

**Hammond City Council Members**

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

**City Council Clerk, Lisa Cockerham**  
**City Attorney, Andre Coudrain**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
August 10, 2021  
5:30pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Sam DiVittorio

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Introduction of an ordinance to amend the Downtown Development District's budget as adopted by the DDD Board.

Chelsea Tallo Little stated this reflects change made by the Downtown Development District's Board to its approved budget.

No public comment



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
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**August 10, 2021**

**6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Sam DiVittorio,

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

**III. PRAYER:** Rev. Barry Chance, First Presbyterian Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Jonah Chance, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Southeastern Laboratory School  
All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.

**V. REPORTS:**

1. **Mayor:** stated he attended the ground breaking for the Downtown Development District project downtown. He also stated that the back to school event was a success.

**2. Council:**

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated Cate Street Park is still under construction, due to weather, hope to open next week.

Councilman Wells, thanked pastor of the prayer, stated four wheelers are still a problem in District 3. Councilman asked if Katherine Davis and Ms. Cox were present, there was supposed to be a scholarship from District 1 and Kip Andrews. Katherine Davis was present. He stated that Kip Andrews would be out and to pray for him.

Ms. Cox later entered the meeting, she was called forward and the presentation was made to Ms. Katherine Davis on behalf of Councilman Kip Andrews. A \$500 scholarship was presented to Ms. Davis, a graduate of Ponchatoula High School and she will be attending Nichols State University.

**VI. Minutes**

A. Minutes of July 27, 2021

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve the minutes of July 27, 2021**

**ROLL CALL:** Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Absent) Approved 4-0

**VII. RESOLUTIONS**

**A. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **A resolution from the City Council requiring quarterly financial reports. Be it resolved, a quarterly Financial Report shall be generated by the City Accounting Department. (Councilman Sam DiVittorio)**

Councilman Sam DiVittorio, stated he is still working on getting exhibits and examples. Councilman DiVittorio made a motion to table the item.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to table a resolution from the City Council requiring quarterly financial reports. Be it resolved, a quarterly Financial Report shall be generated by the City Accounting Department.**

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

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. A resolution to appoint Ronald Matthews to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a four-year term from August 11, 2021 - June 15, 2025. (Mayor Panepinto)**

**Mayor Panepinto** stated Ron Matthews served on the board in years past and is willing to serve again. He lives locally in Hammond. He received an email from Devon (Councilman Wells) mentioning it and gave Mr. Matthews a call and is asking the council to approve the appointment.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated he appreciated Mr. Ron coming, would love to have him on the board and knows he would bring a lot to the table.

**Councilman Wells**, thanked Mr. Matthew for taking time out and would like to also thank the Mayor for taking it under consideration of appointing him to the board.

**Ron Matthews**, stated it was a privilege to be able to serve, he thanked the council and stated it would be a pleasure to serve.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the appointment of Ronald Matthews to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a four-year term from August 11, 2021 - June 15, 2025**

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

**2. A resolution to approve The Livin Room located at 1801 Nashville Road Hammond, LA 70401 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The ownership is The Livin Room LLC. (Laura Hammett)**

**Laura Hammett**, stated this will be an event hall, she has done everything we asked and met all requirements to include inspections and zoning approval.

**Terry Clemmons**, owner was present

**Councilman Leon**, asked that Ms. Clemmons keep in mind that this is a residential area

**Councilman Wells**, wished her luck, and stated she needed to be careful with Covid.

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve a resolution The Livin Room, LLC, located at 1801 Nashville Road Hammond, LA 70401 for High/Low alcohol on premise. The ownership is The Livin Room LLC.**

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

**3. A resolution to authorize the Downtown Development District to serve alcohol during the Picnic in the Park events, held on the following Fridays -- September 10, 2021, October 8, 2021, and November 12, 2021 -- each from 5:00pm-8:30pm. Alcohol will be served on the 100 block of W. Charles St. (Chelsea Tallo Little)**

**Chelsea Tallo Little**, stated the event will be in front of 113 parking lot

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked if DDD is serving alcohol

**Chelsea Tallo Little**, stated yes

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked what type of alcohol are you going to serve, is it like a beer booth

**Chelsea Tallo Little**, yes

**Chelsea Tallo Little**, we are getting approval, but we are watching Covid the same as everyone else.

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

**4. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District during the Picnic in the Park events, held on the following Fridays -- September 10, 2021, October 8, 2021, and November 12, 2021 -- each from 5:00pm-8:30pm. The event boundaries are W. Charles St., N. Magnolia St., W. Robert St. and N. Oak St. (Chelsea Tallo Little)**

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio, to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District during the Picnic in the Park events, held on the following Fridays -- September 10, 2021, October 8, 2021, and November 12, 2021 -- each from 5:00pm-8:30pm. The event boundaries are W. Charles St., N. Magnolia St., W. Robert St. and N. Oak St

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

#### **VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:**

##### **A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

##### **B. NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend the Downtown Development District's budget as adopted by the DDD Board. (Chelsea Tallo Little)**

**Chelsa Tallo Little**, stated if you haven't been to the feed and seed you need to go see it. The Farmers Market moves there for the first time on Saturday and there will be a moving in party on the 21<sup>st</sup>. They put a lot of sweat equity into the property and would love to see everyone there.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked is it still a temporary set up.

**Chelsa Tallo Little**, stated they haven't moved in yet, it is temporary and whatever they want is the way they will go.

**Mayor Panepinto**, asked are they going to be inside as well.

**Chelsea Tallo Little**, stated no it's not up to code yet.

There was a motion by Councilman Sam DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to approve the final adoption of an ordinance to amend the Downtown Development District's budget as adopted by the DDD Board.

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

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

##### **1. Introduction of an ordinance to rezone 5.05 acres from RS-11.A to RM-3 located on Bauerle Rd, requested by Roberta Joiner Living Trust (owner) and Integrity Investors Group, LLC (applicant), in accordance with a survey by C. Randall Dixon, dated 6/26/2021 (Z-2021-01-00093). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission. (Lacy Landrum)**

**Lacy Landrum**, stated this is for introduction so she will keep it brief. To the north there is the Waters Development, to the south there is strip mall with retail, to the west there is a proposed apartment development and to the east there is vacant land. There was a unanimous recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked do they have some Preliminary plans.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated they haven't said anything yet, all they are doing right now is coming into alignment with the surrounding properties.

**Councilman Wells**, stated I'm new to this and asked that everything be made clear for his understanding and he asked what some of the zoning terminology meant.

**Lacy Landrum**, explained what RS-11 and RM-3 was.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked about Bauerle Rd and if the city would be putting in a road or if it would be part of the development if it comes.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated, it would be part of the development

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked if MXN was next to it.

**Lacy Landrum**, that is correct, and stated the location was by Home Depot. She also stated they she would be happy to answer more questions and bring more information to the next meeting for public hearing.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance to rezone 5.05 acres from RS-11.A to RM-3 located on Bauerle Rd, requested by Roberta Joiner Living Trust (owner) and Integrity Investors Group, LLC (applicant), in accordance with a survey by C. Randall Dixon, dated 6/26/2021 (Z-2021-01-00093). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission.

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

No Public Comment

**Public Hearing will be scheduled for August 24, 2021 at 5:30**

**2. Introduction of an ordinance to rezone 0.861 acres from I-L to C-H located in the North 2/3 of Block 12 of the Barber Addition and within the DDD Overlay, requested by Joe Tallo & Sons, Inc., in accordance with a survey by Max J. Bodin, dated 7/1/2021 (Z-2021-01-00094). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission. (Lacy Landrum)**

Lacy Landrum, stated that there were four building on the property, one was rezoned in 2016 in the same manner. Property is along SW Rail Road Ave and matches area zoning. Asking to move the property from light industrial to commercial highway.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated it may be helpful to see the difference between industrial highway and light industrial, some of the uses.

Lacy Landrum, stated that was a great point and she could get that information, she also stated that it was a recommendation from Planning and Zoning.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to introduce an ordinance to rezone 0.861 acres from I-L to C-H located in the North 2/3 of Block 12 of the Barber Addition and within the DDD Overlay, requested by Joe Tallo & Sons, Inc., in accordance with a survey by Max J. Bodin, dated 7/1/2021 (Z-2021-01-00094). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission.

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Motion Approved 4-0

No Public Comment

**Public Hearing will be scheduled for August 24, 2021 at 5:30 PM**

**X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to Adjourn, all members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.**

#### CERTIFICATION OF CLERK


I LISA COCKERHAM, CLERK OF COUNCIL DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECITATION OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD AUGUST 10, 2021

BEING 5 PAGES IN LENGTH



LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK



PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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