Gonzales, thanked the IT Department for the TVs setup in the Foyer

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

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
November 10, 2020
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



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

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

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

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

Councilman Wells, entered the meeting

1. Council:

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

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

2. Mayor: NONE

VI. Minutes

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

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

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

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

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

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

Fred Hammond, asked for Policeman to patrol the area.

Mayor, yes, we can do that

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilman Wells, it starts with him

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

B. NEW BUSINESS:

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

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

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

Councilman Wells, why is this necessary

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

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

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilman Wells left the meeting

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

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

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 12:00pm
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called the Special Meeting to order at 12pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. A resolution to accept the proposed health insurance package for calendar year 2021. Henry Powell, 110 West Morris Hammond, stated this is the renewal from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. This was sent out to Companies in Louisiana to receive competitive proposal did not receive any and Blue Cross/Blue Shield came back with a 4.5% rate increase last year it was at 29% increase. To the City of Hammond it's an \$85,000 increase over the current overall \$138,000 increase. Blue Cross is expected to pay out \$3.2 million in claims. HRA funding is where the City give employee's money to help cover their deductible actual about \$90,000 under this year which is good. The part of what's driving our cost in the City is diabetes, hypertension, and prescription drugs. Proposed to the insurance committee that we bring in a company that will assess each employee's health and assist in coaching will not provide names but, bring in a program to assist with the highest concerns. Part of the high utilization of prescriptions are Insulin.

Councilwoman Gonzales, can you coach someone to not need insulin thought this was always needed

Henry Powell, trying to figure out but it appears to be an ongoing pattern. 1) why is the most expensive insulin made and prescribed to individuals 2) can we reduce the severity of the diabetes. This is where the company comes in and do the health assessments and it will be confidential have seen it in other accounts and it has helped.

Councilman DiVittorio, the most expensive brands are being prescribed but, how would the patient know this

Henry Powell, there is a protocol that Blue Cross has that allows a pharmacy vendor to try to provide a lower cost drug.

Councilwoman Gonzales, did the insurance committee agree to allow this company to come

Henry Powell, no this is just to put on your radar currently negotiating cost

Councilman Andrews, how long will the contract last for the company that will do the wellness

Henry Powell, there are different levels the health assessment and coaching is one level then will come and target that one group. Then they will come back and target the entire account. In December the City will receive a 15% refund on the premium which will cover about half of your rate increase. Asking to approve the renewal of the benefit package as well as the funding for the benny card.

Councilman Andrews, asked about the process of the benny card

Henry Powell, reviewed the steps of the benny card and what the employee is responsible for out of pocket from the benefit package that was provided.

There were no public comments

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to accept the proposed health insurance package for calendar year 2021

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

V. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor to adjourn the meeting.

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
November 23, 2020
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An Ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by Laronda Varnado to allow placement of a manufactured home to be placed on proposed lot 1 of the Ethel Varnado Estate at 202 S. Scanlan St. in accordance with survey by George D. Sullivan (Z-2020-07-00078) Zoning commission recommends approval with the following conditions: 1) this approval is with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership of Laronda Varnado, and 2) the manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards. Tracie Schillace, stated that Ms. Varnado is asking for placement for a mobile home on Scanlan Street and provided a revised survey. Asking for normal conditions for an ECU- the mobile home is just for her use and if ownership changes she must seek change of permission through Council and must meet HUD Standards. This is in District #3

There were no public comments

2. An ordinance to accept a dedication of servitude for all public utilities and infrastructure on S. Scanlan Street in accordance with survey by George D. Sullivan (SUB-2020-10-00139) Planning Commission recommends acceptance. Tracie Schillace, stated this is also Ms. Varnado property asking to accept this area as a servitude where Scanlan St. crosses Ms. Varnado's property where the City can maintain the street and any utilities within that servitude.

There were no public comments

3. An Ordinance to annex City of Hammond property being a parcel being 56.15 acres (Parcel# 20T6R80000111) located south of the Hammond Airport and Hwy 190 East, & East of W-3 (W. Selsers Canal) to be zoned S-2 and in City Council District #1 (Z-2020-09-00085) Zoning commission recommends approval. Tracie Schillace, stated this is 56 acres that recently has been cleared near the airport adjacent to the Piggly Wiggly and asking that it be annexed and zoned with the airport and place in Councilman Andrews district. This area was cleared for safety reasons for the airport and has been owned by the City for many years just not annexed. Tracie asked that the description be attached with the ordinance.

There were no public comments

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

There were no public comments



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

November 23, 2020

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Regular Session to order at 5:35pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Council:

Councilman Andrews, presentation of a plaque to Ms. Joyce Moore Family for her outstanding leadership in her Family, Church, & Community. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to continue practice social distancing.

Councilman DiVittorio, wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving and stay safe

Councilwoman Gonzales, thanked the City for the Christmas light decorations and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

2. Mayor: congratulated Councilman Andrews on his award for Citizen of the year and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

VI. Minutes

A. November 10, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the minutes of November 10, 2020.

**Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0**

B. November 17, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of November 17, 2020.

**Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0**

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution 1) accepting a \$47,580 grant from the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program to install emergency generators at Lift Stations 6 and 51; 2) approving a \$20,391 cash match from the Water & Sewer Department; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. Charles Borchers IV, stated this is a semiannually grant that's used to upgrade the lift stations. Lift station #6 is in Councilman Leon's district and Lift Station #51 is in Councilman Wells' district. The match will come from the Water & Sewer department.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews 1) accepting a \$47,580 grant from the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program to install emergency generators at Lift Stations 6 and 51; 2) approving a \$20,391 cash match from the Water & Sewer Department; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE

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

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

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to accept a dedication of servitude for all public utilities and infrastructure on S. Scanlan Street in accordance with survey by George D. Sullivan (SUB-2020-10-00139) Planning Commission recommends acceptance.

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

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

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

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

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

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

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

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an Ordinance to rezone 41.75 acres requested by Round Table Investments, LLC from RS-8 to I-L in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. located at 2100 Industrial Park Rd. (Z-2020-09-00083) Zoning Commission approved with conditions.

1. That the approved conceptual site plan, submitted by Medline at public hearing on 11-5-20 become a condition for any and all use of the property for Medline Industries and any other use in the future. These conditions include the following:

- a. 100-foot green belt be created surrounding the property on the east, west, and north side.
- b. That the green belt consists of Class A native trees and shrubberies in sufficient numbers and spaced to screen the view the building and parking on the site.
- c. Create earthen berms and a natural configuration (8-foot-high) to screen views, noise, and light pollution.
- d. Provide a 14-foot-high opaque screen/fence (consider vegetative screen) at back edge of 100-foot green belt and edge of parking areas surrounding the building.
- e. Modify site plan as necessary to maintain live oak trees and provide protective measures during construction and future activities on the site for all live oak trees within the 100-foot green belt and within the parking areas of the facility.
- f. Design a comprehensive drainage plan (500 years) that includes any water draining from adjacent properties onto this property.
- g. Design the drainage study required retention pond for a natural look and landscape the edges. Provide fountains for aerating the pond.
- h. Clean up edges of Selser Canal and provide landscaping and maintenance.
- i. Underbrush wooded areas south of canal and provide landscaping maintenance.
- j. All landscaping design to be by a licensed landscape architect in the State of Louisiana and approved by the planning staff with input from the community.
- k. No trucks to go north of entry drive on Industrial Park Road (approximately 1,000 feet south of Vineyard Road) and drive onto Vineyard Road to be gated and used for emergency use only.
- l. All site lighting of facility to be cut off type lighting directed into the property no closer to the property line than 100 feet.

2. A traffic study should be performed and all infrastructure improvement recommendations to be a part of this approval.

3. No manufacturing on the site and ethylene oxide, its analogs, and substitutes not be allowed to be used at this location.

Tracie Schillace, informed the Council that this property owner is asking to rezone from R-8 to I-L light industrial- the property is located on the corner of Industrial Park & Vinyard Road. Planning and Zoning approved with conditions listed on the agenda based on the Master Plan and FAA recommendations & Smart Growth principles. Asking to set public hearing for December 8th, 2020

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated this is an introduction not a vote to rezone at tonight's meeting. There will be more public feedback on December 8th, 2020 if this is approved to introduce.

Buck Brignac, 25 Pine Court Representing Oak Knoll Estates, presented the petition in opposition from neighbors from Oak Knoll Estates and would like this to be on record. He stated it's hard that in 2011 there is a Masterplan and its being overlooked by saying no more residential area and it should be all industrial, but residents have invested in all their property and the idea of a building of this magnitude will take up the area. This is not appropriate for this area and the Council should consider reading what your requirements are, and what your criteria is that you should be looking at to represent the citizens that live in this area.

Andrew Jackson, 18127 Lee Farm Road, VP of the Florida Parish Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, thinks this is in the best interest of the community and that it will bring good jobs to the area. There are people who need these jobs in the City of Hammond and the surrounding area. This is an industrial area and on December 8th he will be in attendance with names of individuals that will be in favor of Medline.

Michael Showers, President of the Greater Tangipahoa NAACP, Hammond has the opportunity to grow businesses, economic impact, & increase budgets - this will help families in this particular areas. He is in support of rezoning to help families and increase jobs.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated the item on the agenda is directly from Planning & Zoning. Counsel, Andre Coudrain has put together an Alternate Ordinance that incorporates some additional requirements and restrictions that's hyperlinked to the agenda.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, stated the Alternate Ordinance included the recommendations from Planning and Zoning but added additional requirements that have been previously discussed, including

- 1) Sterilization activity at this site which is prohibited at this site
- 2) \$500,000 grant given to Medline from the State and Medline turning it over to the City to be used for infrastructure improvements in this area
- 3) \$200,000 from Medline used for drainage improvements in the area
- 4) An agreement from Medline to construct a bike path on the West side of industrial park
- 5) This project must comply with all FAA, UDC, City Ordinances, & any other improvements from public agencies
- 6) Tangipahoa Parish conducts a Traffic Study

- 7) City entering into a CEA with the Parish regarding permitting
 - 8) City enters into a written agreement with the property owner
- This is all in the Alternate Ordinance and includes recommendation from Planning & Zoning - this is for introduction only, the Council can modify or deny at final adoption.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to Introduce the Alternate Ordinance to rezone 41.75 acres requested by Round Table Investments, LLC from RS-8 to I-L in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. Located at 2100 Industrial Park Road (Z-2020-09-00083).

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (N), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 3-1

Public Hearing is set for December 8th, 2020 at 5:30pm

2. Introduction of an Ordinance to annex 3 parcels owned by the City of Hammond being 11.311 acres & 13.663 acres (parcel#21T6R80000114), 17.55 acres (Parcel#21T6R80000087 & #21T6R80000113) located at the NE and South Intersection of Industrial Park Rd. and Hwy 190 East, to be Zoned S-2 (Hammond Airport District), and placed in City Council District #1 (Z-2020-09-00084) Zoning Commission recommends approval. Tracie Schillace, stated the property is at the corner of the Airport an Industrial Park on the North and South side of the Street, asking to be zoned to S-2 with the airport property this will be in Councilman Andrews District. The registers of voters and the tax assessor's has given certification there are no voters on this property.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to Introduce an Ordinance to annex 3 parcels owned by the City of Hammond being 11.311 acres & 13.663 acres (parcel#21T6R80000114), 17.55 acres (Parcel#21T6R80000087 & #21T6R80000113) located at the NE and South Intersection of Industrial Park Rd. and Hwy 190 East, to be Zoned S-2 (Hammond Airport District), and placed in City Council District #1 (Z-2020-09-00084) Zoning Commission recommends approval.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

Public Hearing is set for December 8th, 2020 at 5:30pm

3. Introduction of an Ordinance for Expanded Conditional Use requested by Bessie Hunter (owner) & Shaunta Mack (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements located at 504 E. Michigan St.; Zoned RM-2 (Z-2020-08-00080) Zoning Commission recommended approval with the following conditions: 1) This approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon change in ownership/applicant other than Bessie Hunter (Owner) or Shaunta Mack (applicant); and 2) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home. Tracie Schillace, asking for the standard conditions. The board of adjustments gave her a variance to waive the front door facing requirements and asking to set for public hearing.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to Introduce an ordinance for Expanded Conditional Use requested by Bessie Hunter (owner) & Shaunta Mack (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements located at 504 E. Michigan St.; Zoned RM-2 (Z-2020-08-00080) Zoning Commission recommended approval with the following conditions: 1) This approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon change in ownership/applicant other than Bessie Hunter (Owner) or Shaunta Mack (applicant); and 2) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

Public Hearing is set for December 8th, 2020 at 5:30pm

4. Introduction of an Ordinance for Expanded Conditional Use request by Rosiland Pines (owner) & Constance Pines (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on proposed lot C located at 810-C Natchez St.; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2020-09-00082) Zoning Commission recommends approval with the following conditions: 1) Provide a survey creating Lot C for placement of new manufactured home as presented; and 2) This approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon change in ownership/applicant other than Rosiland Pines (Owner) or Constance Pines (applicant); and 3) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home. Tracie Schillace, stated this has an additional condition for a mobile home the owner was asked to provide a survey she didn't want to do this until she was approved due to cost of the survey. Mr. Bodin did sketch out what is proposed on her survey and the board agreed she can provide the survey after approval and is asking to set for public hearing.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to Introduce an ordinance for Expanded Conditional Use request by Rosiland Pines (owner) & Constance Pines (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on proposed lot C located at 810-C Natchez St.; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2020-09-00082) Zoning Commission recommends approval with the following conditions: 1) Provide a survey creating Lot C for placement of new manufactured home as presented; and 2)

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Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned.

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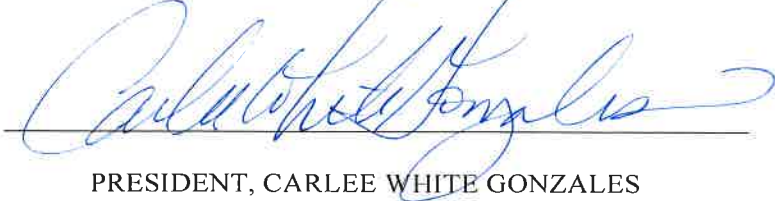
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Councilman Devon Wells

Councilman Kip Andrews

Councilman Steve Leon

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City Attorney, Andre Coudrain



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
December 08, 2020
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm.

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance to rezone 41.75 acres requested by Round Table Investments, LLC from RS-8 to I-L in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. located at 2100 Industrial Park Rd. (Z-2020-09-00083).

Tracie Schillace presented the Planning & Zoning recommendation with conditions. This property was annexed into the City in 1998 it was zoned as the default zoning at that time when you didn't designate a zoning for a piece of property annexed- the City Ordinance allowed for you to just default zoning to the zoning that it is today. Industrial Park Road was developed around 1984 because of an Urban Development Action Grant. Planning Commission approved a conceptual site plan for the proposed developed and added conditions such as lighting, buffers, 500 yr., draining design, and no traffic to exit on Vineyard except for emergency vehicles. The Zoning Commission has the responsibility of making a recommendations per LA State Statues and the Unified Development Code, and the Commission must forward that recommendation to the City Council. The Commission not only considers local codes, but State and Federal regulations/policies when making their recommendation. They also based their decision on the Masterplan and the FAA both discourage residential development near the airport. According to FAA local governments can impose restrictions and the Masterplan consultant said residential use is discouraged.

Will Frederick, 975 Oak Hollow Drive, supports the Medline project. Stated he's impressed with the culture of this Company and feels their presence in our Community will be a significant win. He stated his fears have been alleviated by understanding what Medline is proposing and seeing how they responded to neighborhood concerns.

Councilman Devon Wells entered the meeting

Will Frederick (continued) any negative impact will be more than outweighed by the great good that Medline will bring to the community. He supports this site because he believes the next most logical occupant of this site would be a large tract home subdivision that would only have to meet the bare minimum requirements. This is the best alternative for the property.

Bonnie Eades, Executive Director with the Northshore Business Council, a private business organization consisting of 62 members that are CEOs and community leaders throughout the region. They are in support of the Medline project. This will create substantial positive business impact and job opportunities.

Bob Ellis, represents neighborhoods. They are against this development because it has not been thought out. There has not been a traffic study or drainage study done. This would be considered spot zoning. His clients are not against development only against reckless development.

Carol McAllister, 522 Oak Hollow Drive, the drainage impact study has not been completed. The only study on flooding that Medline has done is looking at soil samples - they have not done the drainage impact study. There are dangers to health and life that this distribution center will place upon the neighbors. The retention ponds are dangerous for health and why are we placing them in a heavily residential area she is not against jobs, she is against health dangers. Stated the other health concern is diesel exhaust fumes that are dangerous - these are all real health dangers.

Councilman Devon Wells stated his concern is the amount of people that are in Chambers now. Why do we have so many people in this meeting? This needs to be addressed for health reasons and precautions for the amount of people in this meeting.

****Several individuals volunteered to leave the meeting.

Councilman DiVittorio asked about spot zoning in the diagram that Mr. Ellis brought up.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney stated he has not studied the diagram but there are properties along Industrial Park Road that are zoned commercial.

Sam DiVittorio, asked are we able to add the drainage and traffic study to the permit

Tracie Schillace, this is a requirement in the permitting process

Councilwoman Gonzales, the map includes Parish property where the Parish property does not have zoning at all. This will be a good idea for residents to push for Parish zoning.

Jim Batty, 416 Pine Crest Drive, his concern is having a way to get out of his neighborhood and ask that you ban them from traveling on Vineyard so residents could get in and out of their subdivision.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated there is a condition concerning travel on Vineyard

Buck Brignac, 25 Pine Court, the Council's job is to protect the Citizens in the neighborhoods and make sure the existing neighborhoods stand. Zoning must be consistent with area's designated context this area has homes in this area and take us the citizens in consideration. This project is not the best opportunity for this property and citizens moved there for quality of life. This is a wonderful neighborhood remember the voters who voted for you put you in to protect the quality of life.

Bryan Thresher, asked about the safety of the meeting

Councilman Wells still feel it's unsafe with the amount of people in here this building is too small for amount of people at the meeting.

Bryan Thresher, if your colleague agrees you should make a motion to adjourn

Councilman Wells suggests the meeting be held where the special meeting took place so everyone would have room.

Steve Heiser, 156 Oak Hollow Drive, concerned about the funding responsibility of the City for ongoing cost to the City with this project.

Lacy Landrum, the city is not funding anything for Medline - there are funds available for infrastructure improvements that may be available. Looking for grants and funds from Medline.

Steve Heiser, will the budget be changed

Lacy Landrum, there are funds available in the budget because the City is ahead \$1.5 million ahead in terms of sales tax.

Steve Heiser, where will money come from and when will it be available

Lacy Landrum, not sure at this point because the Traffic Study has not been completed until we know for sure if this is approved.

Steve Heiser, do you understand the impact on infrastructure if the City approves

Tracie Schillace, this has to be addressed with their construction plan this is part of the approval process

Steve Heiser, who will maintain the lift stations that need extra maintenance

Tracie Schillace, there are lift stations privately owned all over the City that if this is needed for Medline then Medline will have to occur the cost for a lift station.

Lacy Landrum, the City is not at full capacity at the Sewer treatment plants

Steve Heiser, concerned about traffic W. of Vineyard road not E. and who will enforce these guidelines, and the penalties.

Andre Coudrain, there is a process in place for enforcement and each one is different - the problematic one would be enforcement of the traffic condition.

Andrew Jackson, represent Florida Parish Ministerial Alliance and they are in support of the Medline project. The employment rate is high in this area and jobs are needed and Medline could provide jobs for families.

Councilman Wells, Medline can't save the Parish or City

Andrew Jackson, Medline will pay a living wage

Councilman Wells, there is nothing against Medline - the City or the Parish don't pay living wages

Andrew Jackson, I'm expecting Medline to do what they said they will do

Rick Sedberry, 17317 Churchill Drive, on behalf of the Greater Hammond Chamber of Commerce – they support the rezoning - this project will attract businesses with good paying jobs.

Greg Drude, 111 North Oak St., if this doesn't get developed commercially it will get developed residential. Track home subdivision would be just as much traffic as this without the improvements Medline has committed to and he is in support of rezoning.

Nick Latino, 36466 Shadow Lane, Director of Operations for Medline and been there for over 11yrs., Medline will build a State-of-the-art facility - its impact to the locally economy, businesses, and families with much need jobs will make this a once in a lifetime opportunity for the community. Since being with Medline he has seen firsthand the phenomenal growth and many partnerships they make with the community in regards to support and positive impact to local businesses. Medline has addressed issues and concerns and thanks for the support by public officials.

Elliot McCoy, 521 Hughesman Lane, oldest member who works for Medline -it's an honor and pleasure to work for a company that is true to their word. This company will support the City of Hammond not just now but in the future. This will have a positive economic impact in the area.

Joe Mier, 906 CM Fagan Drive, represents Northshore Homebuilders Association and they are in support of the ordinance. Medline has been a good neighbor in St. Tammany and will be a good neighbor in Tangipahoa.

Mary Vasser, 41217 North Hoover Road, has been with Medline over 1 yr., and they take care of employees. Truck drivers will not be spending time at the facility like they will be at the truck stops.

Debra McQueen, 1002 Magazine Street, asked about the time allowed to speak and will we talk about Medline all night. Hope she will be allowed to go over time, and there should be a separate meeting for Medline.

Councilwoman Gonzales, there were multiple meetings held for Medline – she is required by law to allow everyone to speak.

Jamie Vaccorro, 47093 Oak Creek Trace, does Hammond have a neighborhood with this size of project that's backed up to it

Councilwoman Gonzales, not aware of it

Jamie Vaccorro, would residential subdivisions require planning and zoning approval.

Tracie Schillace, Planning and Zoning currently allows 227 homes as currently zoned (41 acres)

Elderick Palmer Jr., 18287 Sharon Drive, Employee of Medline stated Medline is a class A Company and a great place to work. Neighborhoods should not fear Medline – it does not and will not be a trashy business. Medline wants to be a part of Hammond.

There were no other public comments

2. An Ordinance to annex 3 parcels owned by the City of Hammond being 11.311 acres & 13.663 acres (parcel#21T6R80000114), 17.55 acres (Parcel#21T6R80000087 & #21T6R80000113) located at the NE and South Intersection of Industrial Park Rd. and Hwy 190 East, to be Zoned S-2 (Hammond Airport District) and placed in City Council District #1 (Z-2020-09-00084) Zoning Commission recommends approval. Tracie Schillace stated these are 3 parcels owned by the City Of Hammond adjacent to the airport - asking for the zoning to be S-2 and placed in Council 1 District.

Councilman Andrews, is this for Airport Zoning

Tracie Schillace, yes, anything S-2 is the Airport

Joyce Martinez, 19242 Country Club Lane, lives directly across from the Airport and has no problem with the Airport - lived there 15 years. Why do the trees have to be cut?

David Lobue, trees have grown, and it impacts air traffic. The majority of trees will come down for safety. The City will only take out the trees that has to be taken out according to the FAA and the State and State mandate. This won't increase air traffic but will be safer.

Mayor, Southeast runway has been displaced by 700 feet because you cannot land because the trees are so high. Stated he thinks a minimum of 10ft buffer, better or maybe more- he has had conversation with FAA and will continue the fence line on the property.

Brent Ridder, 19254 Country Club Lane, has the City decided on what type of fence will be put on the Northeast side corner of Hwy., 190 and Industrial Park after the trees are cut?

Mayor, same type fence that you see around the Airport.

There were no other comments

3. An Ordinance for Expanded Conditional Use requested by Bessie Hunter (owner) & Shaunta Mack (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements located at 504 E. Michigan St.; Zoned RM-2 (Z-2020-08-00080) Zoning Commission recommended approval with the following conditions: 1) This approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon change in ownership/applicant other than Bessie Hunter (Owner) or Shaunta Mack (applicant); and 2) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home. Tracie Schillace, asking for expanded conditional use for Ms. Hunter - the Board of Adjustment has given variance to the front facing door due to her property being short and along the street and must meet all regular requirements.

There were no public comments

4. An Ordinance for Expanded Conditional Use request by Rosiland Pines (owner) & Constance Pines (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on proposed lot C located at 810-C Natchez St.; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2020-09-00082) Zoning Commission recommends approval with the following conditions: 1) Provide a survey creating Lot C for placement of new manufactured home as presented; and 2) This approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon change in ownership/applicant other than Rosiland Pines (Owner) or Constance Pines (applicant); and 3) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home.

Tracie Schillace, stated this is a placement of a mobile home. Ms. Pines was given a condition to provide a survey based on the board approval. Once Ms. Pines receive her permit a survey is required to create a lot for the mobile home and she's committed to present a survey. There is a sketch showing what she proposed and she must meet all requirements for a mobile home

There were no public comments



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

December 08, 2020

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called regular session to order @ 6:50pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. **Council: Councilman Andrews**, recognized Jeff Petkevicius with United By BBQ, 20300 Thermwood Drive, this is a local disaster relief organization. Our mission is BBQ comforts the soul and we engage into the community. We bring BBQ in times of need.

Councilman Andrews, stated Dec., 31st in MLK Park they will feed the neighborhood and more information will be given later.

Councilman Leon, stated tax bills that went out are not broken down what's City and what is Parish and hopes this will be rectified

Mayor, it has been rectified- the City team uped with the Parish and Ponchatoula and now the tax bill will be one bill - it will be larger but it includes the City & Parish into one bill and the Sheriff's Office will be accepting payments.

Councilman Leon, it does not break down the City & Parish portions

Lacy Landrum, a postcard will be mailed out to all City residents who are taxpayers as a notification.

Councilman DiVittorio stated he received the same calls regarding the taxes. He thanked everyone for calls, text messages, prayers, Facebook messages, on the condolences on the loss of his father. Also, in the Rosewood area there has been an increase in crime and would like more patrolling in this area.

Chief Bergeron stated he placed more Officers on the street and made 6 arrests in the Rosewood area and recovered 3 firearms and narcotics. Over the past week HPD has recovered 22 guns in the area and made 75 arrests.

Councilman DiVittorio would like more continued police presence in the area to deter crime.

Councilman Andrews, asked for any feedback on Wilbert Dangerfield Drive

Chief Bergeron, yes – it was received and passed on to the respective division

Councilman Wells, stated shootings in Mooney Park has gotten way out of hand. He asked for a police unit to sit in Mooney Park, since then Officer Cruz came into the area and she arrested a guy on a stolen motorcycle with firearms, & drugs. Then Officer Hoover and two others were in the park- if a police presence is there these shootings will not happen. Councilman Wells stated he is concerned about his district and the problems that are reoccurring.

Councilman Wells, Council voted on a Stop Sign on Washington Ave., & Louisa West and the Stop sign is not up. We voted on a Stop sign but, I still cannot get it put up. The community asked for a Stop Sign not me and it's still not up.

Mayor, we went out there and talked to the neighbors - it was an issue of seeing the site when you got to the stop sign. The trees were cut back because they were hanging into the streets and Stop Signs are placed where there are accidents, and it has only been one accident in the area.

Councilman Wells, we cannot wait for someone to get hurt or killed.

Mayor went out and inspected 200 yards from Old Covington the issue was addressed the issue was of viewing and not being able to see down Washington and it was cleared out. Mooney Park has been patrolled and it's random around the City.

Councilwoman Gonzales, on Thursday there will be Townhall meeting on crime at 5:30pm in Council Chambers.

2. **Mayor**: please spend locally and the Hammond Art Center has large amounts of art on display that could be special gifts for family. Take your family out to see the lights they are beautiful in Zemurray Park.

VI. Minutes

A. November 23, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of November 23, 2020.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **A resolution to approve Budget Change Form 21-04 to combine projects for lift station improvements, specifically transferring \$560,230.25 from Sewer System Infiltration & Inflow (project 31401) to Lift Station Upgrades (project 11902).** Lacy Landrum, stated this was a revolving loan fund to accommodate other sewer projects. This is moving the remaining funds into the lift station upgrade project which is all the capital outlay that has been approved. This is a full upgrade of lift stations in Oak Hollow district #1, Minnesota Park at Magnolia district #3, Chevron lift station at Morris Road district #1, Blackburn & Lawrence district #4, and add a grinder to the Phoenix Square district #3.

Councilman Wells asked what is budgeted

Lacy Landrum, money was spent on the design work and other expenses- trying to close out the old projects to put into this project where funds are needed.

Kenneth & Georgia Mae Traganno, 1011 Vernado Street, stated she lived at her home for 50yrs., had sewer problems and Mrs. Traganno stated she is embarrassed when company comes because feces was in the tub and was unable to use the toilet and it can't even be flushed. Stated someone needs to fix this problem and it happens when it rains.

Mayor, stated fiber optic companies comes through and they hit lines and the City needs to go out and be sure a Sewer line is not broken.

Kenneth Traganno stated this has been a problem for years. This is unhealthy and we continue filing complaints after complaints and paying plumbers and one plumber stated the pipes out in the streets are bad. There are problems in this area with Sewer.

Councilman Wells, stated every time there is a problem he comes to her home and Mrs. Traganno is unpleased with this reoccurring problems. Thanked the Mayor and hopes he gets someone out to take care of this matter.

Councilman DiVittorio, are there any studies on infrastructure

Lacy Landrum, each year the Council appropriates money for SSES and the worst locations are taken first.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve Budget Change Form 21-04 to combine projects for lift station improvements, specifically transferring \$560,230.25 from Sewer System Infiltration & Inflow (project 31401) to Lift Station Upgrades (project 11902).

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

2. **A resolution to ratify and award bids received 11/25/2020 for "Lift Station Improvements" (Project# 616-11902).** Lacy Landrum, recommend awarding the bid to the lowest bidder Mitchell Contracting, Inc. for the amount of \$565,754.00.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to ratify and award bids received 11/25/2020 for "Lift Station Improvements" (Project# 616-11902).

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

3. **A resolution 1) accepting a \$7,500 grant from the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors for the preservation and restoration of the interior of the Miller Memorial Library, a designated historic structure; 2) approving a cash match of \$7,500 from the Grant Match Fund; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.** Charles Borchers IV, stated they are looking at redoing the flooring and addressing issues with the ceiling.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon 1) accepting a \$7,500 grant from the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors for the preservation and restoration of the interior of the Miller Memorial Library, a designated historic structure; 2) approving a cash match of \$7,500 from the Grant Match Fund; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

4. A resolution 1) accepting 15,000 grant from the Let's Play Community Construction Grant Program for a new playground in Cate Square Park; 2) approving a cash match of \$24,000 from the Grant Match Fund; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. Charles Borchers IV, stated the grant was awarded and the Match will come from the grant match fund and will reach out to the public to receive input for how to spend money.

Councilman Wells, did you use the City of Hammond or Cate Square Park to receive the grant

Charles Borchers, the applicant is the City of Hammond and playground is specifically Cate Square Park

Councilman Wells, would like to know how much funds are left in the grant department because he's still having issues in Mooney Park.

Charles Borchers, Mooney Park has a \$250,000 grant with a \$250,000 match from the City under review. It is in the 2nd phase of approval and chances are high to get the grant.

Councilman Wells, Mooney Park is still lacking and whatever he could get for the park he would love to have it.

Charles Borchers, this program requires a \$24,000 match

Mayor, the City is ready to start bathrooms in Mooney Park

Charles Borchers, stated the last improvements in Mooney Park was 2010

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) accepting 15,000 grant from the Let's Play Community Construction Grant Program for a new playground in Cate Square Park; 2) approving a cash match of \$24,000 from the Grant Match Fund; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. .

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

5. A resolution to purchase thirty-six (36) bus stop benches from Victor Stanley, Inc. for \$28,918.80 using funds from Bus Stops Improvements Project 31709. Charles Borchers IV, stated a year ago the City received a donation from the Hammond Tangipahoa Home Mortgage Authority and he has been trying to leverage these funds. Victor Stanley is the lowest bidder in the amount of \$28,918.80.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked what is the total

Charles Borchers, \$28, 918.80

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the amount of donation

Charles Borchers, \$40,000 was the donation with fund left over

Councilman Wells, how many benches are in district #3

Charles Borchers, will have to look at the map

Councilman Wells, are the buses rolling now

Charles Borchers, does not think so - maybe doing on demand services.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to purchase thirty-six (36) bus stop benches from Victor Stanley, Inc. for \$28,918.80 using funds from Bus Stops Improvements Project 31709.

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

6. A resolution supporting the submission of a grant application for up to \$50,000 to the Local Government Assistance Program for renovations to the City's Maintenance Facility. Charles Borchers IV, stated there are some issues at our 190 facility that this grant will assist with improvements.

Councilman Leon, is there a Match

Charles Borchers, there is no Match

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells supporting the submission of a grant application for up to \$50,000 to the Local Government Assistance Program for renovations to the City's Maintenance Facility.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to rezone 41.75 acres requested by Round Table Investments, LLC from RS-8 to I-L in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. located at 2100 Industrial Park Rd. (Z-2020-09-00083).

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated she received so many comments, questions, letters of support & Opposition. This has been a big topic in our community and feels her vote is what is in the best interest of the City and also what her constituents of district #2 has asked of her and her constituents are in favor. She stated she has reviewed the Masterplan and looked at the requirements for rezoning and with the FAA guidelines and Masterplan principles and other considerations that this is a proper rezoning.

Councilman Leon, stated his constituents of district #4 are in favor of the rezoning and what it would do long term for the City of Hammond

Councilman Wells, asked about the property that Dr. Gonzales purchased on Morris and Vineyard and how long he has been knowing about the Medline project?

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated she sent an email to the Council that clearly outlined all the information

Ryan Gonzales, 905 W. Dakota Street, stated he made an offer on the property before Covington voted on Medline.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated husband signed a purchase agreement on August 6, 2020, accepted by the sellers on August 10, 2020, and provided for a purchase closing date on October 9, 2020 - this was the date of closing, also as the attorney she incorporated 2 businesses for him on August 11 & 14, 2020. Then on September 2, 2020 she learned about Medline project and they did close on the property.

Councilman Andrews, stated he has taken a lot of phone calls, emails, and personal meetings and setting up Townhalls and he's representing his constituents.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he took all calls throughout the process and slowed down and tried to provide for this area. He met with Dmitry to speak about the drainage improvements and he was all on board to contribute. He also asked Medline to consider the Traffic Study and wanted a CEA agreement with the Parish to make sure nothing is looked over to have more eyes on this project and make sure the resident's issues are addressed.

Councilman Wells, represents District #3 stated he knows Mr. CC has retired - do we have anyone else in his place that's qualified to take on this project.

Mayor, stated Keith is licensed and has his certification as a building official

Lacy Landrum, this is why we also have the CEA with the Parish to assist

Councilman Wells, thanked Councilman DiVittorio for his work on this project.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the introduced ordinance with the restricted conditional uses below to rezone 41.75 acres requested by Round Table Investments, LLC from RS-8 to I-L in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. located at 2100 Industrial Park Rd. (Z-2020-09-00083) as follows:

1. Only distribution is allowed on the property. There shall be no manufacturing or sterilization activities on this property, including the use of ethylene oxide, its analogs and substitutes, which are prohibited.
2. All ingress/egress to and from the property shall be on Industrial Park Rd only, except for emergencies. The property must be developed to allow delivery vehicles and vehicles used in distribution to be staged on the property and not on public streets.

3. Freight vehicles shall not be allowed to travel east of Industrial Park Rd on Vinyard Rd, except for emergencies. Industrial Park Rd shall be the primary route of travel to and from the property.
4. There shall be not less than a one hundred foot (100') buffer/green belt from the edge of parking to public streets.
5. The property owner shall install fourteen foot (14') opaque screen/fencing and eight foot (8') berms along the exterior of the property at the edge of the buffer/green belt to mitigate noise and sight in connection with any development of the property. The berms shall be constructed to avoid any negative drainage impacts, such as damming.
6. In order to mitigate the effects to drainage, the drainage plan on the property must meet or exceed the 500-year floodplain requirements and shall allow for drainage from the adjoining properties that naturally flow to this property onto this property or onto the adjoining 17 acre property of the property owner.
7. The property owner shall direct their state grant of \$500,000.00 to the City for infrastructure improvements in the area to mitigate the effects of the development. The \$500,000.00 amount shall be paid to the City upon receipt of the grant.
8. The property owner shall contribute \$200,000.00 to the City for the Vinyard Rd/Oak Creek/Oak Ridge drainage improvement project listed in the City's Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan. This contribution shall be made in conjunction with the issuance of a building permit.
9. All lighting on the property shall be shrouded or cut off type, directed away from Vinyard Rd, Industrial Park Rd and neighboring properties, and no closer than one hundred feet (100') from the property line to mitigate the effects to the surrounding properties.
10. The property owner shall construct a ten-foot-wide (10') bike path on the west side of Industrial Park Rd from Vinyard Rd to Shelton Rd.
11. The site plan and any building permit for the property shall include all of the above and the following, as a minimum:
 - a. All landscaping is to be designed by a landscape architect licensed in the State of Louisiana and approved by the City planning staff with input from the community.
 - b. Create a buffer/green belt consisting of Class A native trees and shrubberies in sufficient numbers and spacing to screen views of the building and onsite parking.
 - c. Maintain as many live oak trees as possible with consideration of the property development and provide protective measures during construction and future activities on the site for as many live oak trees as possible within the buffer/green belt.
 - d. Design the retention pond for a natural look and landscape its edges to prevent erosion. Provide fountains for aerating the pond.
 - e. Clean up the edges of Selser Canal and provide landscaping maintenance.
 - f. Underbrush wooded areas south of the canal and provide landscaping maintenance.

The foregoing conditions shall apply to all development and redevelopment of the property and shall bind all current and future owners of the property. The property shall also be in compliance with all other requirements of the Unified Development Code, Ordinances and Federal Aviation Administration rules and receive required approvals from other public agencies as applicable.

To mitigate any negative traffic impacts, the Tangipahoa Parish Government and City, in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, will perform a traffic study. All recommendations will be considered to determine the best construction improvements and sources of funding.

As a matter of public policy assistance, support, and cooperation, the Mayor shall enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Tangipahoa Parish Government to receive assistance from the Parish regarding the review, evaluation, enforcement, and other related issues regarding permitting, enforcement, and compliance with all zoning, building, restricted conditional use requirements, and other related matters in regard to the property. Such agreement shall be signed prior to the issuance of any construction or building permit on the property.

The Mayor shall enter into a written agreement with the property owner and any operator setting forth terms of development which shall include all of the foregoing and such matters as the Mayor deems appropriate and necessary in the public interest. Such agreement shall be signed at or prior to the issuance of any construction or building permit.

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

2. Final adoption of ordinance to annex 3 parcels owned by the City of Hammond being 11.311 acres & 13.663 acres (parcel#21T6R80000114), 17.55 acres (Parcel#21T6R80000087 & #21T6R80000113) located at the NE and South Intersection of Industrial Park Rd. and Hwy 190 East, to be Zoned S-2 (Hammond Airport District), and placed in City Council District #1 (Z-2020-09-00084) Zoning Commission recommends approval.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to adopt an ordinance to annex 3 parcels owned by the City of Hammond being 11.311 acres & 13.663 acres (parcel#21T6R80000114), 17.55 acres (Parcel#21T6R80000087 & #21T6R80000113) located at the NE and South Intersection of Industrial Park Rd. and Hwy 190 East, to be Zoned S-2 (Hammond Airport District), and placed in City Council District #1 (Z-2020-09-00084) Zoning Commission recommends approval.

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance for Expanded Conditional Use requested by Bessie Hunter (owner) & Shaunta Mack (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements located at 504 E. Michigan St.; Zoned RM-2 (Z-2020-08-00080) Zoning Commission recommended approval with the following conditions: 1) This approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon change in ownership/applicant other than Bessie Hunter (Owner) or Shaunta Mack (applicant); and 2) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to adopt ordinance for Expanded Conditional Use requested by Bessie Hunter (owner) & Shaunta Mack (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements located at 504 E. Michigan St.; Zoned RM-2 (Z-2020-08-00080) Zoning Commission recommended approval with the following conditions: 1) This approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon change in ownership/applicant other than Bessie Hunter (Owner) or Shaunta Mack (applicant); and 2) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home.

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

4. Final adoption of an ordinance for Expanded Conditional Use request by Rosiland Pines (owner) & Constance Pines (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on proposed lot C located at 810-C Natchez St.; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2020-09-00082) Zoning Commission recommends approval with the following conditions: 1) Provide a survey creating Lot C for placement of new manufactured home as presented; and 2) This approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon change in ownership/applicant other than Rosiland Pines (Owner) or Constance Pines (applicant); and 3) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to adopt an ordinance for Expanded Conditional Use request by Rosiland Pines (owner) & Constance Pines (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on proposed lot C located at 810-C Natchez St.; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2020-09-00082) Zoning Commission recommends approval with the following conditions: 1) Provide a survey creating Lot C for placement of new manufactured home as presented; and 2) This approval shall be with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon change in ownership/applicant other than Rosiland Pines (Owner) or Constance Pines (applicant); and 3) Must meet all placement requirements for a manufactured home.

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an Ordinance to rezone property located at 807 E. Church Street currently zoned as RM-2 Expanded Conditional Use to allow prepared food to MX-C request by Anthony Perkins (Z-2020-07-00079). Tracie Schillace, stated this property currently has a conditional use - the existing use is RM-2 and he's asking to rezone to MX-C he has signatures that are in the packet.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to introduce an ordinance to rezone property located at 807 E. Church Street currently zoned as RM-2 Expanded Conditional Use to allow prepared food to MX-C request by Anthony Perkins (Z-2020-07-00079).

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

Public Hearing is set for December 22, 2020 at 5:30pm

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I TONIA BANKS, CLERK OF COUNCIL DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING
IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECITATION OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD **December 8, 2020**
BEING 10 PAGES IN LENGTH

TONIA BANKS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, CARLEE WHITE GONZALES
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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Hammond City Council Members

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

City Council Clerk, Tonia Banks
City Attorney, Andre Coudrain



HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
December 22, 2020
5:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An Ordinance to rezone property located at 807 E. Church Street currently zoned as RM-2 Expanded Conditional Use to allow prepared food to MX-C request by Anthony Perkins (Z-2020-07-00079).

Tracie Schillace, stated this property is located on E. Church Street its currently a drive thru restaurant and several years ago asked to be rezoned from RM-2 to Expanded Conditional Use to sell packaged food as the business expanded he wanted to cook food an asked to change the Expanded Conditional Use allowing cooked and prepared food. Mr. Perkins is asking to rezone to MX-C.

Councilwoman Gonzales, does MX-C allow all restaurants

Tracie Schillace, yes, it allows for duplexes, modular without chassis, apartments, all restaurants, all retail sales, and all self-storage under the UDC. This is located in Councilman Andrews District.

Owner Present: Anthony Perkins, 807 & 809 E. Church Street Hammond 70401

There were no Public Comments



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

**December 22, 2020
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales, called Regular Session to order at 5:50pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Council:

Councilman Andrews, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Asking everyone to continue practicing social distancing and washing hands and don't lose focus on what this season is all about. On December 31, 2020 in MLK Park will be feeding the community and anyone who would like to volunteer their services your welcome to email him and he will give more additional information on that day. He informed Chief Bergeron that they have started back with the dirt bikes in the neighborhood and will provide the information to him.

Councilman Leon, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Asking everyone to be aware of your surroundings due to crimes that have been taking place in District 5. Be aware when you're out shopping and out.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the nonprofit process due to budget coming up

Mayor, nonprofits can ask for funds but, it's up to the Council to decide and the process is to come to the administration to provide to the Council

Lacy Landrum, the Council was to create a process and there is an application form but in terms of the money is up to the Council.

Councilman DiVittorio, on demolitions have any been issued? Asked about the property on Linden and Coleman have we found out who is the owner?

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, stated he will check on it

Councilman DiVittorio, wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Councilman Wells, asked about a home in his district that has been demolished and would like to know the process, what took place, who was the contractor, and how much was it? The location is George Perkins Sr. Street.

Councilman DiVittorio, is Jana handling demolitions or Bobby

Lacy Landrum, it's moving now to purchasing

Councilman Wells, it was issued and the contractor won the contract but City rebid it out and removed the contract from the contractor because there were issues on how to handle the bid process and then we put in place new guidelines that purchasing will be handling demolitions.

Andre Coudrain, there were bids that went out then there was a challenge to the bids because of the process. The gentlemen who made the challenge stepped back a bit. Andre stated he had discussion with the building department and the question became is it fair to honor other low bids that had the same time after discussion to go back with the low bid. Stated he will go back and check the information.

Councilman DiVittorio, is there a different bidding agreement

Andre Coudrain, yes going forward entirely a new process that will be going through the Purchasing Department. Stated will check into the information for clarity.

Councilman Wells, the home on George Perkins Sr. still looks the same but will follow up on this demolition. Councilman Wells, asked about the Sewer issue on Vernado Lane?

Mayor, actually have a bid opening coming up and have done work and will do some videoing of the area

Guy Palermo, stated he meet with Mrs. Georgia and replaced her Sewer lines from her clean out all the way to the main line back in July of last year. The main line was checked nothing was blocked all the way from Mississippi Canal to Mooney. Since repairs were done in August on Mooney and Mississippi there has been less overflow to the manholes and there have been no reports.

Councilman Wells, the overflow on Mississippi Street I've move forward with DEQ and you have not reported overflows on Mississippi Street spoke with Lacy to receive the after hour number for the Police Department I have reports through the after hour number and I have pictures I've been in contact with DEQ and this problem will be solved the beginning of next year. Also, on Mississippi Street see the truck came out to clean the manhole but, everything was left on the street that came out of the manhole. Asked Guy Palermo to check the area to make sure it's clean from the debris.

Guy Palermo, will go to check the area

Councilman Wells, asked about Stop sign on Washington Ave. & Louisa West

Mayor, nothing will be done we went to the area cleared trees and talked to the residents. There is clear vision when you get to the signs there was 1 accident in 10 years.

Councilman Wells, next year 2021 there will be a resident that will attend Council meeting that had an accident in this area but, did not report it due to the individual not being insured.

Councilman Wells, wished everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, & Happy New Year's. Stated his family is present but they will not have a Merry Christmas or Happy New Year's the reason his nephew is still missing and Christmas will make 100 days. The issues were having are between the Sheriff Office and Hammond Police Department and he's missing out of Councilman DiVittorio District. We have a human being been missing imagine what this family has to go through. Stated he called Lacy to receive the report of the hours the detectives work on the case.

Crystal Jackson, 43200 N. Baham Lane, Hammond, the Sheriff Department appeared as if they were going to proceed in her brothers case and do everything that was in their power to find out what happened to him. Ms. Jackson stated her family is not in a good place and her brother has been missing since Labor Day September 7th, 2020 and there has been phone calls made, different community members speaking with Sheriff, Lieutenants, and detectives on the family behalf's. Stated she's contacted the newspaper, radio station and anyone could assist her she has reached out. Stated she realize this is not TV but, after 3 months she expects someone should be able to inform her what's going on but nothing has happened. She stated she was supposed to meet with a Lieutenant Jacob Swaybel and he has cancelled twice. There is a concern of this community for someone just to come up missing and nothing to be done it was on TV once, and ran through crime stoppers twice and this was it. Stated TPSO is here and Hammond Police Department here in our community and nothing has been done about this and yes Councilman Wells requested information from HPD it looked like a whole lot of nothing and she's very emotional stated her brother lived in Hammond Louisiana in Lakewood Subdivision off of Old Baton Rouge Highway. She needs help and her mother needs peace.

Councilman Wells, when millage comes up it's voted on and we need help. Stated he votes on everything for everybody and yet there is an issue. No it's no one else problem because no one is missing out of your family. This is a City and Parish problem that keeps being bypassed stated he's tired and he ask for his constituents of things that's needed in his district anything Mooney Ave., needs he's asking every department head knows him because he's been calling before he was a City Councilman and we have to do better. Stated he's asking for his constituents what's needed and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Councilwoman Gonzales, wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

2. Mayor: Ms. Crystal my prayers goes out to you and your family. Asked Chief to come up and give process. No one wants to have someone missing everyone would love closure especially the family and we do not compare this to any animal this is a human being. Stated his prayers go out to the family. Mayor, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and go out to see the lights & the town, shop local and be safe.

Councilman Wells left the meeting

VI. Minutes:

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated there is an amendment to the Minutes of December 8, 2020 requested by Councilman Wells

Andre Coudrain, Councilman Wells asked that the minutes include a dialogue with the issue on the Sewer on Mississippi Street and a review of the video captured the following dialogue.

DW: you are asking for money for sewer improvements and there is a problem with sewer coming out of the manhole cover on Mississippi St.

LL: believes the manhole covers have been secured

DW: he has pictures. The City needs to find a way to keep the manhole down and fix the sewer problems. He needs help in his area.

LL: the City will look at it

A. December 8, 2020: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to amend the minutes of December 8, 2020 to add the following dialogue.

DW: you are asking for money for sewer improvements and there is a problem with sewer coming out of the manhole cover on Mississippi St.

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LL: the City will look at it

**Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved to Amend 4-0**

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of December 8, 2020 as amended.

**Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0**

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution approving the holding of an election in the Hammond Downtown Development District, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 24, 2021 to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein. Brennan Black, with Foley & Judell law firm is assisting the DDD with this election. This is an approval required by the authorizing legislation.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked this is the residents who live in this district that gets to vote on this

Brennan Black, that's correct

Janice Carter Beard, 806 Natchez Street asked with this tax only the district gets to vote on it and who's paying the taxes.

Brennan Black, it's a property tax not a sales tax only people who live vote and property owners with properties within the DDD pay the tax

Councilman DiVittorio, is this a renewal

Brennan Black's, yes this is a renewal expiring in 2023 and it's not increasing

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio approving the holding of an election in the Hammond Downtown Development District, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 24, 2021 to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

**Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0**

2. A resolution to purchase Fifty (50) Dell Latitude Laptops from Dell in the amount of \$40,457.50 (State Contract #4400002525). Jana Thurman, stated the laptops will be for Patrol Officers and they will replace broken ones and upgrade the current ones that are outdated. This is the low quote.

Councilwoman Gonzales, what happens to the old ones?

Chief Edwin Bergeron, the last order that was purchased was in 2014 and there are 23 that are from 2009. The Computers are crashing and need this to move forward IT is assisting with the malfunctions of the current computers. There are 32 from 2014 out of these 11 are non-functional and 23 purchased in 2009.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to purchase Fifty (50) Dell Latitude Laptops from Dell in the amount of \$40,457.50 (State Contract #4400002525).

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

3. A resolution to approve the appointment of Evan Singer, representing the Largest Assessed Property Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. Chelsea Tallo, stated Evan Singer is replacing Eric Dosch. Evan lives downtown and has background in real estate and works at First Guaranty Bank.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the appointment of Evan Singer, representing the Largest Assessed Property Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

4. A resolution to approve the appointment of John Daniel Guerin, representing the Largest Assessed Property Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. Chelsea Tallo, stated this is a reappointment and John is the current Chairman.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon to approve the appointment of John Daniel Guerin, representing the Largest Assessed Property Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

5. A resolution to approve the appointment of John Exnicios, representing the Largest Assessed Property Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. Chelsea Tallo, stated John is a resident of downtown and owns property and has a business in the DDD. Also, he is a member of the Historic District commission and this will assist with communication with the Historic District.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the appointment of John Exnicios, representing the Largest Assessed Property Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

6. A resolution to approve the appointment of Bryan Wong representing the Westside Business and Property Owners, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. Chelsea Tallo, stated this would be Bryan's 2nd term, he is currently on the board and an owner of 113 Restaurant.

Chelsea, informed Councilmembers there will be a Board training on January 13, 2021 with inspirational speakers and invite them to attend.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the appointment of Bryan Wong representing the Westside Business and Property Owners, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

7. A resolution supporting the submission of a grant application for up to \$50,000 to the Community Water Enrichment Fund to install a water main along Pride Drive West. Charles Borchers IV, stated there is an opportunity now to offset the cost by about half with this \$50,000 potential grant.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio resolution supporting the submission of a grant application for up to \$50,000 to the Community Water Enrichment Fund to install a water main along Pride Drive West.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

8. A resolution to approve the proposal submitted by Principal Engineering, Inc. and to authorize work on Task 1, "Data Gathering and Preliminary Analysis," as part of a larger project studying the entire city limits area to revise the City's Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS) and adjust Base Flood Elevations (BFEs). Funding for Task 1 will come from the \$100,000 allocated in the Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan for a flood study. Tracie Schillace, stated this project started with the previous Council that wanted to get the Flood Study going north of the railroad tracks. Homes are being built up high because of the flood elevations that FEMA set out and those regulations have to be followed. Also they adopted stricter regulations to assist with Flood insurance rates to making them build higher than what's required by FEMA. The city believes the based flood elevations could be wrong in certain areas and would like to move forward with the project. Principal Engineering, has proposed some funding of how to do this in steps, it's a lengthy process this will start the process it is technical and complicated.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he's excited about moving forward and has talked to the Parish about contributing funding. This will assist a lot of people in the community with premiums

Councilwoman Gonzales, improving your home too much in value could knock you out of the ability to get flood rates and it's a big problem because you lose value in your home. The information that has been presented tells us the FEMA data is wrong and this is a great project and her district is in favor.

Tracie Schillace, sometimes your flood insurance premiums are more than your house note

John Exnicious, as a real estate agent he's excited about this project because as a real estate agent it has been difficult to sell property. Stated existing elevations has and will prevent people from moving here.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the proposal submitted by Principal Engineering, Inc. and to authorize work on Task 1, "Data Gathering and Preliminary Analysis," as part of a larger project studying the entire city limits area to revise the City's Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS) and adjust Base Flood Elevations (BFEs). Funding for Task 1 will come from the \$100,000 allocated in the Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan for a flood study.

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

9. A resolution to approve funding for a sidewalk improvements project at 206 East Morris Avenue with a three-way, equal share of the total cost, estimated at \$43,995.55, between STOA, the Hammond Downtown Development District, and the City of Hammond. The City's contribution will be \$14,665.18 and will be used from "Miscellaneous Sidewalk Improvements - FY 2020." Lacy Landrum, stated STOA headquarters will be at this location on Morris & Cherry. They are proposing to build out a sidewalk and contribute a third, along with the DDD and the City will pay a third if approved. This is a fiscal year 2020 allocation that has not been spent. This is a good project and benefit for this area.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve funding for a sidewalk improvements project at 206 East Morris Avenue with a three-way, equal share of the total cost, estimated at \$43,995.55, between STOA, the Hammond Downtown Development District, and the City of Hammond. The City's contribution will be \$14,665.18 and will be used from "Miscellaneous Sidewalk Improvements - FY 2020."

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0

10. A resolution to approve Budget Change Form 21-05 transferring \$470,000 into "South WWTP (Wastewater Treatment Plant)" (project 616-31807), specifically with \$80,000 from "Generator Chevy Well" (project 616-11903) and \$390,000 from "Lift Station Upgrades - FY 2021" (project 616-12102). Webb Anderson, started this project in 2017 and bids came in and need to move money - the Chevy Well is complete. The Lift Station upgrades will be pushed back because the Plant has to be completed.

Councilman DiVittorio, what was the delay?

Lacy Landrum, it is a lengthy process for applying for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan fund then we had to move forward with the 2019 election that was needed and you cannot change funding while you're going through the process.

Councilwoman Gonzales, will this wipe out the Lift Station Upgrades for fiscal year 2021?

Webb Anderson, Yes, on the next item moving all the funds will leave a surplus of \$15,000

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to approve Budget Change Form 21-05 transferring \$470,000 into "South WWTP (Wastewater Treatment Plant)" (project 616-31807), specifically with \$80,000 from "Generator Chevy Well" (project 616-11903) and \$390,000 from "Lift Station Upgrades - FY 2021" (project 616-12102).

**Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0**

11. A resolution to ratify and award bids received on December 17, 2020, for "South WWTP Upgrade" (project 616-31807). Webb Anderson, the bid summary is presented and received 6 bids. The lowest bidder is Lemoine Company- he recommends awarding the contract to the lower bidder in the amount of \$2,246,350

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to ratify and award bids received on December 17, 2020, for "South WWTP Upgrade" (project 616-31807).

**Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0**

12. A resolution to award the contract to S&P Liner, LLC, for "Sewer Rehab [FY2021] - Iowa Addition & University Subdivision" (Project 616-121040) in the amount of \$194,330.00. Webb Anderson, this was appropriated over a year ago. Stated they used the unit prices from the City of Ponchatoula - the amount is \$194,330.00 and recommends to move forward.

Lacy Landrum the project number is Project 616-12104

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to award the contract to S&P Liner, LLC, for "Sewer Rehab [FY2021] - Iowa Addition & University Subdivision" (Project 616-12104) in the amount of \$194,330.00.

**Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0**

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to rezone property located at 807 E. Church Street currently zoned as RM-2 Expanded Conditional Use to allow prepared food to MX-C request by Anthony Perkins (Z-2020-07-00079).

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to adopt an ordinance to rezone property located at 807 E. Church Street currently zoned as RM-2 Expanded Conditional Use to allow prepared food to MX-C request by Anthony Perkins (Z-2020-07-00079).

**Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 3-1**

IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction for an Ordinance to annex 16.889 acres (parcel#16TR80000033) requested by Hudson Industrial Park, LLC located at the NE corner of Industrial Park Rd and Shelton Rd. in accordance with survey by George D. Sullivan, Zone as I-L, and to be placed in City Council District #1 (Z-2020-09-00086) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, stated this property is on the corner of Industrial & Shelton Road. This property is in conjunction with the Medline site that involves the retention pond. It is currently outside City limits currently and is proposed to be zoned as I-L to be placed in District #1.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an Ordinance to annex 16.889 acres (parcel#16TR80000033) requested by Hudson Industrial Park, LLC located at the NE corner of Industrial Park Rd and Shelton Rd. in accordance with survey by George D. Sullivan, Zone as I-L, and to be placed in City Council District #1 (Z-2020-09-00086) Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission

**Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0**

Public Hearing is set for January 12, 2021 at 5:30pm

2. Introduction of an Ordinance to transfer \$14,665.18 from the Downtown Development District Fund (207) Balance to the line item of Sidewalk Improvements within the DDD Fund (20775100 - 570302). Chelsea Tallo Little stated this is the sidewalk project with STOA.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an Ordinance to transfer \$14,665.18 from the Downtown Development District Fund (207) Balance to the line item of Sidewalk Improvements within the DDD Fund (20775100 - 570302).

**Vote: Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Steve Leon (Y)
Motion Approved 4-0**

Public Hearing is set for January 12, 2021 at 5:30pm

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I TONIA BANKS, CLERK OF COUNCIL DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING
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