

Hammond City Council Members

Councilman Kip Andrews- President

Councilman Sam DiVittorio- Vice President

Councilman Devon Wells

Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales

Councilman Steve Leon

City Council Clerk, Tonia Banks

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
January 12, 2021
5:30pm**

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

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

III. ELECTION:

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

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

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

Councilman Andrews, presided over the meeting as Council President.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. 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 there has been a change of information. The original supplemental application was turned into Tonia Banks for the record. Since the introduction there has been a change of ownership on this property and stated she presented an updated Supplemental application to the original and a revised annexation petition that is required by the Register's Voters with new signature of the new owner MRE HLA, LLC. This property is located on the corner of Industrial Park & Shelton Road currently outside of the City limits and has no regulations with zoning or development. The current property owner would like to annex and zone with the property that's adjacent to this that was recently rezoned to I-L. This property is approximately 17 acres with a major lateral that runs through the property. Planning Commission recommended approval of the I-L zoning, annexation, and to place in District #1.

Councilman DiVittorio, is this the 17 acres where the retention pond will be placed

Tracie Schillace, yes the previous annexation had several conditions and that site works with this site. On the site plan will be a detention pond and small employee parking area.

Councilman Andrews, this has been updated to add a small parking lot

Tracie Schillace, this has always been on the site plan the majority of it is north of the major lateral is going to be the detention pond to the south there's nothing proposed of the canal.

Councilman Wells, would like the annexation process explained clearly to have a clearer understanding

Tracie Schillace, currently this property is outside City limits so they do not pay City taxes and do not have Water or Sewer. Once you annex a property you designate the zoning and which is the Council District and the City limits actually changes. When the property comes in then it's under City regulations and the City governs that property.

Councilman Wells, is the City responsible for the Sewer and the Water

Tracie Schillace, not necessarily - there are districts for sewer and water. The sewer district has their regulations, and the Parish. It depends on where that property is annexed and what Sewer and Water is available and sometimes the Sewer District would release an area and if it's close enough to the City to be provided - that's an option.

Councilman Wells, who is responsible for this process

Tracie Schillace, usually the developer pays for that or you enter into a CEA - this particular development will be paying for their connections. There are some conditions for this property.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, stated that the ownership has changed and when it's time to vote on the ordinance the Council should make mention of the ownership change. Suggested conditions be placed on this property that's similar to the adjoining property. Stated he blended in those conditional uses on the adjoining property to this property and this property will need to stand alone as far as conditions. He stated this information was emailed out early to the Council if questions needed to be asked. He read the proposed amended ordinance with the suggested conditions.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if the new owners been given a copy of the restrictions and have they consent to them.

Andre Coudrain, yes

Councilman Wells, asked if any neighbors that's adjacent been notified

Councilman DiVittorio, it's across from the Airport on the far corner with vacant land around it

Andre Coudrain, this is limiting the owner's uses of the property if the amended ordinance passes

There were no other public comments

2. 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). Lacy Landrum, stated this is a 3 way split between STOA, City of Hammond, & DDD. The DDE board has approved their contribution but, suggested that comes from their reserve general fund balance which comes before the City Council.

There were no public comments



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
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**January 12, 2021
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Andrews, called Regular Session to order at 5:45pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Council: NONE

2. Mayor: Lacy Landrum stated the City received November 2020 collections for Sales Tax and the City is \$1, 866,835.28 ahead of budget. The Charter Review Committee met last night and confirmed their next 2 meetings which are open to the public and they encourage the public to participate. The meetings will be held in City Council Chambers on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 5:30 the next is Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 10am.

VI. Minutes of December 22, 2020: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the minutes of December 22, 2020.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (Y)

Motion Approved 5-0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to approve the Tax Exemption Application #20190323-ITE for Pratt (Delta Container) that was approved by the Board of Commerce and Industry on November 13, 2020. Lacy Landrum, stated this is an addition of 51 jobs to the Hammond Community and would see a huge value in the company, investment, and equipment. The ITEP program is a State incentive program this is an 80% exemption of the property taxes only.

Tonya Murrel, 104 Concord Place, Mandeville, stated Pratt manufactures 100% recycled boxes and owns our own paper mills. The facility in Hammond is a sheet plant that makes the boxes. The company was formerly in New Orleans and need room to grow but, we still have the facility in New Orleans. There are 51 employees with 1 shift and intend on growing 2 shifts.

Ricky, Sales Manager for Pratt, there will be 51 jobs officially and may be higher due to expecting some growth adding some second shifts. Stated committed to maintaining the environment.

Lacy Landrum, this is similar to Gnarly Barley that was done last year.

Councilman Wells, asked if New Orleans gave a tax break

Reuben Rangel, Adventist Consulting, No tax break was given. Two applications are tied to the land owner and this property has a third party that owns the land and developed the land and the building and Pratt is leasing the property. Because the land ownership differs this is why they're two applications for the entire investment.

Lacy Landrum, but it's not an additional tax exemption

Reuben Rangel, this is the project - combined taxes will be paid on equipment and inventory. The City will get 20% of property tax for 10 years. This has already been approved by State, Tangipahoa Parish School Board, Parish Council, & Sheriff Office.

Councilman Wells, did the school board approve what is being asked

Reuben Rangel, yes

Councilman Wells, Council approved Gnarly Barley but school board did not approve. We need to be on the same page and in the process of giving a tax break be for 10 yrs., can we do a tax break for 5 yrs.

Reuben Rangel, these applications are under a set of rules that were established in 2018. There are two options approve or disapprove it has to be an 80/20 split. This is contract is a 10 yr. but midyear of 5yrs. to consider renewal. The rules and regulations that these projects are under are only yes or no approvals.

Councilman Wells, asked that the 5yrs. be explained again

Reuben Rangel, this is a 10 yr. contract but at 5yr. it's a let's check in making sure everyone is doing what is supposed to be done. This is where you could approve or disapprove the renewal.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the Tax Exemption Application #20190323-ITE for Pratt (Delta Container) that was approved by the Board of Commerce and Industry on November 13, 2020.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

2. A resolution to approve the Tax Exemption Application #20190259-ITE for GMel, LLC that was approved by the Board of Commerce and Industry on November 13, 2020. Reuben Rangel, this is the same project.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to to approve the Tax Exemption Application #20190259-ITE for GMel, LLC that was approved by the Board of Commerce and Industry on November 13, 2020.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

3. A resolution to approve Cracker Barrel Old Country Store located at 201 Westin Oaks Drive, Hammond La., 70403 to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The ownership is Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. Laura Hammet, stated this is an existing business that's adding alcohol to their menu.

James Westbrook, General Manager was present

Councilman Leon, is this something that all the Franchises are moving towards

James Westbrook, this will be companywide it has been tested in Florida and Tennessee

Councilwoman Gonzales, will this be a full bar menu

James Westbrook, no single serve beer and single serve wine there will be Mimosas

Councilman Leon, asked for the times alcohol will be served

James Westbrook, will be following the Parish and City Guidelines. On Sunday's 11am and other days 6AM

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to approve Cracker Barrel Old Country Store located at 201 Westin Oaks Drive, Hammond La., 70403 to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The ownership is Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

4. A resolution to approve Split A Burger located at 201 E. Thomas St., Hammond La., 70401 to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The ownership is Split A Burger, LLC. Laura Hammet, this is also another existing business with two locations and only adding alcohol to the location on E. Thomas Street and has met all requirements. On behalf of Split A Burger Counsel, Frank DiVittorio is present.

Counsel, Frank DiVittorio, this location is Across from Red, White, & Brew

Councilman Wells, what type of alcohol will be served and will Ids be checked

Counsel, Frank DiVittorio, it will be beer and asking for license for all alcohol but mainly beer. Yes, everyone would have server cards and rules will be explained concerning carding and checking Ids

Councilman Wells, thanked Laura Hammet for her professionalism. Everyone that has come to your office always say good things about you and wish she could train employees for the City and he appreciate everything she does and she makes everyone feel welcome.

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VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Abstain), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4 Yeas, 1 Abstain

5. A resolution to reappoint Jennifer White to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term from January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2024. Lacy Landrum, stated these are reappointment for four year terms. Jennifer White came to the Historic District when the Adams Lilly neighborhood was under consideration for expansion of the Historic District and was very involved and has shown interest in the Historic District. Mrs. White is present for any questions.

Jennifer White, 601 E. Charles, has enjoyed serving on the board.

Councilwoman Gonzales, thanked Mrs. White for serving

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to reappoint Jennifer White to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term from January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2024.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

6. A resolution to reappoint Ryan Faulk to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term from January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2024. Lacy Landrum, this is a reappointment and he's an architect which is one of the requirements that there be an architect on the Commission. Mr. Faulk is available for questions

Ryan Faulk, enjoy serving on Commission for over 10 years.

Councilwoman Gonzales, thanked Mr. Faulk for serving.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to reappoint Ryan Faulk to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term from January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2024.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

7. A resolution to reappoint Jessica Shirey to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term from January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2024. Lacy Landrum, this is a reappointment -she became interested after rehabbing and remodeling a business in downtown she's a current business owner within the commission understands the guidelines of the commission. Mrs. Shirey is present for any questions.

Jessica Shirey, has served as Vice- Chairman

Councilman Leon, thanked Mrs. Shirey for serving

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to reappoint Jessica Shirey to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term from January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2024.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

8. A resolution to reappoint John Exnicios to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term from January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2024. Lacy Landrum, this is a reappointment he's a home owner and business owner in the Hammond Historic District and Real Estate Professional. Mr. Exnicios is present for any questions.

John Exnicios, appreciates serving

Online Question: Debra McQueen, 1002 Magazine Street, how many yr. terms can they serve consecutively?

Lacy Landrum, there is not a limit on the 4yr. terms

Councilman Wells, received emails about the board and been hearing the word diversity but there needs to be change. All Councilmembers have received the same email and we need to do better and want the City to move forward.

Lacy Landrum, diversity is a goal of the City and have worked very hard on achieving this goal. The Historic District has a diverse board. The emails were about the DDD board.

Councilman Wells, these are issues that need to be addressed

Lacy Landrum, agree

Councilman Wells, would like to see more people who look like me on the boards

Lacy Landrum, the City has reached out to all the Commissioners and advertised in the newspapers and on the City Website about Commissioners openings. If anyone who has the interest Historic Preservation would certainly would love to have an application from them to be considered. There is an open Commissioner seat now and hoping to bring that on next meeting. All appointments that has been made has been made in the spirit of diversity.

Councilman Wells left the meeting

Debra McQueen, 1002 Magazine Street, would like to more diversity of color on the board. Stated she's been watching the Planning and Zoning, DDD, and Historical meetings would like to see more diversity on those

boards. Mrs. McQueen said she would like to convey prayers to Councilman Wells and his family for the loss of their family member.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to reappoint John Exnicios to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term from January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2024.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of 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.

Councilman Wells returned to the meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to AMEND to reflect the new owner and for restrictions on amended ordinance to annex 16.889 acres (parcel#16TR80000033) requested by MRE HLA, 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 and Zoned I-L with Restricted Conditions.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion to Amend 5-0

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to ADOPT AS AMENDED to reflect the new owner and for restrictions on amended ordinance to annex 16.889 acres (parcel#16TR80000033) requested by MRE HLA, 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 and Zoned I-L with Restricted Conditions.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (N), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (N), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion Adopted 3-2 as Amended

2. Final adoption 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).

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to Adopt 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: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (N), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-1

Councilman Wells enters the meeting

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction for an Ordinance to accept final subdivision plat and construction plans for "PS-2" Major Subdivision (22 single family lots & greenspace), acceptance of dedication of all public improvements in accordance with final plat by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc. and construction drawings by Webb M. Anderson dated revised 12/23/2020, and acceptance of 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$428,520.00 request by Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, Inc. located at 1105 Hewitt Rd; Zoned RS-11.A (SUB-2020-10-00138) Recommend Approval by Planning Commission. Tracie Schillace, stated this is a major subdivision they will be installing streets, and infrastructure drainage, water, sewer and this will have to come before the Council. They're also posting a Performance Bond this guarantee the work will be done and if not done the bond would cashed in and it's a 1 yr., requirement. This bond ensures that work will be completed by the developer asking the board to approve the sub division plat, and instruction drawings which has all been reviewed. This will be for Single family housing and Gulf Coast Housing is present.

Councilman Andrews, this subdivision will be going in Council District 3
Tracie Schillace, yes

Councilman Wells, would like to table this item on tonight. The community stated they don't really know what's going on and they are against this project. He would like to reach out to the community together to see what they would like to do.

Tracie Schillace, it has met all regulations according to the zoning this property is zoned to RS-11A that would allow for mobile homes the chosen not to rezone it.

David Harmes, 1626 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd., Suite A New Orleans, if there is need for the community to learn more about the project we welcome opportunity to share would ask for the motion to introduce on tonight.

Councilman Wells, the issue we're having is the Planning Commission they accept and agree on things that the Council is not aware. Stated he has to contact his constituents that it's going to effect. He stated he know that they reached out to people that don't stay in the district you all should reach out to the constituents of District #3. These projects are miniature projects and I would like to table this item.

Councilwoman Gonzales, would you consider having it introduced at the following meeting so there would be a full month and something is scheduled so people would know when to come and have their voices heard.

Jessica Shirey, is this for purchasing or rental property

David Harmes, require the unit to be rented for a least for 15 years it would as rental property.

Tracie Schillace, is there anybody in particular you would like them to reach out to or just come through you for questions.

Councilman Wells, the community wants this to be TABLED

Ms. Wells, 109 Grant Street, stated she lives in District #3 and this area need ownership not 15 years of renting. What about married couple with a child who looking to own. There should be ownership give us something in this community and renting is not what we need. All this is leading is foot traffic

Laronda Vernado, 204 S Scalan Street, stated she lives in District #3 and home ownership is needed in the community. The homes on JW and Phoenix is a lot of traffic and drawing the wrong types of crowds. There are low incoming housing that's being brought into the community that's bringing in the wrong crowds. If you all could go back to the drawing board and offer home ownership for this area to change the community for the better. We want this area back to where is used to be without having a 15 rental clause. Stated she has lived in District #3 for 38 yrs. and want the community back for the good. Show a way to offer homeownership.

Councilman DiVittorio, gave information about the Housing Committee and will get a date and will try to address the concerns of the community.

David Harmes, Coworker that manages Phoenix Square lives at Phoenix Square and we're trying to be invested into the community that we're trying to serve not building section 8 housing. We are serving a need and understand a desire of ownership and would look into resources to bring to the community.

Councilman Wells, there was a shooting that took place were the manager lives.

David Harmes, stated he was not aware of this

Councilman Wells, I cannot ignore what's going on and wants Hammond Safe. The people in District #3 would like this to be tabled for more information.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to TABLE an Ordinance to accept final subdivision plat and construction plans for "PS-2" Major Subdivision (22 single family lots & greenspace), acceptance of dedication of all public improvements in accordance with final plat by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc. and construction drawings by Webb M. Anderson dated revised 12/23/2020, and acceptance of 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$428,520.00 request by Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, Inc. located at 1105 Hewitt Rd; Zoned RS-11.A (SUB-2020-10-00138) Recommend Approval by Planning Commission.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion Tabled 5-0

Councilman Andrews, thanked his colleagues for the support and wants to move the City of Hammond forward.

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

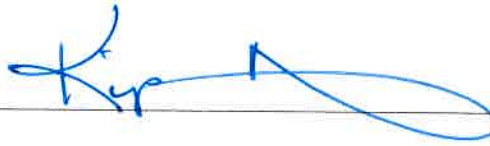
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD **JANUARY 12, 2021**
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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK



PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



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REGULAR SESSION AGENDA
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
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January 26, 2021
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I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Andrews, called Public Hearing to order at 5:31pm.

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
Isiah Lewis (Westside Montessori)**

V. REPORTS:

1. Mayor: 500 lbs. of rainbow trout were placed in Zemurray Park. Mayor informed everyone to stay safe with COVID and be vigilant.

2. Council: Councilman DiVittorio, looking at the first Housing Committee meeting in February- once everything is confirmed he will announce the date.

Councilman Wells, announced Mrs. Wanda Davis to come up to the podium.

Wanda Davis, stated she's a resident of Greenville Park Subdivision 110 E. Louisa West Street.

Stated she spoke with Councilman Wells, about the intersection of Washington Ave., and Louisa West Street. This has been a dangerous corner over the past years which she lived there for 59 yrs., and noticed numerous

accidents and many have not been reported- stated she could give an account because she has had an accident there. The reason she didn't report the accident was because of the fear of retaliation. Over the years the shrubbery and other things that's there you cannot see oncoming traffic and she asked for 4 way stop sign to be placed.

Mayor, since the shrubbery has been cut can you clearly see?

Wanda Davis, if someone is parked in the driveway you can't see from the Eastside of that corner if you're looking to the Southside because if cars are parked in the driveways you can't see and this has been a problem in this area for years. There have been several accidents within the last year and none of them reported.

Mayor, stated Councilman Wells said he will have someone to come up and speak about the accidents in the area. We usually go by statistics but we don't want anyone to get hurt so the City will look into putting a stop sign up.

Councilman Wells, thanked Isiah Lewis which is a future leader.

Mrs. Muse shared with the board anyway she could assist children as a Counselor she would because they are our future and she thanked Councilman Andrews for the invite.

Councilman Wells, asked has anyone taken Mr. CC Gaiennie place in the building department?

Lacy Landrum, stated the City has received several applications, the job posting has expired and the HR Department will review. There are 2 potential applicants at this time with certifications.

Councilman Wells, Loretta Severan has retired after 31 years of service this will be a big loss for the City and who is in place to take her place?

Lacy Landrum, stated Jacqueline Browder is overseeing the department and this job position will be posted hopefully by tomorrow. We have been reviewing the description and talking about priority and needs but there will be a full search for this position

Mayor, Lorretta has guided him through the process since he's been with the City. She guided right and fair and handled her role professionally and she will be missed.

Councilman Wells, stated she provided a two week notice and she asked if there is a need for her to assist in training for the next person in charge. The City has a major issue, a person just don't wake up and say they quit. People are quitting because they are being forced out and the City will run into some lawsuits. The City needs more diversity and there is only one black in the Administration. There is not enough diversity in the City and we're in a Country that needs to be healed and it needs to start now and Hammond is a small portion of the World that needs to be healed. He's telling people that the City has openings and go complete an application and everyone should have a chance. Syeda Naeem took a black man's place in Accounting. Human Resource and Accounting are the two biggest department we have. She was head of department for 6 years with no audit mistakes with a total of 15 years of service with the City. How will her position be replaced?

Lacy Landrum, stated it's also being advertised and Syeda left to take a higher paying job

Councilman Wells, asked who is running the Financial Department

Lacy Landrum, stated myself and Laura Hammet

Councilman Wells, for accountability, who has access to the accounts and the money?

Lacy Landrum, stated a segregation of duties is being maintained and she has spoken to the auditors about the City's plan on who is doing what to make sure to maintain the City maintains the segregation of duties.

Councilman Wells, there is no need for 1 year from now there being a financial problem where money is missing? Who has access to the computers in the financial department?

Lacy Landrum, stated everyone has different types of permissions and levels based on the segregation of duties. This is why we're working close to the auditors to make sure we don't change any the patterns, behaviors, or permissions that we violate the segregation of duties this is our internal controls. It takes multiple people to approve transactions on every level. Also, it's recorded in both of the systems as to who is doing what and its time stamped and the auditors can review at any time and it cannot be edited.

Councilman Wells, concerned of the access of the funds and he asks questions because he wants everything on record. He challenges the Councilman to ask more questions about the City. This weekend there has been a lot of problems with the Sewer- he asked Mr. Palermo to come and speak concerning the problem in district #3.

Guy Palermo, stated it rained and in the three pumps at the station the water reached a certain level. The two pumps that were running kept the level down where it wouldn't overflow. The third pump tripped out which tripped the breaker and it was reset and back on line and he checked manholes. It must have been a power glitch that tripped the breaker.

Councilman Wells, is there a way that when a pump goes out that you're contacted?

Guy Palermo, there is an alarm but, water did not reach that high- the 2 pumps kept the water level where it was it was not high enough to trip the alarm.

Councilman Wells, stated he is glad Guy attended the meeting and now you can see the issue. There is a sewer issue in District #3 - we need to sit down and see what is going on.

Guy Palermo, stated the system is better now than it was before- it takes time and you cannot control power.

Councilman Andrews, with the open position with the Historical District-how is this going?

Lacy Landrum, stated there are 3 applicants and they are being reviewed.

Councilman Andrews, stated next month will be the Wilbert Dangerfield Award - if anyone else would like to share the duties he's open.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked the Council clerk to send the resolution to the Council to review.

VI. Minutes of January 12, 2021: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of January 12, 2021.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution authorizing demolition of a property located at 128 Moran St., (94%) damaged located in Council District 1. Notices sent to Betty Whittington, Cornelia Harris, Laurence Charles Harris, and Rose Harris Hollins. Bobby Mitchell, stated his recommendation is to demolish and he's been in communication with one of the owners Betty Whittington. She has spoken with her Councilman which is Councilman Andrews, and she's in favor of doing her own demolition.

Councilman Andrews, stated he has a letter from Mrs. Whittington, the letter will be provided to the Council Clerk for the record - she did not attend due to illness. Mrs. Whittington is in the process of speaking with someone about demolishing the home and asking for additional time to take care.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated she was in favor of 60days

Bobby Mitchell, recommended demolition with the option to allow the owner to do demolition within 60 days.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve demolition for 60 days with option of homeowner to demolish a property located at 128 Moran St., (94%) damaged located in Council District 1. Notices sent to Betty Whittington, Cornelia Harris, Laurence Charles Harris, and Rose Harris Hollins.

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

2. A resolution authorizing demolition of a property located at 311 S Linden St., (93%) damaged located in Council District 2. Notices sent to Thelma L. Rudison, Phetima A. Myers, Ms. Lovely Jones, Ruenell Rudison, and Charles Reid. Bobby Mitchell, recommendation is to demolish and there is family present. This property has deteriorated over some time.

Phetima Myers, 311 S Linden, Hammond, would like to demolish the property

Raneisha Black, 9415 West Acres Place, a friend of Ms. Phetima and has been working with her. Ms. Phetima stated she has a case with the Adult protective services for abuse and while this is under investigation we're requesting additional time and she understands the property needs to be demolished but, she would like to facilitate the demolition herself.

Councilwoman Gonzales, how much time?

Raneisha Black as much that can be given

Councilman Wells, a lot of time they give 90 days and will 90 days be enough

Raneisha Black, this would be a blessing because of the case with the state due to her funds being taken

Councilman Wells, this has been brought up every year. After 90 days we do not want to continue with this problem if 90 days is enough time to have it demolished I have no issue.

Councilwoman Gonzales, its 90 days from today

Bobby Mitchell, its 90 days from tonight's decision

Councilman Wells, the last time we were told once they receive their permit

Bobby Mitchell, it was not recommended by me

Andre Coudrain, if she gets the permit within 90days is this satisfactory?

Bobby Mitchell, I would like the 90 days as the compliance date for completion

Councilman DiVittorio, do we need a timeframe to file for the permit

Bobby Mitchell, the demolition permit states there is a 30 day window to complete. Do not want to encourage to wait 60 days then inquire about the permit. We have the right to extend the timeframe.

Raneisha Black, will be assisting Phetima- is there any paperwork that could be provided with guidelines of what steps needs to be taken.

Councilman DiVittorio, this is zoned residential and this would be a residential permit

Raneisha Black, what is the process?

Bobby Mitchell, once you acquire a permit you want to hire someone or yourself you want to make sure the property is safe. You're welcome to come to come by the permit office at 219 E Robert Street we would be happy to assist.

Councilman Wells, customers should be able to get information online

Councilwoman Gonzales, looked through 2019 minutes to search demolitions so it could be clear of what was done in the past. The majority are within a certain amount of days and it's from the date we made the ruling that's how many days the structure has to be demolished by the City or owner. Twice ruling were made specific to when a permit was pulled and how many days they had to pull the permit and apply a different timeline based on permit. In 90 days it will need to be down

Bobby Mitchell, a permit specifies 30 days from the date of the permit but our office has the right to give an extension. I will follow the rule of the Council - it negates the 30 days allowance of the permit if it surpasses the 90 days, they have to stay within that 90 day window.

Councilwoman Gonzales, would like to stick to the 90 days as the deadline if something comes up maybe we could reevaluate but, it has to be well ahead of the 90 days.

Councilman Wells, so much is being left on the job site and its need to be clear. Property needs to be clean after demolished- all rules need to be clear.

Bobby Mitchell, this home is raised which is on blocks. The blocks will removed as well as all the piping and plumbing and the ground will be leveled. The contract is from corner to corner which is the new rule if the owner is demolishing they just need to meet the criteria of high grass as long as there is no trash or debris.

Councilman DiVittorio, has the document been revised

Bobby Mitchell, yes

Mayor, if a house is on a slab does that slab goes?

Bobby Mitchell, if owner would like to retain their slab they have the right to keep it. Jana will be handling this through purchasing and it would in the request for bids

Councilman Wells, is the City required to remove everything?

Bobby Mitchell, correct

Councilman Wells, when will this process start?

Bobby Mitchell, this started from the date of Council meeting in June when Council made this determination. Previous bids that were not held to that stipulation the bids were based on previous criteria.

Councilman Wells, would like to see this in black in white. If the owner or the City is tearing down a home it should be clear across the board.

Bobby Mitchell, there are rules in place

Councilman DiVittorio, ask that he receive an email of the rules and guidelines

Raneisha Black, ask for a homeowner demolition package

Bobby Mitchell, stated it is part of your demolition permit

Councilman Wells, presented a slide to the Council of a home that was demolished by a contractor in district #3. The reason for the slide is to show the property and how it was left. Councilman Wells, asked if the owner or City demolished this home.

Bobby Mitchell, the City hired a contractor under the previous requirements

Councilman Wells, stated these are pictures he took at the property where the slab was left. He asked if the tree was down the time of the contractor.

Bobby Mitchell, it fell a few days after the job was complete and there are after photos before the tree. The owner is in process of getting the tree cut up.

Councilman Wells, this is in district # 3 and he can speak on it. There is a whole slab left and the property is up for sale look at how much the City will lose on trying to sale something verses the property being cleaned off. If we're going to do this let's do it the correct way. Whatever the rules are set them Bobby said the new rules were applied in June and this contract was given in July.

Bobby Mitchell, the bids were prior to the new rules

Councilman Wells, is this where the contractor was upset that he bid on and he didn't receive them.

Steven Quinn, 900 S. Mooney, stated he has an email from Ms. Jana that we discussed the issue about the requirement's, and the standards that were going to be set by demolitions. He's not clear about the previous contract on the last house in district #3 but it was pulled back from previous bids and Jana set the standards out for the new methods of how demolitions should be done. Stated he did not bid on the second set of demolitions because it met new standards and requirements. He could have bided on the demolitions if the standards were under previous standards. Bids were not resent out again and do not understand how this house was done without all contractors not being notified that there was opportunity to bid on old standards and new standards were sent out.

Andre Coudrain, this was a claim brought against the City that individuals were in the gap when transitioning from one to another and questions about what was required and the City. The claim was settled with the contractor that demolished this home and part of settlement is he honored his bid the first time and he resolved his claim with the City. He was the low bidder.

Lacy Landrum, the only one that had bid under new standards was 611 Magazine and this is only one under new standards

Councilman Wells, we have to show accountability- there needs to be a list in the building permit office that show who has entered the offices. The City will have lawsuits and he get calls about the complaints from that office because the always turning them down.

Eric Brumfield, 47154 Grecco Road, this seems to be an occurring issue and here to speak on his interest. Stated he won 611 Magazine Street but all bids were rescinded then place back up for bid and someone else bided lower. He would like clarification at least transparency how this process is going forward. There was no knowledge there was a settlement and we were understanding it was going to be resubmitted and he don't trust the system. He was following the guidelines of the new rules that was emailed concerning bids and he would like some type of answer.

Councilman DiVittorio, the contractor that settled did he do the removal of the new standards

Andre Coudrain, under the standard of his bid the old rules and guidelines applied. Going forward there is a new process and this was part of the problem – it was confusing and misunderstanding and individuals were caught in the gap in this transition

Councilman Wells, contractors trying to bid on the new standards not old standards. When do the new rules start?

Andre Coudrain, now, the City is starting over and trying to create a new process

Councilman DiVittorio, thinks the problem was transparency letting these guys know there was a settlement.

Lacy Landrum, the new bid packet has the new checklist

Steven Quinn, the contractor was paid without a permit

Councilman Wells, this is an issue that needs to get straight

Bobby Mitchell, didn't move forward because of issue of notice in addition these were new bids that was not awarded. The building department is doing their job and the documentation shows we're doing the same thing each time. The previous set of bids were being bided on for the previous process the new bids that are coming after that time are bided and clear on Jana description what needs to be removed there is no conflict of understanding. Mr. Brumfield won the bid no work was done on site and he won that bid.

Steven Quinn, no permits were pulled

Bobby Mitchell, permits were pulled they're in the council packets

Lacy Landrum, there were further documentation that was shown to the City Attorney that resulted in a settlement.

Steven Quinn, if this was the case no one should be paid

Councilman Wells, stated Bobby, Jana, & Andre need to get together and speak on demolition. When this come before us this should already be set in stone it should be across the board and straight. It should be in black and white where everyone has the rules we would not have to continue to speak on these problems.

Councilman DiVittorio, there is an issue here something was mishandled and hopefully this gets straightened out.

Lacy Landrum, asked Council Clerk Tonia Banks to send out the new guidelines to all Council members.

Mayor, now everything is in black and white to move forward

Councilman Wells, asked that on Perkins Drive he would like another bid to get the slab removed

Bobby Mitchell, this can't be done because it was bided under old criteria and the owner wanted to keep the slab

Councilman Wells, the owner should had demolished the home down. We can't go by what the owner say

Mayor, if the City tears it down the owner has no options

Bobby Mitchell, this is under the old rule

Demetrius Carter, 401225 Dunson Road Ponchatoula, had an issue brought it before the Council and it was resolved. The houses were bided on and then pulled and all houses were supposed to be under the new rule the problem is back door deals and it's causing a ruffle. If Jana supposed to take care of this then Bobby should not have nothing to do with it. Stated he did not receive no emails, phone calls on any bids. Everybody needs to follow the new process.

Councilman Wells, Mr. Carter has shared with other contractors about the City and that's why some of them have worked with the City.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to allow 90 days to demolition from today of a property located at 311 S Linden St., (93%) damaged located in Council District 2. Notices sent to Thelma L. Rudison, Phetima A. Myers, Ms. Lovely Jones, Ruenell Rudison, and Charles Reid.

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

3. A resolution authorizing demolition of a property located at 611 S Olive St., (92%) damaged located in Council District 2. Notices sent to Christopher Egan, Hancock Whitney Bank C/O Newman, Mathis, Bradly & Spedale, Karen Porter, and James Porter. Bobby Mitchell, there are some issues to TABLE

Andre Coudrain, stated Bobby sent out the notices he suggested but and there was a notice that wasn't given to a judgement holder and recommend that this be tabled.

Councilwoman Gonzales, do you have send new notices to everyone and what is the delay on the notice

Andre Coudrain, recommended to be tabled- stated a judgement holder who has a property interest in this that should have received a notice.

Frank DiVittorio, 1 Arbrook Circle, purchased the mortgage and started the process to purchase the property. Whitney bank had the mortgage but did not foreclose on it and they were willing to sell the note- he filed suit on the debt in August of 2020 and redeemed property taxes shortly after in 2020. He has a judgement against the owner and notice of seizure filed and in process of sheriff sale. This property on its way to be returned to commerce. Asked to deny the request.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to Table demolition of a property located at 611 S Olive St., (92%) damaged located in Council District 2. Notices sent to Christopher Egan, Hancock Whitney Bank C/O Newman, Mathis, Bradly & Spedale, Karen Porter, and James Porter.

Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Abstain), Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4- 1Abstain

Councilman Andrews stated moving forward with these demolition we're are going by the new rule

Councilman Wells, request the rules emailed

Lacy Landrum, stated the information is in the bid packet and Council can be added to the bid notices

Councilman DiVittorio, concerned about the percentages. There are some homes in his district that are bad but the percentage is at a lower percentage.

Bobby Mitchell, it's structural percentage

Councilman Wells, this should have been taken care of concerning not providing notices everyone needs to get notices

Mayor, thinks slabs should be taken out if homeowner demolishes

Councilman Wells, all slabs should be removed

Bobby Mitchell, will follow whatever council wishes.

4. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tangipahoa Parish Government for the overlay of the following streets: N Oak St, Lafitte St, Phoenix Square, Harden St Ext, E Hoover St, Ruth Dr, Caroline Dr., Harvey St, Octavia Dr, and Freret St. Lacy Landrum, Parish will start overlay on streets.

Councilwoman Gonzales, what is the situation with Octavia - the City is doing the work which is a low spot needing to be filled. Stated she would like to see this fixed before the Parish starts the overlay.

Lacy Landrum, will check into it

Councilman Wells, Professional Plaza off of Club Deluxe - the contractors did the overlay and he has seen the damage they did with the curbing which is an issue. If the contractor did damage who's paying for the damage.

Lacy Landrum, it was not the overlay contractors there were other construction going on at that time. We do not have clear records who did the damage. This is why the City is taken on the repairs.

Councilman Wells, this is a bill the City takes on - we need before and after pictures and he would like to see the bill.

Mayor, we would only know about it if we see it

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tangipahoa Parish Government for the overlay of the following streets: N Oak St, Lafitte St, Phoenix Square, Harden St Ext, E Hoover St, Ruth Dr, Caroline Dr., Harvey St, Octavia Dr, and Freret St.

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

5. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$51,750 application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase communication equipment for the Hammond Fire Department (HFD); and 2) supporting a cash match of \$6,750 from the HFD. Charles Borchers IV, stated there is a cash match of 15% that will come from the fire department.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells 1) supporting the submission of a \$51,750 application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase communication equipment for the Hammond Fire Department (HFD); and 2) supporting a cash match of \$6,750 from the HFD.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

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

Councilman Andrews asked can Council sit in on interviews for the open City positions

Lacy Landrum, stated the City has never done this before.

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

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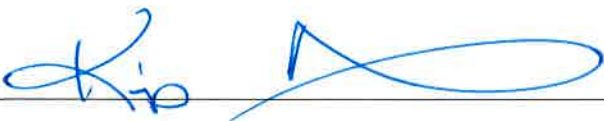
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
February 9, 2021
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Andrews, called public hearing to order at 5:30pm

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
February 9, 2021
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Andrews, called public hearing to order at 5:31pm

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

III. PRAYER: Tim Moffett
Woodland Park Baptist Church

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
Kennedi Perry 3rd Grade
Hammond Westside Montessori School

Councilman Andrews thanked Tim Moffett and Kennedi Perry

Councilman Wells, entered the meeting

V. REPORTS:

- 1. Mayor: There was an outstanding sales tax report and thanked everyone for supporting businesses and the City.**

2. Council: Councilman Wells, stated Black History month is this month. There was a killing in the neighborhood and the guns are getting out of control and hopefully he and Mayor could get together. He suggests that a police substation be placed in District 3- his concern is the little kids will end up getting hurt that don't have nothing to do with it. Councilman Wells thanked the Mayor for getting the stop sign on Washington Ave., and Louisa Street. The community is excited about a stop sign and this should be given to any Councilman whose constituents ask for this to be placed in the community and hopefully no one else has to go through the measures he went through for a stop sign. On Friday & Saturday he was dealing with a sewer issue and on Saturday morning he received calls that residents cannot flush their toilets- this seems like this is getting worse instead of better. We need to sit down and correct these issues- looking at all the new planning that's coming up in the community and we're having issues with the sewer- hopefully in the next few months we could sit down and solve this problem.

Councilman DiVittorio, we're having our first Housing Committee Meeting tomorrow at 5:30pm here in Council Chambers and it's opened to the public.

Councilwoman Gonzales, on Thursday, February 18th will be having a meeting for Cate Square Park playground this is a public input meeting at 5:00pm here in Council Chambers.

Councilman Andrews, on Monday of next week will have conference call with the committee for the Wilbert Dangerfield Award of Excellence to get everything together for our next Council meeting. Councilman Andrews presented to two presentations:

- 1. Love One Another group of African American Men** was presented certificate of appreciation for given back to the community.
- 2. Titus Showers** was recognized for his accomplishments and being a part of the US Presidential Inauguration.

VI. Minutes of January 26, 2021: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve the minutes of January 26, 2021

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter contract with USA Pools of Louisiana for maintenance and operations of Zemurray Pool in the amount of #38,570.00 annually. Jana Thurman, stated the RFP 21-14 for the operation and cleaning of the pool was sent. There were 3 proposals- the lowest proposal was not signed and deemed nonresponsive, she is asking to go with the 2nd lowest proposal which is USA Pools of Louisiana and a responsive proposal.

Councilman DiVittorio asked why it was not signed.

Jana Thurman, not sure why it was not signed and without them signing it's not a documented contract. It's a non-responsive proposal.

Councilman Wells, this is a \$23,000 difference.

Desirae Dotey, stated this is a one-year contract.

Councilman Wells, what is the difference between rebidding for demolitions verses this being rebid.

Jana Thurman, the previous demolition bids I did not put out but, there was no uniform in the specifications. The bids that are now being put out for demolitions has a uniform specification and there is always error to improve.

Mayor, we didn't have to rebid but can we rebid?

Andre Coudrain, not always- if there are responsive bids. There are strict laws on the bids once sent out different from demolitions because the way it was bid.

Councilman DiVittorio, legally there is nothing that can be done.

Andre Coudrain, it was not a responsive bid.

Jan Thurman, legally it was not a responsive bid and they came in under budget. We were budgeted for \$50,000.

Councilman Wells, people are looking for raises for the City it's not a contract it's a proposal and he's concerned about the \$23,000 difference.

Councilman Wells, the children's party for the pool who sets the party and who the money goes to?

Desirae Dotey stated she will set the prices and the funds will go to the City.

Councilman Wells, what are the ages for children parties.

Desirae Dotey will discuss with US Pool once approved looking at children and teens with capacity limit.

Councilman Wells, knows about the past pool parties.

Desirae Dotey, there will be age limit and capacity limit.

Councilman Wells, we can't just allow kids to have parties - the adults pay taxes.

Desirae Dotey, it will be reviewed but there will be a cap on how many could attend.

Councilman Wells, there needs to be rules and guidelines in place.

Desirae Dotey, rules will be in place and everyone will have a fair chance.

Councilman Wells are there prices for swimming lessons.

Desirae Dotey, at this time we don't

Councilman Wells, according to research African American are most likely to drown. The concern is the rate for individuals that are less fortunate.

Desirae Dotey, we will be more affordable we look at low-income families and the prices will be low and there will be assistance.

Councilman Wells don't have answers to questions, but you want me to vote on this item.

Mayor, this contract is for pool maintenance the program will go through with Desirae.

Councilman Wells, City buying chemicals and will access to the chemicals.

Desirae Dotey, we're looking for someone to manage and operate the pool once approved then we would look at hiring a supervisor, planning committee for the pool, these are all things that will come after this is approved.

Councilman DiVittorio are these proposals are they went through the public bidding.

Jana Thurman, a proposal not an invitation to bid.

Sam DiVittorio what is the regulation to reject to a proposal.

Andre Coudrain will have to review, thinks you are bound by what the proposal says. The proposal gives you criteria and what is required. If a proposal requires you to have a signature to be there, it has to be there.

Jana Thurman, it states it in the proposal package and if not signed it says you are nonresponsive.

Lynn Charles, 805 E. Church Street, you are saying that one proposal was not signed. Proposal is just telling you what is offered not an offer not actually soliciting.

Jana Thurman, we do solicit and send out specification. It's a Request for Proposals that is advertised and sent to companies that issue that type of service not an invitation to bid.

Lynn Charles, is there any regulation that will prevent you from going back out and inquiring what the lowest quote has entered because you do not have a competitive range should this be re proposed?

Jana Thurman, it came in under the budget.

Lynn Charles, how are you saving money?

Jana Thurman, proposals are different and if responsive City needs to accept.

Councilman Wells asked if this could this be rebid out.

Andre Coudrain, if we have a bid that is responsive and meets all the requirements of the RFP and its under our budget there is no reason not to award it. At some point you must stick with what went out and who was responsive.

Councilman Wells, there needs to be policy and procedure where a 10 yr., old can understand.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to authorize the Mayor to enter contract with USA Pools of Louisiana for maintenance and operations of Zemurray Pool in the amount of \$38,570.00 annually.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (N), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion Approved 4-1

2. A resolution supporting the submission of an \$18,000 application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase dashboard cameras for the Hammond Police Department.

Charles Borchers IV, stated this is the State version which comes from our State agency which will provide funding for the police units. There is no match.

Trudy Foster Landry grew up around law enforcement she started taking the community program with the Hammond Police Department. Hammond Police program is exceptional and very impressed with the Chief of Police and the professionalism of officers that are in the course. Asking Council to support the department.

Councilmen Wells left the meeting.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** supporting the submission of an \$18,000 application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase dashboard cameras for the Hammond Police Department.

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

3. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$5,000 application to the Healthy Communities Grant Program to reduce litter and waste in historic downtown Hammond and City parks. **Charles Borchers IV**, stated the City is looking at placing additional signage downtown to assist with directing residents and visitors and installing pet waste stations. There is a like kind match coming from Keep Hammond Beautiful volunteer time.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilman Andrews** supporting the submission of a \$5,000 application to the Healthy Communities Grant Program to reduce litter and waste in historic downtown Hammond and City parks.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction for an Ordinance to accept final subdivision plat and construction plans for "PS-2" Major Subdivision (22 single family lots & greenspace), acceptance of dedication of all public improvements in accordance with final plat by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc. and construction drawings by Webb M. Anderson dated revised 12/23/2020, and acceptance of 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$428,520.00 request by Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, Inc. located at 1105 Hewitt Rd; Zoned RS-11.A (SUB-2020-10-00138) Recommend Approval by Planning Commission. **Tracie Schillace**, stated the property is located in District #3 and the Planning Commission is recommending approval based on all the construction drawings being reviewed and built to City standards also asking for an acceptance of a 1-year performance bond that cover all the infrastructure improvements at 100% cost.

Councilman Wells re-entered the meeting.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked if all documents could be re-emailed.

Tracie Schillace usually **Chuck Spangler** reviews all City construction drawings but, he was hired to design this project so, a review engineer had to be hired and the City received approval from that engineer.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to introduce an ordinance to accept final subdivision plat and construction plans for "PS-2" Major Subdivision (22 single family lots & greenspace), acceptance of dedication of all public improvements in accordance with final plat by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc. and construction drawings by Webb M. Anderson dated revised 12/23/2020, and acceptance of 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$428,520.00 request by Gulf Coast Housing

Partnership, Inc. located at 1105 Hewitt Rd; Zoned RS-11.A (SUB-2020-10-00138) Recommend Approval by Planning Commission..

VOTE: Councilman Wells (N), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (N), Councilman Andrews (N). Motion Fails 2-3

2. Introduction for an Ordinance to rezone a lot being 50' x 150' in the South 1/3 of the SW 1/4 of Blk 7 of the Iowa Addition from RM-2 to RM-3 requested by Tracy Washington located at 211 S. Elm St.; Iowa Addition Overlay (Z-2021-01-00088) Recommendation to deny by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, this property on the corner of South Elm- the owner is asking to rezone to RM-2 to RM-3.

Councilman Wells, stated this is in District #1

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an Ordinance to rezone a lot being 50' x 150' in the South 1/3 of the SW 1/4 of Blk 7 of the Iowa Addition from RM-2 to RM-3 requested by Tracy Washington located at 211 S. Elm St.; Iowa Addition Overlay (Z-2021-01-00088) Recommendation to deny by the Zoning Commission.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Abstain), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion Approved 4 Yeas, 1 Abstain

Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, February 23, 2021

3. Introduction for an Ordinance to rezone a lot being 0.162 acres from RS-3 to RM-3 in accordance with a survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 5/26/2020 requested by Adrien Wells located at 905 S. Mooney Ave. (Z-2021-01-00089) Recommendation to approve by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, stated Mr. Wells requested re-zoning and planning and zoning commission granted a variance on lot size.

Councilman Wells left the meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an Ordinance to rezone a lot being 0.162 acres from RS-3 to RM-3 in accordance with a survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 5/26/2020 requested by Adrien Wells located at 905 S. Mooney Ave. (Z-2021-01-00089) Recommendation to approve by the Zoning Commission.

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

Councilman Wells re-entered the meeting

Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, February 23, 2021

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

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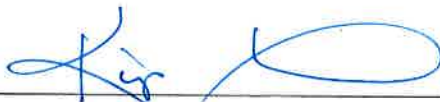
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
February 23, 2021
5:30pm**

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

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An Ordinance to rezone a lot being 50' x 150' in the South 1/3 of the SW 1/4 of Blk 7 of the Iowa Addition from RM-2 to RM-3 requested by Tracy Washington located at 211 S. Elm St.; Iowa Addition Overlay (Z-2021-01-00088) Recommendation to deny by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, stated this is a rezoning request from RM-2 to RM-3 it is on the corner of Elm and S. Hansen in the Iowa Addition Overlay.

Tommy Franklin, 810 Hanson, he's been there for 5 yrs. and does not feel the need for rezoning. The neighborhood is good - it's not the best, there have been recent incidents. He is not in support of rezoning.

Councilman Wells Entered meeting

Louise Bostic, 112 Elm Drive, neighborhood has worked hard to purge the area of blight and encourage owners to live there. A single family home on the property is welcomed but multifamily property is absurd. Asks to deny request to rezone.

Lee Collins, 300 N. Holly, owns the house next door to this property and would like to keep it a home neighborhood.

Karen Ralston, 404 S. Cherry, this property is in an overlay district- the purpose is to secure, preserve, and improve the district's historic single family residential character and protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents. Progress in this area has been made, property value has increased, and new families have moved into the area.

Asking to deny this request

Shuana Seals, 610 S. Range Road, asking the council to please deny this request to rezone 211 S. Elm from RM-3 to RM-2. Approving such a request will potentially open the door for future requests of this type which will eventually alter the character of the neighborhood. Mrs. Seals stated she grew up in Gray's Quarters which is part of the Iowa district and years ago that neighborhood had a distinct character that was defined and maintained by property owners who cared about living in an environment that was healthy, and safe now her old neighborhood has lost its character. Asked to vote against this request.

Lauren Fanally, 608 S. Orange St, enjoys living in the area and it is great to see the blight removed and houses restored. Re-zoning would not be a fit for the neighborhood.

Tracy Washington, 610 Mooney Avenue, property owner of 211 S. Elm, Informed the Council she went to the Planning & Zoning Board for a variance and indicated she planned on building a duplex at 211 S. Elm for herself and her adult children. The intent of requesting the rezoning from a RM-2 to RM-3 was to allow for a variance of

the square footage that would be allowed to build a duplex. She stated this is her own personal residence and prefer a duplex for herself and her adult children. She is moving from Mooney Ave. because of the issues in District #3. Stated she was transparent in the beginning and went through the process and did not ask for any special treatment. The intent is to build a duplex for herself and her children.

2. An Ordinance to rezone a lot being 0.162 acres from RS-3 to RM-3 in accordance with a survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 5/26/2020 requested by Adrien Wells located at 905 S. Mooney Ave. (Z-2021-01-00089) Recommendation to approve by the Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, stated the property is currently zoned RS-3 the owner is asking to rezone to RM-3.

Tracy Washington, was available to answer questions on behalf of the owner.

There were no public comments



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
February 23, 2021
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Kip Andrews called Regular Session to order at 5:45pm

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

III. PRAYER: Rev. Bobby Showers Sr.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
Zira Lewis, Hammond Westside Montessori 6th Grade

V. REPORTS:

1. Audit: Michelle Treschwig, CPA

Kushner Lagraize, LLC – Presenting the Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2020. The City is required to submit the audit report to the Legislative Auditor before December 31 and the deadline was met and is on the Legislative Auditor's website and is a public document. The City received an unmodified opinion and this is the best opinion that could be received. She informed the Council to review the financial statements to read the MDNA that provides a summary of the current year activity and compares to the prior year. The total revenue exceeded the expenses by approximately \$2.4 million resulting in an increase of the total net position from 48.4 to 50.8 very good. Revenue was up from the prior year and the main fund is the general fund (Operating Fund) and increased about \$450,000. Recommends to increase the general fund balance. Compliance with uniform guidance - this is over your grant programs - complied with no findings and is a clean opinion. There were no findings on internal controls and there were no findings on City Court & Marshall's audit. Mrs. Treschwig states the City is doing well financially and she thanked the Mayor, Lacy, and staff for their assistance. She also thanked the Council for the opportunity to present the audit.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked within the departments- do you report transfers between departments

Michelle Treschwig- not between departments – they look at the total transfers not by the department

Councilman Wells, suggests that the next time a slide presentation be presented for the audience.

2. Mayor: stated next Tuesday is the Charter Committee review at Council Chambers at 5:30pm and the public is invited.

3. Council:

Councilman Wells, asked for an update on sewer issues in District #3

Mayor, stated everything that has been brought to his attention has been addressed and when it comes to next year's capital outlay if there are some issues that need to be addressed as far as using camera for the lines that are having consistent problems with backing up lets gets some funds toward the next fiscal year which is July 1st and get it corrected.

Councilman Wells, stated he would like to be a part of the meetings dealing with District #3 sewer. Councilman Wells asked has the City started collecting the \$350 from the rail car fees.

Lacy Landrum, stated the rail car fee goes into effect this month so the first collection will be next month. It's collected after the number of cars that are passing thru.

Councilman Wells, asked for an update on the Building Official position

Lacy Landrum, stated as of Friday there are 10 applicants

Councilman Wells, stated there are issues in this area and we need help from everyone and this month we're celebrating Black History month. In our area it seems like every 2wks a young black male is dying in Hammond. He's been asking for patrol in our area and we need assistance and it won't get better if we don't work together. Councilman Wells asked for updated information on the booking room incident from Councilman Andrews.

Councilman Andrews, last update is they conducted depositions and Seth was completing a case he was working on and hopefully this will wrapped up on within the next 2 weeks.

Minutes of February 9, 2021: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of February 9, 2021.

Vote: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y). Minutes Approved 5-0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to appoint Regina Delaune to the Hammond Historic District Commission to serve the remainder of a four-year term until December 31, 2023. Pete Panepinto, stated she is an owner of Red, White& Brew and additional buildings. She lives downtown and has businesses downtown and will be a good candidate.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked whose term is she filling?

Lacy Landrum, stated Susan Seal's unexpired term

Regina Delaune, 206 E. Thomas, stated she loves Hammond and been here for 9 years and she has invested a lot in the Hammond area and will take the position seriously.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to appoint Regina Delaune to the Hammond Historic District Commission to serve the remainder of a four-year term until December 31, 2023.

Vote: Councilman Andrews (N), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (N), Councilman DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 3-2

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to rezone a lot being 50' x 150' in the South 1/3 of the SW 1/4 of Blk 7 of the Iowa Addition from RM-2 to RM-3 requested by Tracy Washington located at 211 S. Elm St.; Iowa Addition Overlay (Z-2021-01-00088) Recommendation to deny by the Zoning Commission.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked for clarification about the overlay district- does it allow duplexes

Tracie Schillace, these are different requests. The overlay district is similar to subdivision regulations it is extra on top of zoning and the Iowa district regulations that states only single family homes.

Tracy Washington, stated it would have to have a variance from the board of adjustments and in the staff report it says the property size is 50 x 150 which 7500 sq. ft. is. Under RM-3 it would only have to be 5000 sq. ft. for single family and 8000 sq. ft. for attached house. The reason for the request of the rezoning is to reduce the variance size

that in which she would need. Stated the petition she presented states for a duplex not apartments. She stated the planning & zoning commission meetings should be recorded so citizens could watch.

Tracie Schillace, stated the meetings are verbally recorded but not on video

Tracie Washington she recommends to allow planning and zoning meetings be on you tube

Councilman Wells, stated he walked the neighborhood and received 22 signatures. Stated he will go by the books no matter who it is but will follow the correct steps. Everything needs to be done the right way.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to deny an Ordinance to rezone a lot being 50' x 150' in the South 1/3 of the SW 1/4 of Blk 7 of the Iowa Addition from RM-2 to RM-3 requested by Tracy Washington located at 211 S. Elm St.; Iowa Addition Overlay (Z-2021-01-00088) Recommendation to deny by the Zoning Commission.

Vote: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (ABSTAIN), Councilman DiVittorio (Y). Minutes Approved to DENY 4-0

2. Final adoption of an Ordinance to rezone a lot being 0.162 acres from RS-3 to RM-3 in accordance with a survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 5/26/2020 requested by Adrien Wells located at 905 S. Mooney Ave. (Z-2021-01-00089) Recommendation to approve by the Zoning Commission.

Councilman Wells, stated this is in his district and Mr. Adrien Wells is doing good things in the area.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt an ordinance to rezone a lot being 0.162 acres from RS-3 to RM-3 in accordance with a survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 5/26/2020 requested by Adrien Wells located at 905 S. Mooney Ave. (Z-2021-01-00089) Recommendation to approve by the Zoning Commission.

Vote: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y). Minutes Approved 5-0

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

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

****Following Hammond City Council Meeting****

XI. Wilbert Dangerfield Award of Excellence Ceremony

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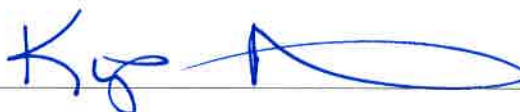
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PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
March 09, 2021
5:30pm**

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

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
March 09, 2021**

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

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

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

III. PRAYER: Pastor Angie, First Christian Church

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

V. REPORTS:

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

2. Council: Councilman Andrews: March 27, District #1 quarterly trash pickup at 8am -10:30am

March 10th from 4:30 to 5:30 setup in the lobby of Council Chambers collecting water to send to Jackson, MS.

April 3, 3021 in MLK Park there will be an Easter Egg Hunt closer to the date will have more information.

Councilman Andrews, asked about the contracts for railcars?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lacy Landrum, this month

Councilman Andrews, recognized Mr. Ronald Dangerfield, Sr. 314 Wilbert Dangerfield Dr. Hammond, LA.

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

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

Mayor, thanked Mr. Dangerfield for stepping up

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

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

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

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

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

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

No Public Comments

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilman Andrews, this will be connected together?

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

No Public Comments

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

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

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

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

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

No public comments

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

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Reconsideration of Introduction of an Ordinance to accept final subdivision plat and construction plans for "PS-2" Major Subdivision (22 single family lots & greenspace), acceptance of dedication of all public improvements in accordance with final plat by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc. and construction drawings by Webb M. Anderson dated revised 12/23/2020, and acceptance of 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$428,520.00 request by Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, Inc. located at 1105 Hewitt Rd; Zoned RS-11.A (SUB-2020-10-00138) Recommend Approval by Planning Commission. Lacy Landrum, stated this has come before the Council in the past and is located in District #3

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

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

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

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

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an Ordinance to accept final subdivision plat and construction plans for "PS-2" Major Subdivision (22 single family lots & greenspace), acceptance of dedication of all public improvements in accordance with final plat by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc. and construction drawings by Webb M. Anderson dated revised 12/23/2020, and acceptance of 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$428,520.00 request by Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, Inc. located at 1105 Hewitt Rd; Zoned RS-11.A (SUB-2020-10-00138) Recommend Approval by Planning Commission.

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

Public Hearing set for March 23, 2021

2. Introduction of an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget. Lacy Landrum, stated this is an annual activity that's done each year. Lacy provided a presentation

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

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

Lacy Landrum, this would be City wide

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Public Hearing is set for March 23, 2021

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

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

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An Ordinance to reconsider an accept final subdivision plat and construction plans for "PS-2" Major Subdivision (22 single family lots & greenspace), acceptance of dedication of all public improvements in accordance with final plat by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc. and construction drawings by Webb M. Anderson dated revised 12/23/2020, and acceptance of 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$428,520.00 request by Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, Inc. located at 1105 Hewitt Rd; Zoned RS-11.A (SUB-2020-10-00138) Recommend Approval by Planning Commission. Tracie Schillace, stated Gulf Coast Housing is present and the Design Engineer, Webb Anderson if there are any questions.

David Harms, Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, New Orleans La. presented the proposal for PS-2 subdivision. This is 22 single family homes 20-(4) bedrooms 3 bathrooms, playground, outdoor picnic area, multi sports court, and community garden. The Phoenix square development buildings are constructed well beyond energy star standards. This is transferring unused land into high quality housing. This is a rental community for 15 years after which the homes could be sold off to homebuyers in the community. There will be a residency preference for single parent household with children and individuals with disabilities. He understood there was a strong desire for future homeownership opportunities and to do a second phase to create homeownership. Stated he has worked with local vendors on this project.

Councilwoman Gonzales, where is the community center on the plan.

David Harms, its labeled CC off cul de sac - this is a meeting space not an indoor facility.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked if the basketball court and playground be open to the public or to the other development.

David Harms, the intent would be for this to be used by the residents of the two developments.

Councilman Leon would there be any funds set aside for maintenance and upkeep of the area during the initial 15 years.

David Harms, yes, there is an annual contribution that is made to the replacement reserve account that is maintained at the bank in addition to a substantial operating reserve.

Councilman Leon, at the end of the 15 years will there be money for maintenance prior to selling.

David Harms could be used for that purpose if there were things that's needed to be upgraded.

Councilman Leon, will the grounds be part of the maintenance program

David Harms, each resident will be responsible for their own lawn.

Councilman Leon is there a criteria for eligibility

David Harms, set aside at 50% to 60% area median income.

Councilman Wells, this is in district #3 and would like to know if these houses that are being built are they for homeownership?

David Harms, the intent is to create homeownership opportunity for the first 15 years- after completed they will have to be rented that's the condition of the financing that was secured to get them constructed but we have taken the step to make sure the homes are built on separate legal lots of record so they could be sold off separately after that 15-year period.

Councilman Wells presented the Council clerk with a petition with 38 signatures from the community that are not in favor and would like this to be in record.

David Harms, this has been the first-time opportunity to present this project in a public forum before the City Council. He would like to make sure that the opposition is based on a full understanding.

Louise Bostic, 112 Elm Drive, is this a gated community?

David Harms, no this community will remain open

Louise Bostic, there is an older development in the area, and they had a recreational area and it fizzled out. Stated she thinks part of the reason was there was no one to coordinate or supervise the use and wonders if this has been taken into account for this development.

David Harms, Gulf Coast was not involved in that project, but they have a resident manager that lives in Phoenix Square and will make sure the recreational areas stay in good shape and is well utilized for the residents that it's intended for both facilities.

Johnny Dunomes, for 15 years these homes will be rentals but will the funds that they have paid be applied to purchasing the home.

David Harms, no it will be a rental property.

Ryan Figuringo, from Premier Construction Development, was the general contractors for Phoenix Square one and informed the Council that materials will be purchased locally.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy. 190 W, concerned about Hammond what will be the worth of the homes when it's time to sell.

David Harms, this project is for the people of Hammond and that's who we intend to serve. At the end of the 15 year period we don't have the flexibility to kick everyone out and sell the homes. The intent is to get the residents to buy them and homes could be sold for the loan balance.

Online Question

Larando Vernado, 202 S Scalan Hammond, nothing was handed out in the area. If a person rent for 15 yrs., they will have basically paid for the home and how is it benefiting the Citizens of Hammond

David Harms, the rental payment over the 15 years will be paying down the debt on the property that will have an immediate and direct impact on the price that they pay on the house at the end of that 15 years.

Online Question

Pamela Haynes, 19 Sharon, this has happened in our community before and do not want to see this happen again. The property will be sold to other developers and our district cannot handle anymore neither can the plumbing handle it. Asks the Council to consider this seriously.

David Harms, the plumbing question will be referred to Webb Anderson (Engineer). We have no intention of going anywhere.

Webb Anderson, there are issues with sewer but this development will not cause any other extra problems.

Councilman Andrews, 22 extra homes will not cause any other problems with the current issues that are present?

Webb Anderson, correct

Councilman Andrews, I feel we should correct the present problems instead of adding 22 more issues.

Webb Anderson, they have met all the requirements for drainage, & sewer

Councilman Andrews, this is a very serious issue and is receiving calls that feces is coming up in homes this needs to be corrected before we add more problems in the area.

Webb Anderson, it will add to the flow

Councilman Wells, these 22 houses and the 5 other projects that we're having built in Hammond in same area?

Webb Anderson, there all adding to the sewer

Councilman Wells, confused on this situation and at 12 today at his home he could not flush his toilet. The City needs to know the direction of how the sewer is flowing in the entire Hammond.

Chuck Spangler, how was the sewer running Friday, Saturday, and Sunday?

Councilman Andrews, the same

Chuck Spangler, the change was rain it's nothing to do with the 22 new homes you can add another 2,000 houses. They have to be designed based on the average daily flow not the rainfall flow - you cannot penalize people when the system is poor. I know you're frustrated but the answer is you can't change the regulation because of the rain you can change the system.

Councilman Andrews, what if it's dry and residents complain about sewer backing up in their homes?

Chuck Spangler, he has never received a call about dry weather flow.

Councilman Wells, he just received a message on his phone of a complaint of toilet overflowing. We have a problem with the sewer in District #3. I have something to do with anything that's going on in my district and will wait for the presentation.

Councilwoman Gonzales, would like to make a point that we brought up homeownership and rentals but, would like to ask the Council if this was presented as 22 homes immediately be sold would this change your mind? If it does then we need to consider because they're not asking us to determine whether or not they're allow to rent or sell. Their asking us to take on this street that they build to our specifications. This is about accepting into the City infracture that's built to our specification that we require what they do with the homes it does matter but, are we voting on the usage of the home.

Councilman Wells, any City Councilman should be notified what's going on in there district and the building department should make us all aware. There are problems all over and how we solve them is sitting down talking about them. The rules apply to everybody.

Councilman Leon, we're talking about whether we want this project, or if the homes rented or sold. It seems like we're voting on something that we don't have the authority to vote or not to vote. We have the authority to approve or not approve the streets of this project, to my understanding we don't have the authority to approve not approve what's actually built. We're getting projects after project that a lot of our communities, and neighborhoods do not want but, at the end of day legally I'm not sure if we can stop them.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, each project is on its own - basically the Unified Development code tells you what the rules are for each developer or applicant. If they follow the rules it going to be difficult for the Council to say we're not going approve the project if they met all the requirements in the UDC. I don't think it's proper for you to inquire into how someone is going to use the property that is allowed in the UDC code.

Councilman Leon, is the Housing Committee looking at or starting to address the issues?

Councilman DiVittorio, committee is looking at best uses and all issues

Councilman Leon, if we want change we have to change the rules

Tracy Wells, 610 Mooney Ave., District 3 is against this subdivision and the Council should consider putting a moratorium that will impact sewer. District 3 does not need anything to add to and she is against going forward with the subdivision.

Daniel Laborde, 1010 West Robert, he is on the housing committee- speaking for himself the committee is only a think tank. We were not given the direction that we need to create policy. If we need to create policy then point back to the Masterplan being 10 yr., old and maybe the Council needs to address hiring a consultant to come up with a Masterplan.

There were no further public comments

2. An ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget. Lacy Landrum, stated this is an annual activity that's done each year. Lacy provided a presentation and attached were summary of budget amendments, Adopted Consolidated budget, and the third is where the consolidated budget will be should all these amendments be if approved tonight.

Required to do this by State law when any of the funds become more than 5% differences. The Street Improvements is a new amendment that came in after Councilman DiVittorio and the Mayor discussed Economic Development. DOTD is asking for a lot of street improvements to happen asking for \$75,000.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked questions about the bid for the generator

Lacy Landrum, the original cost estimate from last year was \$140,000 and by law the City is not supposed to bid something if we don't think we don't have enough to fund the item – the City may not spend the \$140,000 but funds should be budgeted. Janice Russo who has retired put together all the estimates for the generator.

Councilman Wells, asked Laura about her new position and knows she have received raises and would like her to speak on this topic more and congratulated her.

Laur Hammett, she is not in a new position - still Accounting Supervisor just assisting.

Councilman Wells, asked Laura about the street improvements and how the amount came up to \$75,000,

Laura Hammett, stated that she can't speak on that

Councilman Wells, asked if the garage supervisor was present and could he provide information on different equipment he works on.

Kent Soileau, garage supervisor, stated within reason anything from side by sides, tractors, back hoes, track hoes, sewer trucks, cars, trucks, half tons, 3 quarter tonn, 1 ton, and larger.

Councilman Wells, during July for budget is there any way it could wait until July or is it needed now.

Kent Soileau, asked in previous budget but Council saw fit to remove it and due to higher revenue would like to have it now. It will aid with 75% of the equipment and aid in safety.

Councilman Wells, see all this information but don't see Sewer

Lacy Landrum, part of the challenge is that until we raise Water & Sewer rates we do not have funds available in the Water and Sewer Enterprise account that supposed to pay for itself. The last 2 years funds have been transferred over to assist water and sewer projects in addition to grants that have been brought in and loans that have taken out to make those projects go. The City has a \$2.1 million loan now to improve sewer treatment plant, \$5 million loan for inflow and infiltration problems. It is an ongoing issue.

There were no further public comments



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

March 23, 2021

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Kip Andrews called Regular Meeting to order @ 6:45pm

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

III. PRAYER: Pastor, Johnny Dunomes, Bibleway Ministries

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Mayor: Lacy Landrum: there is no mayor report

2. Council:

A. E. J. Forgotston

Lacy Landrum, recognized **Vic Couvillion** for his efforts to **Keep Hammond Beautiful** and his volunteer work for over 10 years.

Vic Couvillion, President of **Keep Hammond** for 10 years. Over years they have collected 3,000 bags of liter.

He thanked the City, **Glenda Nelson-Hammond Garden Club**, **EJ Forgotston**, **Louise Bostic** and her son **John**, and others He commended **Dori St Cyr** that kept all the records straight. Over the years they brought in about \$50,000 in grants asked the Council to rededicate themselves to ridding our communities of liter He also thanked former Mayor **Foster** and everyone for their support. **EJ Forgotston** will take his place as president.

B. Chuck Spangler/ Guy Palermo: presented a presentation of the **Hammond Sewer System**. What is causing the sewer problem, what are we doing to fix it, and what can be done in the future.

Councilman Wells asked to see a diagram on how much Sewer comes through District #3

Online Questions:

Loranda Vernado, 202 S. Scanlan, how will the community be protected from future expenses for plumbing issues. For example, the city sewer exploded into my cousin's home where she had to foot her entire bill w/o help from the city. The sewer is awful! before moving forward with new construction, please fix the current issues with the city.

Pamela Haynes, 19 Sharon Hammond, It amazes me how questions don't get addressed.

Siltanise McCrany-Montgomery 1100 Mooney Avenue Hammond, are we addressing the fact that it's raining and our toilet are overflowing with sewer again. I just paid to get my house completed from my flood on January 16th please do something about this sewer. What is the rating on Mississippi/ Mooney Ave.?

Pamela Haynes, They want to add things back to the budget. There is a great need for the sewer problems. It should be first on the list and it should be in the budget- district #3 is having the main issues.

Tracy Wells, the Council removed \$390,000 from lift station upgrades in December 22, 2020 why you're considering the budget can you add it back to the budget.

Chuck Spangler, it was not removed = it was covered by DEQ funds

Lacy Landrum, not all of them – she thinks most 1 or 2 rated areas was set aside because they were not needing rehab at the time.

Councilman Wells, asked where the \$2.1 million dollars is going.

Chuck Spangler it's going to the South Plant to meet discharge and to handle high flow.

Ivan Scioneaux, 300 Corbin Road are we having aging pipeline problems

Chuck Spangler, most old clay pipes have been rehabilitated some problems are related to fiber optics breaking the sewer lines

Councilman Leon, asked if it's logged where fiber optic pierces the line

Chuck Spangler, yes

Ivan Scioneaux, does the City of Hammond sewer meet with Ponchatoula sewer

Chuck Spangler, no it does not

Kristen Montgomery, 1100 Mooney Ave. Why did I have to pay out of pocket for repairs when it's clearly a city problem?

Lacy Landrum, if she would like to submit this to Guy in the Water & Sewer department or City Hall we could look over to see what could be reimbursed.

Kenneth Tarragano, 1011 Varnado Street, this has been an issue for a long time and something needs to happen. Sewer is still backing up in his home can't use the restroom he goes through this every time it rains. Stated his patience is running out and going on for a long time. There is nothing being done in the area and we're forgotten about and wants something done.

Guy Palermo, he can't handle the rain and he only can do what he can

Butch Brashier, 309 Reed Street, this problem needs to be fixed there is a canal beside his house and needs to be cleaned he also have problems when it rains.

Councilman Wells, 1950s brought sewer and water in district 3 his grandfather went to an outhouse and he hooked up to the City Sewer and water in 1957 and in 2021 it is a problem like dealing with an outhouse. Only asked for Sewer System & Mooney Park to be fixed but now put it all in the Sewer System. The City is holding District #3 back and we need help.

Online Question

Tamara & Andrea Dangerfield, 301 Mississippi Street There is an entire district complaining about the exact same problem. Resolving it should be a top priority. Residents shouldn't have to live with sewage in the homes or in the street. This is a sanitation issue. I have a canal beside my house.

Councilman Andrews, thanked Robert Morgan for assistance with things in MLK Park. Clean up was scheduled for this Saturday but will be rescheduled due to the weather in April. Easter egg hunt will be in MLK Park at 11am and donations can be dropped off to Clerk. Any graduating seniors in District #1 will be able to complete a Scholarship application. Councilman Andrews asked Lacy about the Rail Spur?

Lacy Landrum, no payments were made - leases are still under review

Councilman Andrews, is there an ETA

Lacy Landrum, spoke with the corporate offices and waiting

Councilman Andrews, asked about the positions of Human Resources and Accounting

Lacy Landrum, reviewing Human Resources applications but the Accounting position is still open

Councilman Andrews, can anyone from Council sit on interview

Lacy Landrum the administration welcomes the Council President to sit in

Councilman Andrews, thanked everyone for their donations of water for Jackson, Mississippi.

VI. Minutes of March 9, 2021: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve the minutes of March 9, 2021.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office and the Hammond Police Department concerning the Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area regional task force. Chief Edwin Bergeron, stated this allows for reimbursement for funds that are spent who are on the federal task force, there is no City match.

Councilman DiVittorio, who is over the funding for the task force.

Edwin Bergeron they work with homeland security, then City the request funds from Jefferson Parish.

Councilman Wells leaves the meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office and the Hammond Police Department concerning the Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area regional task force.

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

2. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$55,000 application to the Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program for the rehabilitation of the Miller Memorial Library; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$5,000. Charles Borchers IV, stated this will allow to finish cosmetic repairs, and then the interior

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to 1) supporting the submission of a \$55,000 application to the Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program for the rehabilitation of the Miller Memorial Library; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$5,000.

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

3. A resolution approving the transfer of \$68,000 to "Cate Square Park Improvements" (Project 12014)—specifically, by transferring \$32,000 from the City's KABOOM! Grant for Cate Square Park Playground (Project 42102) and \$36,000 from the Grant Match Fund (Fund 208)—to consolidate funds under one project so it may be bid. Charles Borchers IV, stated he is trying to combine available funds into one account which will allow to expedite for bids and starting improvements.

Councilman Wells returned to the meeting

Louise Bostic, 112 Elm Drive, revisited this several times- this park has beautiful green space and is a prize that most towns can't boast. She does not want a giant monstrosity

Councilwoman Gonzales provided a picture for Ms. Bostic stated it is hyperlinked and it matches the park - its fitting within the current footprint of the playset - there is an area for big kids as well smaller kids.

Councilman Andrews asked if any grants applied for Jackson or Clark Park

Charles Borchers Jackson Park received a Kaboom grant in 2014 and in Clark Park in 2012 & 2013.

Councilman Wells are there any current grants for sub stations in district #3

Charles Borchers he will keep his eyes and ears open for any grants that may become available.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon approving the transfer of \$68,000 to "Cate Square Park Improvements" (Project 12014)—specifically, by transferring \$32,000 from the City's KABOOM! Grant for Cate Square Park Playground (Project 42102) and \$36,000 from the Grant Match Fund (Fund 208)—to consolidate funds under one project so it may be bid.

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

4. A resolution to approve The Blvd Event Center located at 1242 South Morrison Blvd., Unit P Hammond LA. 70403 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The owners are The Blvd Lounge & Grill LLC. Laura Hammett, owners present Mr. Derrick Baham and Mr. Warren Carey - they have met all requirements,

Councilman Wells, asked whose district is this?

Councilman DiVittorio my district and when are you expecting to open?

Derrick Baham once everything is approved by the council.

Councilman Wells, Mr Baham was in district #3 with a barber shop and hated to see him move locations. Thanked the gentlemen for not giving up when you were told no from the Parish.

Councilman DiVittorio welcomed The Blvd Event Center to the district and wished them much success.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to approve The Blvd Event Center located at 1242 South Morrison Blvd., Unit P Hammond LA. 70403 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The owners are The Blvd Lounge & Grill LLC.

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

5. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a work authorization for professional services with Garver, LLC for "Runway 18-36 Pavement surface analysis" at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. David Lobue, stated this was an Engineering report FAA directed – it is paid 90% by FAA and by the State 10%.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the land being cleared across from the airport.

David Lobue, it is at the environmental process of the surveys now at the Army Core of Civil Engineers-he is speaking with the State and with FAA.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to authorize the Mayor to execute a work authorization for professional services with Garver, LLC for "Runway 18-36 Pavement surface analysis" at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.

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

6. A resolution to reappoint Joe Thomas to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending 9/30/22. David Lobue, stated Joe Thomas is up for reappointment.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to reappoint Joe Thomas to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending 9/30/22.

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

7. A resolution to reappoint Mark Rolling to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending 9/30/24. David Lobue, stated Mr. Rolling is the President of the Hammond Airport Authority he was present at the meeting earlier but had to leave.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to reappoint Mark Rolling to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending 9/30/24.

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

8. A resolution to review and consider responses to RFP 21-13 request for legal advisor for Hammond City Council. Councilman Andrews asked Andre to explain the information that was provided.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, recommended that a process be created for who it is that engages a legal advisor for the Council. The Charter states you can do this on an issue-by-issue basis but there should be a process in place, such as is there any limitation or scope of work being assigned, and who approves the bill?

Councilman Wells, when can this process be started?

Andre Coudrain, first process is to decide what lawyer would you want one or more and what issue you want to refer. The Council has requested qualifications, what their charging, and their expertise. The Council will need to know who the lawyer communicates with during the process.

Councilman Wells, let it go through the President and we will only deal with the two firms that applied.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to designate the City Council President as the point of contact and the person to authorize bills for any attorney retained for legal services for which the Council will later vote on a issue by issue basis for their retention.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to reconsider an accept final subdivision plat and construction plans for "PS-2" Major Subdivision (22 single family lots & greenspace), acceptance of dedication of all public improvements in accordance with final plat by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc. and construction drawings by Webb M. Anderson dated revised 12/23/2020, and acceptance of 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$428,520.00 request by Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, Inc. located at 1105 Hewitt Rd; Zoned RS-11.A (SUB-2020-10-00138) Recommend Approval by Planning Commission.

Project Analyst Ms Janga provided emails in support of the project and read emails that are in favor.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to adopt an ordinance to reconsider an accept final subdivision plat and construction plans for "PS-2" Major Subdivision (22 single family lots & greenspace), acceptance of dedication of all public improvements in accordance with final plat by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc. and construction drawings by Webb M. Anderson dated revised 12/23/2020, and acceptance of 1 year performance bond in the amount of \$428,520.00 request by Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, Inc. located at 1105 Hewitt Rd; Zoned RS-11.A (SUB-2020-10-00138) Recommend Approval by Planning Commission

VOTE: Councilman Wells (N), Councilman DiVittorio (N), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (N). Motion Denied 3-2

Butch Depaula, Sugarland Texas, what can we do to sell this property? Why did you vote against it?

Councilman Andrews, stated #1 the residents in that area do not want to see it there and #2 the sewer issues problems we're having which is a serious problem

Councilman Wells, spoke with Mr. Bobby Depaula and talked about the property and project and does not talk on the phone.

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget. Councilman Wells asked that this be tabled.

Councilman DiVittorio asked for road improvements for his district of \$75,000

I. There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to increase the sales tax revenue in Fund 203 (Sales Tax) from \$20,500,000.00.

II. There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews to transfer \$150,000.00 from Fund 100 (General) to Fund 710 (WC/GL Insurance); and Transfer \$30,000.00 from Fund 203 (Sales Tax) to Fund 625 (W&S 2013 Series).

III. There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to appropriate \$75,000.00 from the ending fund balance of Fund 203 (Sales Tax) to the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan, Capital Expenditures- Street Improvements, within the Sales Tax Fund, for the Highway 190 improvements.

IV. There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to change the beginning fund balances from the estimated amounts to the actual amounts as occurred on July 1, 2020, for the following funds:

- a. In Fund 100 (General) to show a beginning fund balance of \$2,935,470.00.
- b. In Fund 203 (Sales Tax) to show a beginning fund balance of \$980,864.00.
- c. In Fund 205 (Court Awarded) to show a beginning fund balance of \$293,279.00,
- d. In Fund 209 (Fire Millage) to show a beginning fund balance of \$1,124,842.00.
- e. In Fund 210 (Police Millage) to show a beginning fund balance of \$464,468.00.
- f. In Fund 237 (DMV) to show a beginning fund balance of \$36,174.00,
- g. In Fund 625 (W&S 2013 Series) to show a beginning fund balance of \$109,144.00.
- h. In Fund 710 (WC/GL Insurance) to show a beginning fund balance of \$160,197.00.
- i. In Fund 720 (Health Insurance) to show a beginning fund balance of \$48,467.00.
- j. In Fund 803 (Court Witness) to show a beginning fund balance of \$35,490.00.

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

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

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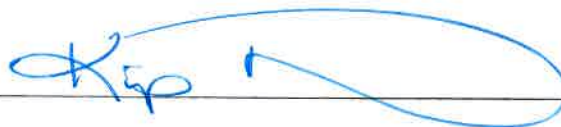
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

**MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
March 31, 2021
12:00pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Kip Andrews called the Special Meeting to order at 12pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

V. Review and discussion of policy on Cooperative Endeavor agreements with non-profits.
Councilwoman Gonzales asked if the City uses the application that's provided every year

Lacy Landrum, this is new there were questions concerning an application and this what I prepared

Councilwoman Gonzales, previously they would request directly to the Mayor on what they wanted.

Lacy Landrum they would submit fact sheets that came in the budget binder that's in the General Administration area. Some of the funding for some nonprofits we do not have say.

Mayor, at some point of time some of these organizations would need to be self-sufficient but, funding is approved by the Council.

Councilman Andrews, some of these organizations stood before us and stated they received some type of relief due to COVID.

Councilman Wells, are we here to assist these groups or we're going to stick with the same totals or add to it

Councilman Andrews we here to put policy in place and structure. Stated he appreciates the application that's presented.

Councilman Leon we should determine the funds we would want to put out there for non-profits

Councilman Wells, are we're going to accept the applications

Councilman Andrews, pleased and agrees with the application and should we vote on it

City Attorney, it's up to the Council to impose application you could but not required to vote.

Lacy Landrum, need application by May 1st or May 2nd

Councilwoman Gonzales, we should see how this goes and if things need to be changed we could do so

Public Comments:

Deborah McQueen, 1002 Magazine Street

Preparing to open a community center and would like to know who is set for allocations. Stated she will wait until criteria is set. A copy of the application was provided for review. Mrs. McQueen asked if there was a threshold.

Heather Parker, 17194 Parker Lane

Why is the Children's Museum more important over CASA and how does Hammond prioritize.

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

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Hammond City Council Members

Councilman Kip Andrews- President

Councilman Sam DiVittorio- Vice President

Councilman Devon Wells

Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales

Councilman Steve Leon

City Council Clerk, Tonia Banks

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
April 13, 2021
5:30pm**

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

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
April 13, 2021
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

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

III. PRAYER: Pastor, Terrence Lee
Second Rose Hill Baptist Church

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Mayor: NONE

2. Council:

A. E. Rene Soule- 42798 Scarlet Circle Liberty Restoration CDC- informed the Council and the Citizens of a program to assist in Emergency Rental Assistance due to COVID directly and indirectly. This is a federal government program through the Louisiana Housing Corporation. Available for tenants and landlords. More information is available at LARent.com or call 877-495-6555. The City Council Clerk was provided handouts.

B. Dr. Lue Russell- 17268 Old Covington Hwy., stated she's with the National Congress of Black Woman as an Executive board member. When the first stimulus plan was presented there was some concerns that clear information did not make its way to rural and minority communities and not everybody received what was available. This new plan Rescue America Act is an effort that everyone knows what's available to them. Rental assisting funding is available also funds for back utility pay. Its 12 months of back rent and 3 months of forward rent if they meet the threshold as well as utilities. Mortgage assistance is also available - call your mortgage company to make them aware you were impacted by COVID and there are no foreclosures or evictions. There is a child tax credit for every child 6 yrs., old or under there is a \$3600 dollar tax credit, and children over 6 to age 17 there is a \$3000 tax credit. Those funds will be paid out by checks starting in July half of what's available will be paid July through December in the amounts of \$250 or \$300 per child the other half will be claimed on the taxes for those who qualify. There is increase in unemployment of \$300 dollars a week that ends September 6th, PPP Loans are still available, the Shuttered Venue Operators grant is for entertainment venues, restaurants, musical venues, these are places that were closed these funds are grants that do not need to be paid back. The Economic Injury Development Loan is for anyone who was impacted would qualify - these funds were limited to some \$10,000 grants that did not have to be paid back. The tax deadline is May 17, 2021. Any loans repayment because of COVID has been delayed and will start 2022. FEMA has made funds available if you had to pay for funeral expenses for someone who died with COVID. If you had insurance that paid you're not reimbursed. Stated she has flyers and there is an initiative to bring vaccination in rural areas Southern University has been awarded the funding and the lead and Tangipahoa Parish is included and many churches will be included. On the radio WFPR every 4th Sunday 4pm they are continuing to bring updates.

C. Kip Andrews- presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Meals for the Multitude founded by Ed and Butch Robertson for 23 yrs., of service.

Thanked Lt. Doug Banks for his assistance for the Easter Egg Hunt, and thanked everyone for their donations, and volunteers.

On April 24, 2021 District 1 will have a cleanup starting at 8am to 10:30am will meet up at MLK Park. Asking all residents of District 1 and others to come out to be a part.

Hosting a meeting to setup a Community Garden inside of District 1 look out for a time place and date for this to take place.

D1 Committee has available scholarships for any graduating senior living in District #1 you can receive information by contacting Councilman Andrews or receive request by Facebook also Seniors can leave names with City Council Clerk.

There is a Charter Review Committee Meeting on Thursday in Council Chambers at 5:30pm

Thanked Guy Palermo, Webb Anderson, Lacy Landrum, Mayor, Councilman Wells for attending the meeting he called on March 31 to discuss the sewer issue in District #3.

Tom Hogan, 309 E. Church Street, asked about the event involving a HPD Officer and member of the public that was captured on video and circulated widely. The public is still waiting to hear what will be done in response to this situation and also about the booking room incident and no report has been issued. Hope something constructive will be done about it.

Councilman Andrews, stated the booking room investigation is in its last stages. We're awaiting information from the video expert who is tied up in a major case. After he's released from this case he will pick up his part for the booking room investigation. The projected date of closure to try to receive this information will be within the second week of May. The total charges as of today are \$5,183.67.

Councilman Andrews, stated September 8, 2020 Introduction, September 22, 2020 Final Adoption Ord. # 20-5629 were the dates we spoke and voted on the Rail Spur. Stated that an email was provided by Lacy Landrum and asked if she should could go into details on the email

Lacy Landrum, she is still in correspondence with both Home Depot and Graham Packing and has contacted local and corporate offices. The next step is to send certified letters.

Councilman Andrews, there is no ETA at all this has been a 7 month process and in February 2021 these companies were supposed to be billed.

Lacy Landrum, she emailed multiple times also have had multiple conversation trying to finalize the leases and receive data from CN Rail

Mayor, the companies are dragging their feet and now not much contact and now the time to involve Andre

Councilman Andrews, this has been going for the last several months and these funds could go toward other things like pay study, parks, streets, or sewer issue

Mayor these funds will be used to maintain the tracks

Councilman DiVittorio, he's saying that taking money out of areas that the City been funding the track to make repairs for previous years. When was their communication between the two companies?

Lacy Landrum, communication began prior to the vote so they would be aware what was coming. They also were in attendance at a Council Meeting and they were given the Ordinance. We recognize that this is due and there are avenues to recover payments but just as we collect back taxes, back payments of permit fees we will do so when we receive the payment.

Councilman Wells, asked question in February and was told there is a count on how many cars are going back there?

Lacy Landrum, we do not have estimates from CN and CN pushes the cars.

Councilman Wells, this have been discussed and talked about. If I don't pay my water bill they will cut it off. So it seems like we need to cut the spur off.

Mayor, we will deal with it legally.

Councilman Wells, do not like excuses and have real solutions to solving these problems

VI. Minutes of March 23, 2021: NONE

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to transfer \$14,640.50 from the Hammond Downtown Development District's general fund to advertising for the Millage Renewal Public Awareness Campaign.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to AMEND the agenda to move resolution #1 to #3 Introduction of an ordinances to be discussed.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion Approved to Amend 5-0

2. A resolution authorizing Councilman Wells to retain the professional services of Edwards Law Group LLC to develop and draft an ordinance and not to exceed \$24,999.00. Councilman Wells, reached out to City Attorney Andre Coudrain concerning this item. Councilman Wells stated he would like to make an amendment. This information is about the land usage of the Sewer, gun control around Mooney Park, and food trucks in the area.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, suggested to identify what issues and you have provided those. This firm will assist in developing ordinances for the Council to consider on these 4 subject matters. It is important to have a specified form in keeping with the existing Code of Ordinances so municode could place in the book of ordinances and happy to assist the Edwards Law Group. Recommended that you make a motion to amend this item to identify land use, Sewer problems, gun control around Mooney Park, and Food trucks.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second Councilman DiVittorio to AMEND to identify land use, sewer problems, gun control around Mooney Park, and food trucks

Councilman Wells, the \$24,999 will not be the original price

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion Approved to Amend 5-0

Councilman Wells, want to make sure the land is used correctly than what is being done. The sewer is out of control and anytime we're building in the community want to make sure the sewer is in control. In Mooney Park the shootings and he's concerned about the senior citizens and the kids, constituents have questions about the food trucks in the Hammond area.

Councilman Leon, these are great things but do we have to go outside to get an ordinance drawn up?

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, this is up to the council. Stated he would typically assist in preparing ordinances when requested it's up to the Council to get another firm or group to develop ordinances on those issues. It's still up to the Council to vote it would be just recommending and developing the ordinance.

Councilman Leon, asked Councilman Wells was there a reason why he didn't want the City Attorney to draw up the ordinance.

Councilman Wells, council voted that the council could have their own attorney and Andre is the City Attorney. Andre will assist the Edward firm.

Councilwoman Gonzales, have you consider having Andre draft these items due to him being on a retainer and it will fall within his rate. Then if there is a need outside opinion because of a conflict then have the firm review the ordinance. Also, Andre is familiar with the style and current laws

Councilman Wells, Andre the law group I'm dealing with is professional?

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, yes, seen their licensing and they have experience in public body work

Councilman Wells, they will work with Andre and I think it was clear that Andre stated the council could do this if we choose.

Councilwoman Gonzales, we all bring good ideas and we represent our districts with different suggestions. Stated her life experience is a billable hour attorney. If a client does not have to pay to write from scratch everything and can go to an attorney on a retainer who can do to it you're getting a bang for your buck by having the person who is not going to bill you per hour to create something. Let's remember we're spending taxpayer's money who already pay the City Attorney.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked Councilman Wells about the \$24,999 curious where this came from and would you be willing to amend to \$15,000 in that range?

Councilman Wells, yes it could be dropped to \$10,000. Every department moves money under \$25,000 and the City Council does not know nothing about this is why he picked this total.

Councilman DiVittorio, anybody in a department can move money up to \$25,000

Mayor, it was higher under Mayor Foster and it now has been bumped down to transfer funds

Councilman DiVittorio, who signs off

Lacy Landrum, administration, & accounting

Councilman DiVittorio, do we have an Accountant

Lacy Landrum, we do not have a finance director

Councilman DiVittorio, possibly need to review the moving of funds

Lacy Landrum, purchase limit is different depends on what your purchasing and how your purchasing.

Councilman DiVittorio, this will be just an ordinance to adjust on the moving around of funds and purchasing?

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, yes

Councilman Wells, this could be \$10,000

City Attorney, Coudrain, in the budget process would like to consult with the administration the council only meets about every two weeks and want to be sure there is an ability when needed for money to be moved from one section to the other but it could be administered through your budget authority.

Councilman Wells, just want the ball to begin and all the bills go through the President

Councilwoman Gonzales, on the land use our laws require the Planning & Zoning and a lot of consideration goes into this process. Food trucks the DDD has received polls from different community members on whether or not we should have food trucks there should be discussion before an ordinance is drafted.

Councilman Wells, this is dealing with my district and there is an issue that has to be discussed and move forward.

Mayor, one of the issues with the food trucks that was a concern of the businesses downtown

Councilman Wells, ok let's put a distance and to keep them away from downtown. They want food trucks in the park for events.

Mayor, we allow them in the park for events

Lacy Landrum, did research and there is a lot of information. There was a survey conducted and that data is available and will provide that data.

Councilman Leon, why pay someone else if we're paying someone now to do the same job

Councilwoman Gonzales, first time hearing these issues and agree they need to be addressed this is my opinion off the cuff.

Councilman Wells, love district #3 and love the City of Hammond. I been dealing with the City of Hammond and these problems been present and I want a solution.

Councilman DiVittorio, things need to be done and just review the cap but need answers and resolutions done.

Pastor, Terrence Lee, 13462 Adams Road, stated he's a business professional and he deals with a lot of attorney's and know when he's getting quality service and when he's not also know when they are overworked and overpaid. Why arguments are going on there are no models in place go see how other cities are dealing with issues then bring models back to the Council and come to a resolution that's economical with tax payers dollars not sit and argue which is a waste of our time. People are suffering and the council is wasting time. Spend time, Stop arguing and get models in place people are ready for change. It shouldn't be discussed with one or two districts it should be the entire council.

Patrick Strahan, 19840 Dr. John Lambert Drive, bring models to the table. Yes gun control for Mooney Park and Clark Park has to be done but, none of this will be done if the council does not meet together to hash things out nothing will be done. There are items on the agenda not discussed among everyone. In order for the public to make a decision we need that information beforehand. Food trucks in the community is a great idea, how much of this will continue before we make some change it only comes with communication and working together and this has not happened fully. There is no collaboration with the council and the City can see the non-communication.

Elizabeth Lafarge, 601 Rue Cannes, what happens if the not to exceed amount is spent and the work is still not complete?

Councilman Wells, City always go over budget and they ask for more money. Stated he would like to drop the \$24,999 to \$5000 and asked City Attorney for the next step?

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, make a motion to amend the agenda to have the not to exceed number be \$5000
There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to amend the agenda to have the not to exceed amount be \$5000.00

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion Approved to Amend 5-0

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to authorize City Council to retain the professional service of Edwards Law Group to develop and draft ordinances on land use, sewer issues, gun control, and food trucks with the amount not to exceed \$5000.00

Councilman Leon, is there a timeline

City Attorney, Coudrain be cautious on a timeline

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Leon (N), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion Approved 3-2

Elizabeth Lafarge, has the law firm provided Councilman Wells with an estimate

Councilman Wells, no they have not

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an ordinance for a Text Amendment to Ordinance #14-5364

1) Article 6.1.3 Mixed Use MX-N to remove several allowed uses, and

2) Add required construction routes for developments to be approved prior to issuance of permits. (TA-2020-07-00019). Recommend Approval by Zoning Commission. Tracie Schillace, asking to introduce two items the first is the MX-N Zoning the previous zoning ordinance zoning was listed as B-1. Tracie informed the Council that the spreadsheet in the packet shows what the B1 zoning allows. When the zoning ordinance

was re written in 2014 there were some additional uses that added to that zoning district also renamed MX-N. When the UDC was written they renamed all the districts. The MX-N is mixed use neighborhood intended to be a buffer between residential and commercial this was to protect the neighborhoods.

Councilwoman Gonzales, the public hearing on this was August 2020 and why is it just coming to Council.

Tracie Schillace chose to hold off because of COVID.

Councilwoman Gonzales, in 2014 and since that time anyone that has brought property that is MX-N have all these owners been aware.

Tracie Schillace, we have public hearings and the zoning commission has seen the previous B1 and how much it has increased, and it acts a buffer. Restrictions could be added.

Councilman Andrews can this go back to zoning commission.

Tracie Schillace yes it could go back to the zoning commission.

Councilwoman Gonzales would like business owners to be notified.

Councilman Wells, have there been any problems with the zoning.

Tracie Schillace, it did not come up as a problem the zoning commission has seen that it was a drastic change. There have not been any specific problems.

Councilman Wells, when you get something rezoned everyone who has adjoining property would be notified and think this will affect mom and pops owners.

Tracie Schillace, you are not expanding the uses you are restricting the uses not allowing what more is allowed.

The second part of this ordinance is for new developers once approved to inform them what the City expects but we do not have it in writing. We want new developers to know what routes are approved before receiving a permit.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to introduce an ordinance for a Text Amendment to Ordinance #14-5364.

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VOTE: Councilman Wells (N), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion Approved 4-1

PUBLIC HEARING IS SET FOR APRIL 27, 2021 AT 5:30PM

2. Introduction of an ordinance to transfer \$750,000 from the Sales Tax Fund (203) ending fund balance to Capital Expenditures to provide for sewer system improvements (two lift stations, SSES, and sewer rehabilitation). Chuck Spangler, stated this item is hyperlinked. Mayor stated he wanted something done immediately in district 3 and something needs to be done. We need to find where the extra water is coming in and he has initiated a professional service contract that's looking for the problem. There are 2 projects which is Mooney Ave and Mississippi Street pump station. The Mississippi street pump station is a new concept and it's a high flow pump – he is planning to put a pump station on that main line and wants to put in a high flow lift station. He stated he talked to the people in the neighborhood and the lady next to the manhole that has multiple problems. He found an adjudicated property that the City owns and ordered the survey the Mayor approved and will make sure that the City has legal rights and the pump station will be placed there. What will happen when the manhole fills up there will be an overflow that will go into a wet well. The two parts are construction and the other is the rehab expansion that's on its way.

Mayor stated the work is scheduled for July 1 but can't go out for bids unless you have funds in place that's why he is asking to approve the appropriation now to move quickly.

Chuck Spangler, he is planning to do a lot more when budget session comes around. This is a good start.

Councilman Divittorio, last meeting you stated \$12 million now its \$750,000 and if it's a \$12 million dollar issue \$750,000 wouldn't do much and it's a hazard issue there should be some other funds out there that the city could get.

Mayor, the \$750,000 is starting the process going after priority problems.

Councilman Andrews, asking for some options just for educational wise.

Lacy Landrum, there are 2 main funding sources. Louisiana Community Development Block Grants every 2 years. The City has participated in this you can receive up to a \$1 million dollars grant for sewer rehab. The second is the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund Program- loans are at 0.95% interest the pre application takes up to 3 to 4 months for approval. The full application can take up to 6 to 9 months and once approved then goes to the State Bond Commission. The purpose is to allocate the funds then see what's coming from the Feds and then see what other options are available.

Councilman Wells, on Mississippi Street going on 3 yrs., talking about the man cover and it's like a joke and he has called so many times and now fixed within 2 days. The \$750,000 – he talked to the people in the community and district 3 does not want a band aid and nobody will give us a pacifier and he would like to TABLE this item. Stated he spoke with everyone in the neighborhood and told them what his plans was and told the community that district 3 does not need a band aid.

Chuck Spangler, get with us and make things happen and do not vote against this let's get started.

Mayor, this is not a band aid this an early start and please do not vote no

Councilman Wells would like to Table this item - this is not enough. The other areas are not having sewer problems asked to see what was done with the block grant you will not give me \$750,000 and think that this is going to solve the problem.

Mayor, you're getting more than that after the fiscal year starts.

Councilman Wells, it affects district #3 and he talked to the community and told them what he would like to do, and they stated Devon you make the decision. He would like this item tabled.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to TABLE an ordinance to transfer \$750,000 from the Sales Tax Fund (203) ending fund balance to Capital Expenditures to provide for sewer system improvements (two lift stations, SSES, and sewer rehabilitation).

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion Approved to TABLE 4-1

3. An Introduction of an ordinance to transfer \$14,640.50 from the Hammond Downtown Development District's general fund to advertising for the Millage Renewal Public Awareness Campaign. Chelsea Tallo Little, stated this is for the Millage renewal for April 24, 2021.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to transfer \$14,640.50 from the Hammond Downtown Development District's general fund to advertising for the Millage Renewal Public Awareness Campaign.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING IS SET FOR APRIL 27, 2021 AT 5:30PM

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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.

Hammond City Council Members

Councilman Kip Andrews- President

Councilman Sam DiVittorio- Vice President

Councilman Devon Wells

Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales

Councilman Steve Leon

City Council Clerk, Tonia Banks

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain



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COUNCILMAN WELLS (A) COUNCILWOMAN GONZALES (P) COUNCILMAN LEON (P)**

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance for a Text Amendment to Ordinance #14-5364

1) Article 6.1.3 Mixed Use MX-N to removed several allowed uses, and

2) Add required construction routes for developments to be approved prior to issuance of permits.

(TA-2020-07-00019). Tracie Schillace, stated the first item is to remove some existing uses from the MX-N zoning. Previous to the UDC being adopted there was less uses allowed in MX-N and this is what's being asked to go back to. The Council Clerk sent letters to those that have the MX-N zoning on their property. A map and spreadsheet has been provided to the Council to review the properties and their uses. The second portion of this is to add a requirement in the UDC to require any development to get a written approved construction route to make sure large trucks are not impacting City streets as much as possible. We would like this in writing, and be enforced.

Councilwoman Gonzales, thanked Tracie and the City Council Clerk for sending out notices.

Councilman Leon, asked were there any responses received

City Council Clerk, no responses were received.

Frank DiVittorio, 1 Arbrook Circle, he currently owns property that is zoned MX- N on Hwy., 190 he requests that the City evaluate properties as to what should be rezoned MX-C or MX-N so the burden of the cost and expense is not placed on the owner. It shouldn't be rezoned lot by lot this is an issue that needs to be addressed however this is half of the solution. The other half is to look at what is currently zoned MX-N and after the changes are made what it should be MX-N or MX-C their zoning has been used discriminately. Mr. DiVittorio asked that the City don't leave to owners to request the re-zoning change.

Tracie Schillace, stated there are some properties that should be re-evaluated. It could be brought back to Zoning Commission to make recommendations.

Greg Drude 111 N. Oak Street, agreed it that should be re-evaluated. This should also protect homeowners but, should look at whole UDC, which is a bigger issue that should be addressed.

There were no other public comments

2. An ordinance to transfer \$14,640.50 from the Hammond Downtown Development District's general fund to advertising for the Millage Renewal Public Awareness Campaign. Chelsea Tallo, stated the DDD tax renewal passed and funding will be through 2034. This is to pay for marketing.

There were no public comments.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
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HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

April 27, 2021

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Kip Andrews called Regular Session to order at 5:50pm

**II. ROLL CALL: COUNCILMAN ANDREWS (P) COUNCILMAN DIVITTORIO (P)
COUNCILMAN WELLS (P) COUNCILWOMAN GONZALES (P) COUNCILMAN LEON (P)**

**III. PRAYER: Dr. Daniel Crosby
Pastor New Hope Baptist Church**

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
Obie Griffin-8th Grade Hammond Westside Montessori**

V. REPORTS:

Mayor: congratulated DDD & school board for the tax passage.

1. Council:

- A. Dr. Peltier, Chief Medical Officer, North Oaks:** gave a presentation on COVID in our area and Parish wide.

Councilman Wells, thanked Councilman Andrews for reaching out to Dr. Peltier to speak on COVID.

Councilman Leon, recognized Denver Mut, Woodbridge HOA President for the meeting held on Saturday. Thanked Chief Bergeron for being in attendance and speaking with the residents. Communication with the citizens of Hammond is best for us all.

Councilman Leon welcomed Chris Hammons, Representative with Entergy and congratulated her on the position.

- B. Tom Hogan:** Resident not present

Councilman Wells, stated that there was a problem at the Sheriff's Office and thanked Daniel Edwards for making a wrong back right. Stated he wish that everyone in Leadership if you or a staff member do something wrong you look and see what you can do as a leader to correct it. Councilman Wells, stated he has a lot going on and he has no notes and dealing with the City they want you not to be prepared. We are all supposed to be prepared for a meeting and review all information before a Council meeting. His district and the City of Hammond they need us and the City and Council need to do a better job and he will fight for his community and the City of Hammond. If you're not prepared to answer questions do not come up because he will ask questions.

Councilwoman Gonzales, thanked Robert Morgan and staff for assisting in the debris clean up in district #2. On Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 8am to noon at Zemurray Park Hazardous Waste Recycling.

Councilman Andrews, presented Officer Zaffuto, for 2020 Officer of the year.

- Congratulated Kim Mulkey new LSU Women's Basketball Team
- Thanked Dori St Cyr, Robert Fields, SLU, & City employees that came out to district #1 Cleanup
- He is in the process of setting up a Townhall meeting for district #1 Representative that is on the Housing Committee to inform residents what has taken place up to this point. A date and place will be provided soon.
- On May 10, 2021 there is a Charter Review Meeting at 5:30pm in Hammond City Council Chambers
- He r requested to have the projector moved behind the Council

Councilman Andrews, asked Lacy of any updates on Human Resources and Financial Director position

Lacy Landrum, they have screened applicants and planning to set times for interviews

Councilman Andrews, asked about update on the Railroad Spur Cars

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, yes there is progress, on Home Depot we have an agreement and is in the process of being signed. Graham Packaging, communicated with them and this is routed up to their corporate headquarters in Pennsylvania and communicated with their corporate counsel and they will be having a telephone conference call with their folks to get back with us and this will have an effective date of February 1, 2021.

Councilman Andrews, stated he and his colleagues take their jobs very seriously. He has the concerns of district #1 and concerns of other citizens across the City. He understands the job that he was called to do and he knows who's with him. Councilman Wells, informed him to pray all the time. He stated he would like respect shown for one another in City Council meetings. There should be respect, and communicate with one another a whole a lot better. He knows that there is heart and soul in representing our districts and asking that we come together the Administration & Council and rise above and move ahead to make Hammond the best City in the State of Louisiana. It will take us to work together in order to get this done. It is time for a change and make that change together.

VI. Minutes

A. Minutes of March 23, 2021: THERE WAS A MOTION BY Councilwoman Gonzales AND SECOND BY Councilman Leon TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2021.

**VOTE: COUNCILMAN ANDREWS (Y) COUNCILMAN DIVITTORIO (Y)
COUNCILMAN WELLS (Y) COUNCILWOMAN GONZALES (Y) COUNCILMAN LEON (Y)
Motion Approved 5-0**

B. Minutes of March 31, 2021 (Special Meeting): THERE WAS A MOTION BY Councilman Leon AND SECOND BY Councilwoman Gonzales TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 31, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING.

**VOTE: COUNCILMAN ANDREWS (Y) COUNCILMAN DIVITTORIO (Y)
COUNCILMAN WELLS (Y) COUNCILWOMAN GONZALES (Y) COUNCILMAN LEON (Y)
Motion Approved 5-0**

C. Minutes of April 13, 2021: THERE WAS A MOTION BY Councilman Wells AND SECOND BY Councilman DiVittorio TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2021.

**VOTE: COUNCILMAN ANDREWS (Y) COUNCILMAN DIVITTORIO (Y)
COUNCILMAN WELLS (Y) COUNCILWOMAN GONZALES (Y) COUNCILMAN LEON (Y)
Motion Approved 5-0**

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution authorizing Tacos & Beer to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Wednesday, May 5 2021, from 3:00pm to 10:00pm in the Morrison Alley Park behind the restaurants and between Cypress and Cherry Streets.

Jose Valencia, Owner, stated he's requesting a waiver to the Open Container ordinance to celebrate Cinco de Mayo on May 5, 2021.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing Tacos & Beer to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Wednesday, May 5 2021, from 3:00pm to 10:00pm in the Morrison Alley Park behind the restaurants and between Cypress and Cherry Streets.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

2. A resolution authorizing One Thirteen, located at 113 North Oak Street, to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, from 1:00pm to 10:00pm in the restaurant's parking lot.

Mary Royer, Administrator, stated he's requesting a waiver to the Open Container ordinance to celebrate Cinco de Mayo on May 5, 2021.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing One Thirteen, located at 113 North Oak Street, to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, from 1:00pm to 10:00pm in the restaurant's parking lot.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

3. A resolution authorizing Si Senor Taqueria, located at 1905 West Thomas Street, to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, from 1:00pm to 10:00pm in the restaurant's parking lot within Seville Plaza.

Mary Royer, Administrator, stated she's requesting a waiver to the Open Container ordinance to celebrate Cinco de Mayo on May 5, 2021.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing Si Senor Taqueria, located at 1905 West Thomas Street, to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, from 1:00pm to 10:00pm in the restaurant's parking lot within Seville Plaza.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

4. A resolution authorizing La Carreta, located at 108 Northwest Railroad Avenue, to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, from 1:00pm to 10:00pm in the closed area of West Charles Street in front of the restaurant and in the south side of the Casa de Fresa parking lot.

Mary Royer, Administrator, stated she's requesting a waiver to the Open Container ordinance to celebrate Cinco de Mayo on May 5, 2021.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing La Carreta, located at 108 Northwest Railroad Avenue, to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, from 1:00pm to 10:00pm in the closed area of West Charles Street in front of the restaurant and in the south side of the Casa de Fresa parking lot.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

5. A resolution authorizing the purchase of a Kubota Excavator Model #KX040-4R 1A in the amount of \$49,970.40 for the Street Department (State Contract) #4400018611.

Jana Thurman, stated Mr. Morgan did reached out to several different dealerships to obtain pricing and specifications on different name brands. After review he decided this particular model would meet the needs of his department. Jana, stated she also reach out to other Kubota dealers and was informed could not give pricing because they have particular regions.

Councilman Wells, how many did you reach out to?

Jana Thurman, stated she reached out to 2

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells authorizing the purchase of a Kubota Excavator Model #KX040-4R 1A in the amount of \$49,970.40 for the Street Department (State Contract) #4400018611.

VOTE: COUNCILMAN ANDREWS (Y) COUNCILMAN DIVITTORIO (Y)
COUNCILMAN WELLS (Y) COUNCILWOMAN GONZALES (Y) COUNCILMAN LEON (Y)
Motion Approved 5-0

6. A resolution authorizing the purchase of equipment and installation (for the New 2021 Police Tahoe's) from Dana Safety Supply, Inc. for the total of \$94,388.05 (State Contract) #4400018761, 4400014878, and East Baton Rouge contract.

Jana Thurman, reached out to another State Contract vendor that declined to submit a quote. Asking to proceed with contract for the installations, light bars, and piggy back off East Baton Rouge public contract for the rest of the equipment. A piggy back it is an existing public entity that has already did the bidding process and allowing the City of Hammond to utilize their pricing for the same exact commodities or services. The units will be here at the beginning of June.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells authorizing the purchase of equipment and installation (for the New 2021 Police Tahoe's) from Dana Safety Supply, Inc. for the total of \$94,388.05 (State Contract) #4400018761, 4400014878, and East Baton Rouge contract.

**VOTE: COUNCILMAN ANDREWS (Y) COUNCILMAN DIVITTORIO (Y)
COUNCILMAN WELLS (Y) COUNCILWOMAN GONZALES (Y) COUNCILMAN LEON (Y)
Motion approved 5-0**

7. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew the insurance coverage for the City of Hammond for the period of May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022.

Don Steil, gave a presentation of the proposal for the insurance coverage for 2021-2022.

Councilman Wells, asked how many claims we have

Don Steil, do not have the number

Councilman Wells, what do you recommend to stop the claims?

Don Steil, there are things getting done the Governor signed a bill last year but it just has not grasped. There is law suit abuse that's out there

Councilwoman Gonzales asked about policy limits

Don Steil it may be some expense in there not just that one claim all wrapped into one

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain there is a self-insurance retainage on large claims.

Don Steil could not get quotes from insurance companies earlier. It could have been ready for last meeting.

Councilman Wells, anyone that work with City need to attend some type of driver's course.

Don Steil, another source that can help is placing cameras in City Vehicles.

Lacy Landrum, a reminder that dash cams are in the police vehicles and talked about adding them to the major Fire Trucks.

Councilman Wells, when is the insurance renewed?

Don Steil, May 1st

Councilman Wells should have been brought to Council 2 months ago.

Don Steil, quotations will not be received from insurance companies 2 months in advance we fight to get every information we can.

Councilman Wells, we need more time when making decisions what is the total premium?

Don Steil, \$887,158.09

Patrick Strahan, 19480 Dr. John Lambert Drive, typically part of insurance packages there are multiple training information on insurance. Is there a way for the City to implement training to use the resources that Mr. Steil team would come on board to ensure proper training?

Don Steil, yes, it is available online.

Patrick Strahan how is workmen's comp claims investigated within the City.

Don Steil, in our instance it is turned over to the claim administrator

Online: Andrea Dangerfield 301 Mississippi Street, maybe in the future the City can receive several quotes

Don Steil, there are several options in the presentations.

Nan 52 Whitmar Drive, Hammond, stated she ask her insurance agency for a month or more notice so she could review information and present to her board if any questions are asked. In the past would this information be presented in the past?

Don Steil, the last 2 years it has been hard, and some did not want to renew.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to renew the insurance coverage for the City of Hammond for the period of May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022.

**VOTE: COUNCILMAN ANDREWS (Y) COUNCILMAN DIVITTORIO (Y)
COUNCILMAN WELLS (N) COUNCILWOMAN GONZALES (Y) COUNCILMAN LEON (Y)
Motion approved 4-1**

8. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement for improvements along a portion of the State right of way on US Highway 190 West.

Mayor, this is a three-way Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Parish \$75,000, City \$75,000 for the cost of this turning lane and the developer will pick up the remaining of the cost.

Councilwoman Gonzales, this is City money improving a state highway that bothers her that this falls on City, Parish, and others that contribute and thinks the businesses should fund these projects.

Councilman DiVittorio, there is development all over and the City will have to take on some of the expense.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to authorize the Mayor to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement for improvements along a portion of the State right of way on US Highway 190 West.

**VOTE: COUNCILMAN ANDREWS (Y) COUNCILMAN DIVITTORIO (Y)
COUNCILMAN WELLS (Y) COUNCILWOMAN GONZALES (Y) COUNCILMAN LEON (Y)
Motion Approved 5-0**

9. A resolution 1) ratifying bids received April 22, 2021 in response to RFP 21-17—Playground Equipment for Cate Square Park (Project 12014); 2) approving the award of a contract to the responsive proposer; and 3) authorizing the Mayor to enter this contract.

Charles W. Borchers IV, the total is \$153,905.00 and it is within budget and asking for approval to move forward. Think it would be around June.

Councilman Wells, look for the same thing in Mooney Park there is no barricade, no safety work, due to the Park not completed. We need to be more cautions in District #3

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to 1) ratifying bids received April 22, 2021 in response to RFP 21-17—Playground Equipment for Cate Square Park (Project 12014); 2) approving the award of a contract to the responsive proposer; and 3) authorizing the Mayor to enter this contract.

**VOTE: COUNCILMAN ANDREWS (Y) COUNCILMAN DIVITTORIO (Y)
COUNCILMAN WELLS (Y) COUNCILWOMAN GONZALES (Y) COUNCILMAN LEON (Y)
Motion Approved 5-0**

10. A resolution 1) supporting the submission a \$105,000 grant application to the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program to perform a sewer system evaluation survey of west Hammond; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$45,000.

Charles Borchers IV, the deadline is May 12, 2021 and still working out details with Spangler Engineering understanding that there is some suspicion that some of our infiltration and flow issues are coming from this area.

Councilman Andrews, so this will roll over into some noncommercial areas as well.

Charles Borchers, yes, potentially still identifying the scope this is most or all of district 4.

Councilwoman Gonzales is this a new grant.

Charles Borchers, we used this for the lift station.

Councilwoman Gonzales how quickly is the turnaround.

Charles Borchers, projecting award announcements in September

Councilman Wells, where will this be located?

Charles Borchers, district 4 the area W. of Morrison Blvd., & N. of Old Baton Rouge Hwy.

Councilman Wells, why wasn't this done in district #3

Charles Borchers can't answer that question but SSES in district # 3 on Thomas, Palmetto, Mooney and Morrison a couple of years ago. This is a thought to help Mississippi Street.

Councilman Wells wanted these questions answered by Chuck from work that was done in district #3. Two weeks ago, tabled \$750,000 because a number was not giving for district #3 but said for district #3 throughout Hammond.

Mayor, grants don't come that quick the sewer item that was tabled it was clearly to build a 30-year-old lift station that need to be rebuilt also to add and additional lift station on a piece of property that the City owns nearby to pump the sewage to the plant and not go through district #3. This was too immediately to get started on this project.

Councilman Wells, it stated district #3 and throughout Hammond everyone need to be aware of when we are talking district #3 it is district #3.

Lacy Landrum, the sewer does not know where the district boundaries are the system is all connected. The fastest way to get help for district is to approve the \$750,000. Trying to solve a complex problem the \$750,000 is to target now.

Councilman Wells, a major pump that should have been worked on but being bypassed. We have an engineering problem and an administration problem.

Rene Washington, 402 Washington Ave. Hammond, asked about the \$650,000 and would like to know for sure the funds are dedicated to district #3

Patrick Strahan, 19480 Dr. John Lambert Drive, would like all the public record services that occurred for the last 30 years for everything that has been done to that specific lift station.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells 1) supporting the submission a \$105,000 grant application to the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program to perform a sewer system evaluation survey of west Hammond: and 2) supporting a cash match of \$45,000.

**VOTE: COUNCILMAN ANDREWS (Y) COUNCILMAN DIVITTORIO (Y)
COUNCILMAN WELLS (Y) COUNCILWOMAN GONZALES (Y) COUNCILMAN LEON (Y)
Motion Approved 5-0**

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance for a Text Amendment to Ordinance #14-5364

- 1) Article 6.1.3 Mixed Use MX-N to removed several allowed uses, and**
- 2) Add required construction routes for developments to be approved prior to issuance of permits (TA-2020-07-00019).**

Councilman Andrews, stated he would like a more information on (1 Article 6.1.3 Mixed Use MX-N to remove several allowed uses, and)

Andrea Coudrain you could have separate motions on 1 and 2

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman Wells** to **TABLE**
Final adoption of an ordinance for a Text Amendment to Ordinance #14-5364
1) Article 6.1.3 Mixed Use MX-N to remove several allowed uses, and

**VOTE: COUNCILMAN ANDREWS (Y) COUNCILMAN DIVITTORIO (Y)
COUNCILMAN WELLS (Y) COUNCILWOMAN GONZALES (Y) COUNCILMAN LEON (Y)
Motion Approved 5-0 to table**

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to
approve **Final adoption of an ordinance for a Text Amendment to Ordinance #14-5364**
2) Add required construction routes for developments to be approved prior to issuance of permits (TA-2020-07-00019).

**VOTE: COUNCILMAN ANDREWS (Y) COUNCILMAN DIVITTORIO (Y)
COUNCILMAN WELLS (Y) COUNCILWOMAN GONZALES (Y) COUNCILMAN LEON (Y)
Motion Approved 5-0**

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to transfer \$14,640.50 from the Hammond Downtown Development District’s general fund to advertising for the Millage Renewal Public Awareness Campaign.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to adopt an ordinance to transfer \$14,640.50 from the Hammond Downtown Development District’s general fund to advertising for the Millage Renewal Public Awareness Campaign.

**VOTE: COUNCILMAN ANDREWS (Y) COUNCILMAN DIVITTORIO (Y)
COUNCILMAN WELLS (Y) COUNCILWOMAN GONZALES (Y) COUNCILMAN LEON (Y)
Motion Approved 5-0**

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


Councilman Andrews thanked Tonia Banks Council Clerk for a job well done and she will no longer be City Council Clerk.

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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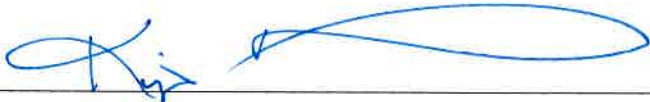
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Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
May 11, 2021
5:30pm**

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

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



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

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

**III. PRAYER: Chaplin Keith Kincaid
North Oaks Hospital**

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
Pledge Girl scouts troop 31018- Kylie Jarreau, & Rylie Jarreau**

V. REPORTS:

- 1. Mayor: there was a movie filmed in town today.**

2. Council:

A. Hammond Housing Committee

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

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

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

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

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

Councilman DiVittorio, the group is well rounded and diverse,

Lemar Marshall, invited Sandra Weary to attend meeting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Council Clerk, all have been served

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

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

VI. Minutes

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

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilman Wells, who are the officers

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

Councilman DeVittorio, how much does the grant cost

Charles Borchers, zero dollars

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

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

There was a motion by Council Woman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve a resolution supporting the submission of a \$71,932 application to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Formula Grants Program to establish a voluntary intervention, support, and mentoring program for juveniles at risk of entering the criminal justice system.

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

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

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

Councilwoman Gonzales and Councilman Wells temporarily left the meeting

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

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

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

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

Councilwoman Gonzales returned to the meeting

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

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

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

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

There was a motion by Council Woman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve a resolution to equip the Kenney Recreation Center with back-up generators by (1) authorizing the expenditure of up to \$150,000 for the generators, materials, and supplies, (2) using the \$100,000 allocated in the FY2021 budget for the Kenney Center generators and using \$50,000 from the afterschool program (10050500-560131), and (3) authorizing the purchase of two Generac generators from Arcco for a total cost of \$122,983.65 under state contract #4400013661..

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Budget Binders were presented to Council members

Budget Work Session will be June 11th 2021 @8:30 am

There was a motion by Council Woman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews. to iintroduce an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in accordance with the procedures of Section 5-03 of the City's Charter

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

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

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

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

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

There was a motion by Council Woman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews To introduce an ordinance to adopt and establish a tax on all taxable property within the corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2021.

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

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

3. Introduction of an Ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Betty L. Brown (owner) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on Lot 7 Block 7 Greenville Park Addition located at 108 W. Green St. Zoned RS-3 (Z-2021-04-00090) the Zoning Commission Recommended approval with conditions 1) this approval is with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership of Betty L. Brown, and 2) The manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards.

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

Councilman Wells returned to the meeting
There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an Ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Betty L. Brown (owner) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on Lot 7 Block 7 Greenville Park Addition located at 108 W. Green St. Zoned RS-3 (Z-2021-04-00090) the Zoning Commission Recommended approval with conditions 1) this approval is with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership of Betty L. Brown, and 2) the manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards.

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

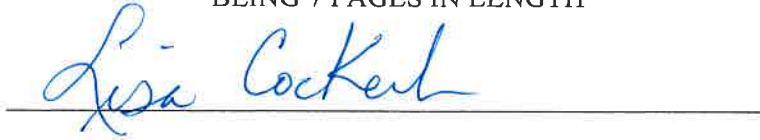
Public Hearing is set for May 25, 2021 at 5:30

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

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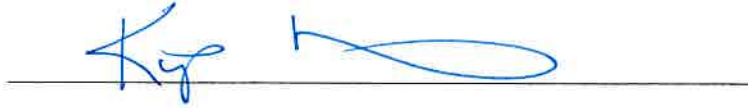
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

**MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
May 19, 2021
4:00pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Kip Andrews called the Special Meeting to order at 4pm

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

V. Review, discussion and action concerning: Edwin Bergeron, et al versus city of Hammond #2021-0001375 division "F" Twenty First Judicial District Court, Tangipahoa Parish *

***the Council may meet in executive session as provided in LSA RS 42:17**

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to enter into executive session to discuss Edwin Bergeron, et al versus city of Hammond #2021-0001375 division "F" Twenty First Judicial District Court, Tangipahoa Parish.

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

***Council enters into executive session**

Councilman Wells leaves meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to exit executive session and go back to regular session.

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

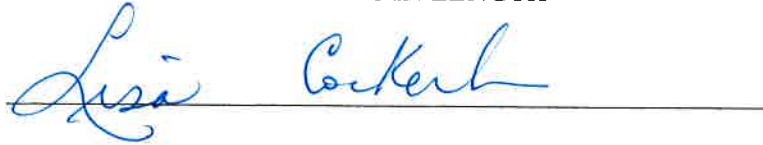
City Attorney Andre Coudrain stated, no votes were taken and no action was taken during the executive session.

VI. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio 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
May 25, 2021
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance to adopt and establish a tax on all taxable property within the corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2021.

Public Works: 2.00 Mills

General Alimony: 9.04 Mills

Police & Fire: 10.00 Mills

Total: 21.04 Mills

Lacy Landrum, stated this is an annual adoption, same taxes/rate from last year that was approved by the voters.

No Public comment

2. An ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Betty L. Brown (owner) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on Lot 7 Block 7 Greenville Park Addition located at 108 W. Green St. Zoned RS-3 (Z-2021-04-00090) the Zoning Commission Recommended approval with conditions 1) this approval is with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership of Betty L. Brown, and 2.) the manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards.

Lacy Landrum, stated the staff report is attached, this was originally listed in council district one, but it is in council district 3 there are existing mobile homes in the area and the zoning commission voted in favor.

Councilman Wells, what are the HUD standards and ask Ms. Betty to come up, he wanted to know if she reached out to the residents.

Betty Brown, 108 W. Green St., owner, stated she obtained 6 signatures

Lacy Landrum, report is attached and was presented at the last meeting.

Councilman Wells, wants to be sure the residents on the street are ok with this, so he would like to table it until he and Ms. Brown can get together with the residents.

There was no public comment



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION AGENDA
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
May 25, 2021
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Pastor Barry, St. James AME Church

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Shout out to Tydrill Nicole Taylor of the TNT Dancing Dolls from Amite area, went from Louisiana to New York and won. On Saturday May 29 2021 the Zemurray pool is set to open at 9:00 am

2. Council:

Councilman Kip Andrews, called Shaun Pennington

Shaun Pennington, 11515 Willington Lane, representing Men United, wants to bring baseball and recreational soft ball back to the City of Hammond. Would like to use all three parks. Mr. Pennington is asking to use Martin Luther King and Clark Park every other Sunday, rotating the parks as well as Zemurray Park for all age groups. Thanked the police for their presence at an event they had over the weekend.

Mayor, sounds great, city is doing work in the parks, get with Desirae Dotey the recreation director for use of parks. Thanked Mr. Pennington for bringing it back.

Councilman Wells, ask Mr. Pennington if he got with Desirae and he thanked him for what they were doing, because it's needed in the community. He will do whatever he can to help.

Shaun Pennington, yes he and some other members have already spoke to Desirae.

Rannilca Henry, Men United, have been in contact with Desirae, trying to go through proper protocols, the parks need maintenance on the fields.

Mayor, we will take care of it

Councilwoman Gonzales, she will assist

Councilman Divittorio, Calls up Louise Golden, with a problem on Harden Dr. in Lincoln Park.

Louise Golden, 2800 Anderson St, there's a lot of drug trafficking in the area, abandoned properties. It's not safe for families and they need more police patrols.

Bobby Mitchell, He's familiar with that and they have it on the list for monitoring, will revisit it.

Chief Bergeron, Police are patrolling the area.

Gladys Andrews, young people have guns and it is not safe.

Councilman Wells, they need cameras in the area

Councilman Andrews, are there limits on hours for construction projects? Medline Project

Bobby Mitchell, 7 am to 7 pm, some exceptions.

Mayor, Will make a phone call on it

VI. Minutes

A. Minutes of May 11, 2021

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve the minutes of May 11, 2021

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

B. Minutes of May 19, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve the minutes of May 19, 2021

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to approve the Fiscal year 2021-2022 Non-Municipal Fire and Police personnel Holiday closing schedule for the City of Hammond.

Jacqueline Browder, provided the recommended Holiday closing schedule for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for Non-Municipal Fire and Police personnel. The only change was the removal of the presidential election.

Councilman Wells, can public be given notice of closing schedule

Lacy Landrum, we can include city closure schedule in water/city utility bills.

There was a motion by Councilman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the Fiscal year 2021-2022 Non-Municipal Fire and Police personnel Holiday closing schedule for the City of Hammond.

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

2. A resolution to approve Mr. Mule's Kitchen located at 118 N. Cate Street Hammond, La. 70401 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The ownership is PM Entertainment, Inc. (Laura Hammett)

Laura Hammett, stated all the requirements have been met

Councilman Wells, What type of food will be served.

Daniel Lambert (owner), stated they would be serving New Orleans style Po-Boys and seafood.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews to approve Mr. Mule's Kitchen located at 118 N. Cate Street Hammond, La. 70401 for High/Low alcohol on premise.

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

3. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with BFI Waste Services, LLC DBA Republic Services of Baton Rouge in the estimated amount of \$46,210.67.

Jana Thurman, the city contract is coming to an end and this was the lowest bid. The bid is for dumpsters around the city.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about items that are dumped outside of dumpster.

Robert Morgan, companies will pick up mattresses and miscellaneous items left outside of the dumpster but there is a charge, so it's easier for the city to pick them up.

Councilman Wells, who pays for dumpsters

Lacy Landrum, residents pay for shared dumpsters

Jack Steven (YouTube), Shouldn't code enforcement fine landlords that leave trash scattered on their properties?

Robert Morgan, individuals can be cited for dumpster overflow. Notice can be given and they have 48 hours to remove.

Jana Thurman, will ask company what the charge is for overflow removal.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with BFI Waste Services, LLC DBA Republic Services of Baton Rouge.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (N), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (A) Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 3-1

4. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$14,800 grant application to the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$7,400 from the Hammond Police Department.

Charles Borchers, this is to purchase 20 police vests

Councilman Wells left the meeting

Chief Bergeron, vests are purchased every year to keep rotation, so they won't have to purchase 80 vest at one time.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrew** and second by **Councilman Andrews** 1) supporting the submission of a \$14,800 grant application to the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$7,400 from the Hammond Police Department.

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

5. A resolution authorizing the purchase of a Generac generator from Arcco for a cost of \$37,970.84 under state contract #4400013651 and authorizing the expenditure of up to \$80,000 allocated in the FY2021 budget for the installation of a generator for City Hall and the Council Chambers. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, contract is approaching its expiration and money has already been appropriated in the budget. Generator will be used for City Hall and Council Chambers.

Councilman Wells returned to the meeting

Councilman Andrews, what other buildings were left out

Lacy Landrum, believes this is the last building without a generator.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** authorizing the purchase of a Generac generator from Arcco for a cost of \$37,970.84 under state contract #4400013651 and authorizing the expenditure of up to \$80,000 allocated in the FY2021 budget for the installation of a generator for City Hall and the Council Chambers.

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

6. A Resolution to hire an attorney to represent the City of Hammond in the lawsuit entitled Edwin Bergeron, Patrick Dean, Denver Golmon, Jennifer Payne, Craig Dunn, Thaddeus Gautier, Chase Zaffuto, Brain McCormick and Thomas Mushinsky versus the City of Hammond #2021-0001375 division "F" Twenty First Judicial District Court, Tangipahoa Parish. (Councilman Devon Wells)

Councilman Wells, requested to move forward with hiring an attorney to represent the city.

Carolyn Harold, 228 Cherie Dr, crime is down in the city based on FBI data base. Use of force evaluation does not require an attorney. What is the goal? This is not an investigation, we need to move forward from 2017.

Councilman Andrews, we want to move forward.

Debra McQueen (Youtube), 1002 Magazine St., why are officers suing the city?

Councilman Andrews, Officers filled a lawsuit to prevent them from being called to testify.

Shauna Seals, 610 S. Range Road. Please clarify what the expected outcome is from the investigation which has turned into a lawsuit.

Councilman Andrews, report will be provided to the citizens.

Patricia Amos, Whitmore Acres, why can't we use the city attorney?

Jack Stevens, How much money has the council spent on attorney fees so far?

Nnenna Minimah - 52 Whitmar Dr, (Youtube) Can we get a summary of what role/duties have in representing the city.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to table, because item was added to the agenda on Monday. The Council president declared the motion dies for lack of second.

There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to hire an attorney to represent the City of Hammond in the lawsuit entitled **Edwin Bergeron, Patrick Dean, Denver Golmon, Jennifer Payne, Craig Dunn, Thaddeus Gautier, Chase Zaffuto, Brain McCormick and Thomas Mushinsky versus the City of Hammond #2021-0001375 division "F" Twenty First Judicial District Court, Tangipahoa Parish.**

Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (A) Councilman Wells (Y). Motion Approved 3-1

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Final adoption of an ordinance for a text amendment to Ordinance # 14-5364 regarding Article 6.1.3 Mixed Use MX-N to remove several allowed uses (TA-2020-07-00019).

Lacy Landrum, suggested to refer this back to zoning commission for its recommendations and for further research.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to refer this matter back to the **Zoning Commission** for its recommendations and further research.

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

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

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

Notice was given for any public comment and there was no Public Comment

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to adopt and establish a tax on all taxable property within the corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2021 as follows:
Public Works: 2.00 Mills

General Alimony: 9.04 Mills
Police & Fire: 10.00 Mills
Total: 21.04 Mills

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (A), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion Approve d 4-0

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Betty L. Brown (owner) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on Lot 7 Block 7 Greenville Park Addition located at 108 W. Green St. Zoned RS-3 (Z-2021-04-00090) the Zoning Commission Recommended approval with conditions 1) this approval is with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership of Betty L. Brown, and 2.) the manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards.

Councilman Wells, asked for signatures

Lacy Landrum, signatures are not required, planning and zoning does not require signature

Councilman Wells, asked for it to be tabled

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table this item

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (A), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion Approved 4 – 0 to table

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to transfer \$450,000 from the Downtown District (207) Ending Fund Balance to the Railroad Park project (11917) for park construction.

Chelsea Tallo-Little, DDD is allocating funds to improve its space. This is two projects- one is for the current public space behind the DDD office and renovation of the DDD building to add public restrooms. Most of the funds will come from the DDD budget.

Councilman Wells left the meeting

2. There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to transfer \$450,000 from the Downtown District (207) Ending Fund Balance to the Railroad Park project (11917) for park construction.

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (A), Councilman Wells (A), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion Approved 3-0 to introduce

Public hearing is set for June 8, 2021 at 5:30 pm

2. Introduction of an ordinance to transfer \$160,000 from the Sales Tax (203) Ending Fund Balance to the Railroad Park project (11917) for park construction.

Lacy Landrum, asking for this to be introduced for a public hearing, this would be the city's portion to help with downtown improvements. The sales tax fund balance and the consolidated fund balance are attached. Asking for introduction so they can have a full public hearing and a slide show.

Councilwoman Gonzales, ask about the slide show/ hyperlinked

Lacy Landrum, the package is just a summarization of plans.

Chelsea Tallo- Little, this funding is requesting the city to pay for the sidewalk improvements and the reinforcement of the alley, behind the building, improvements on Thomas and Railroad.

Councilman DiVittorio, are there sidewalks already there.

Lacy Landrum, yes this is an enhancement and a widening of the sidewalks and reinforcements of the alley.

Councilman Andrews, make sure there is enough space for truck to get in the alley and not crack the sidewalks.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to transfer \$160,000 from the Sales Tax (203) Ending Fund Balance to the Railroad Park project (11917) for park construction.

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (A), Councilman Wells (A), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion Approved 3 - 0 to introduce

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3. Introduction of an ordinance to transfer \$100,000 from the Sales Tax (203) Ending Fund Balance to the new DDD Building Renovation project to add public restrooms.

Lacy Landrum, this is to move and make restrooms available to the public and ADA accessible.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to transfer \$100,000 from the Sales Tax (203) Ending Fund Balance to the new DDD Building Renovation project to add public restrooms.

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (A), Councilman Wells (A), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) 3-0 Motion Approved to introduce

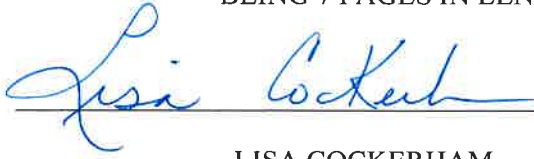
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X. ADJOURN: there was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance to transfer \$450,000 from the Downtown District (207) Ending Fund Balance to the Railroad Park project (11917) for park construction. (Chelsea Tallo-Little)

Chelsea Tallo, project has been in conversation since 2015 and in DDD master plan since 1990. They have had several meetings with the Board of Directors and other groups such as the Chamber, Small business development, with positive feedback. This will improve the DDD and the entire city.

Roy Dufreche, landscape architect, provided a slide show presentation of the project and explained how the project came about. Explained why this project is important to the City of Hammond. He explained what walkability is and the walkability scores.

Tom Pistorius, project architect, provided a slide show presentation on the improvements to the DDD building.

Lacy Landrum, presented the funding for the project.

Councilman DiVittorio, had a question about the restrooms and who's responsible.

Jeffrey Smith, stated he supports the project

Melanie Rickett, Historic District, stated she does not support the plan, she explained why.

Caleb Morse, stated he supports the project

Denise Austin, stated she supports the project

Laura Knighton, stated she does not support the project because there are other needs

Neena Minamar, had questions about the liability and safety

Tracey Wells stated other parks and other places have needs.

John Daniel Guerin, stated he supports the project

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated bathrooms are needed in the area

Patrick Strahan, stated he supports the project

Frank DiVittorio, asked about hours the bathrooms would be open.

Renee Washington, had questions about restrooms

Pamela Harris, stated the city has needs in other areas

Andrea Dangerfield, stated she is concerned about safety issues.

Joe Meir, stated he supports the project

Cassie Ragan, stated she supports the project

Sandra Weary, had questions about funding

Shauna Seals, she is in support of the project but also need to take care of other areas

2. An ordinance to transfer \$160,000 from the Sales Tax (203) Ending Fund Balance to the Railroad Park project (11917) for park construction. (Lacy Landrum)

Renee Washington, stated there should have bathrooms downtown.

Jeffery Smith, 1709 Sanders Ave, volunteer for the DDD, is a business owner and a taxpayer, encourages the council to support.

Melanie Rickett, don't want to move funds, does not support the project, concerned about use of donated property as well as the trees. She passed out examples of what trees may look like in a few years. Concerned about the monument/ historic marker.

3. An ordinance to transfer \$100,000 from the Sales Tax (203) Ending Fund Balance to the new DDD Building Renovation project to add public restrooms. (Lacy Landrum)

No Public comment

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



HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

June 8, 2021

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Lacy Landrum provided the Mayor's report and stated sales tax for April are \$354,000 above budget. Budget work session will be Friday, June 11, 2021 at 8:30-3:30

2. Council:

Councilwoman Gonzales thanked city departments for work in Cate Street Park.

Councilman Wells, thanked new police officers for being involve in the park and community. Thanked police department for presence in Mooney Park. They are still having sewer problems in area. Thanked the city for speed bump in the community.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about canopy in Jackson Park.

Councilman Andrews, recognized Ms. Sandra Weary, she stated that she cares about the town and she wants everyone to be treated fairly. Councilman Andrews thanked everyone that assisted in finding Mr. Dunn and he thanked the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's office. Asked for volunteers for an educational program (district 1) in July. Stated no one is above the law and we need to move forward to make things better, the city needs to heal.

VI. Minutes

A. Minutes of May 25, 2021

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of May 25, 2021

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

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

Lacy Landrum, asked that the matter be tabled and asked that any additional questions be submitted.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to table item

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

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Hammond Downtown Development District for the construction of Railroad Park, contingent on the favorable adoption of an ordinance that authorizes the city's portion of the funding (\$160,000).

Lacy Landrum, stated the CEA is the controlling document if funding is approved, DDD is paying the majority of the funds

Councilman Wells, asked about funding for project and the Downtown Development District's Budget.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if the DDD doesn't get money for project, will they still be able to do it.

Councilman Leon, stated the DDD has been saving money for many years for the project.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Hammond Downtown Development District for the construction of Railroad Park, contingent on the favorable adoption of an ordinance that authorizes the city's portion of the funding (\$160,000).

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

2. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Hammond Downtown Development District for the DDD Building renovation to add public restrooms, contingent on the favorable adoption of an ordinance that authorizes the city's portion of the funding (\$100,000).

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about the responsibility for the restrooms, accessibility.

Lacy Landrum, DDD is responsible

Renee Washington, 402 Washington Ave, should have bathrooms open 7 days a week

Tracey Wells, 610 Mooney Ave, asked about liability insurance

Mark Verbois, 4240 Clover Leaf, DDD is an economic driver

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Hammond Downtown Development District for the DDD Building renovation to add public restrooms, contingent on the favorable adoption of an ordinance that authorizes the city's portion of the funding (\$100,000).

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

3. A resolution to approve Le Saigon Located at 1820 South Magnolia St., Hammond, LA 70403 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The ownership is The Lee Family, LLC.

Laura Hammett, stated the restaurant is changing locations from 221 E Thomas St, stated all the requirements have been meet.

Mr. Lee (owner) moved to a new location and asks to be able to serve alcohol.

Councilman Andrews, left the meeting

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to approve Le Saigon Located at 1820 South Magnolia St., Hammond, LA 70403 for High/Low alcohol on premise. The ownership is The Lee Family, LLC.

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

4. A resolution to approve Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux, Located at 305 C.M. Fagan Dr., Hammond, LA 70403 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The ownership is DBMC Restaurants of Hammond, LA LLC.

Laura Hammett, stated this is a new restaurant, all the requirements have met.

Jason Gesclair, 16854 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, representing the owner, thanked the Council for the opportunity.

Councilman Andrews returned to the meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux, Located at 305 C.M. Fagan Dr., Hammond, LA 70403 for High/Low alcohol on premise. The ownership is DBMC Restaurants of Hammond, LA LLC.

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

5. A resolution to investigate the December 6, 2017 booking room incident pursuant to Hammond charter section 2-06.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated she wants to address issue of the council's action on the booking room incident.

Sandra Weary, 102 Rue Dr, asked for clarification of the item

Councilwoman Gonzales, explained the item

There was a motion by Councilman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to investigate the December 6, 2017 booking room incident pursuant to Hammond charter section 2-06

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Abstain), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Abstain). Motion Fails 1-2

6. A resolution to rescind the subpoenas issued by the Council President to City of Hammond Police Officers and instruct the attorney and expert hired by the City Council to produce a written report of the incident within 30 days while referencing in said report any refusal of any witness to testify, or inability to obtain other necessary information, as appropriate.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated she wants to move forward and get a report done.

Councilman Wells, stated we have issues that needs to be resolved

Councilman DiVittorio, stated we need cooperation and transparency and the council president can issue subpoenas under the charter.

Frank Divittorio, asked about authority to issue subpoenas.

Debra McQueen, asked if s the chief addressed this publically

Councilman Wells stated the Chief has not addresses this issue publically.

Karolyn Harrell, asked why is it called an investigation, an expert opinion was voted for not an investigation.

Councilman DiVittorio stated this is an investigation.

Brent Ridder asked how much taxpayer money has been spent

Councilwoman Gonzales stated \$36,000 has been spent including the expert

Sandra Weary stated she is ready for the incident to be over, but investigation is important

Karolyn Harrell stated an expert opinion was voted on and approved an investigation was not. Two different legal process. If I am wrong can my councilman provide me with the minutes of the meeting in which an investigation was authorized?

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to deny the resolution

Vote: Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y). Motion approved 3-2 to deny the resolution.

7. Be it resolved, that Council President Kip Andrews is authorized to enter into the attached proposed engagement with BHCA Law Firm or BOYER, HEBERT, CARUSO & ANGELLE, LLC for the issue of defending against the lawsuit filed against the City by Edwin Bergeron et al seeking to avoid cooperating. with the investigation and answering questions from the independent use of force expert into their use of force in the booking room bearing docket number 2021-1375 in the 21st Jdc, Tangipahoa. And further designating President Kip Andrews and Vice President Sam DiVittorio as his exclusive contacts.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated Attorney Michael Adams recommends this firm to defend the case against the city. If we use Andre, it's a conflict of interest.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked City Attorney if he thinks there is a conflict of interest.

City Attorney Andre Coudrain, answers no.

Shaunna Seals (YouTube), If the chief is in the room, can the chief shed some light on the investigation that has already been done.

Chief Edwin Bergeron, stated the incident was investigated by the former police chief and looked at by the FBI. The department is getting better.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells that Council President Kip Andrews is authorized to enter into the attached proposed engagement with BHCA Law Firm or BOYER, HEBERT, CARUSO & ANGELLE, LLC for the issue of defending against the lawsuit filed against the City by Edwin Bergeron et al seeking to avoid cooperating. with the investigation and answering questions from the independent use of force expert into their use of force in the booking room bearing docket number 2021-1375 in the 21st Jdc, Tangipahoa. And further designating President Kip Andrews and Vice President Sam DiVittorio as his exclusive contacts.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Betty L. Brown (owner) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on Lot 7 Block 7 Greenville Park Addition located at 108 W. Green St. Zoned RS-3 (Z-2021-04-00090) the Zoning Commission Recommended approval with conditions 1) this approval is with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership of Betty L. Brown, and 2.) the manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards.

Lacy Landrum, stated other mobile homes are in the area

Councilman Wells, explained his reason for asking for signatures.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Betty L. Brown (owner) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on Lot 7 Block 7 Greenville Park Addition located at 108 W. Green St. Zoned RS-3 (Z-2021-04-00090) the Zoning Commission Recommended approval with conditions 1) this approval is with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership of Betty L. Brown, and 2.) The manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards.

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to transfer \$450,000 from the Downtown District (207) Ending Fund Balance to the Railroad Park project (11917) for park construction.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells for final adoption of an ordinance to transfer \$450,000 from the Downtown District (207) Ending Fund Balance to the Railroad Park project (11917) for park construction.

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to transfer \$160,000 from the Sales Tax (203) Ending Fund Balance to the Railroad Park project (11917) for park construction. (Lacy Landrum)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon for final adoption of an ordinance to transfer \$160,000 from the Sales Tax (203) Ending Fund Balance to the Railroad Park project (11917) for park construction.

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (N), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion Approved 4-1

3. Final adoption of an ordinance to transfer \$100,000 from the Sales Tax (203) Ending Fund Balance to the new DDD Building Renovation project to add public restrooms. (Lacy Landrum)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews for final adoption of an ordinance to transfer \$100,000 from the Sales Tax (203) Ending Fund Balance to the new DDD Building Renovation project to add public restrooms.

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (N), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion Approved 4-1

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Lacy Landrum, stated the zoning commission recommended to deny. It is inconsistent with the City Master Plan and Zemurray Park Master Plan

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

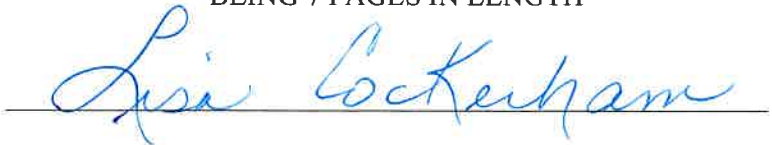
ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Abstain), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion Approved 4-0 to introduce

Public Hearing will be scheduled for June 22, 2021 at 5:30

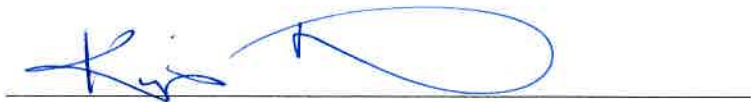
X. ADJOURN: there was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I LISA COCKERHAM, CLERK OF COUNCIL DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND
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Councilman Devon Wells

Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales

Councilman Steve Leon

City Council Clerk, Lisa Cockerham

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING**

Minutes

**312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

June 22, 2021

5:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilman Wells, agrees

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Andre Coudrain, this is only discussion

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

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

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

No Public Comment



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

June 22, 2021

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

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

2. Council:

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

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

VI. Minutes

A. Minutes of June 8, 2021

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

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilwoman Gonzales, \$27,800

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

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

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

B. NEW BUSINESS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lacy Landrum, I can do more research

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

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

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

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

Councilman DiVittorio, did you contact the guy

Bobby Mitchell, yes we made all the proper notifications.

Councilman Wells left the meeting

Councilwoman Gonzales left the meeting

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

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

Councilwomen Gonzales, returned to the meeting

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS

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

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

Councilman Wells returned to the meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilman Leon, we got a motion and a second

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Capital Projects

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gen Admin- Non Profits

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

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

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

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

Councilman DiVittorio, they can bring it back to the council

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

Lacy Landrum, that's the process

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

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

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

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

Lacy Landrum, they didn't ask for any changes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilman Wells would like to deny

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

Councilman Wells, yes I would like to take that off

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

Councilman DiVittorio, yes and Councilman Wells, yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#19 item was not considered

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilman Gonzales, there was a motion and a second.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilwoman Gonzales, what's our number now

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilman Andrews, left meeting

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilman Andrews returns to meeting

Councilman Leon, how much are we over the budget

Lacy Landrum, about \$210,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

NONE

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
July 13, 2021
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



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I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Father Cayet, Holy Ghost Catholic Church

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lauryn Whigham, London Whigham (Girl Scouts Troop)

All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.

V. REPORTS:

1. Mayor: None

2. Council:

Councilman Wells, Ms Bernadine Warren a pillar of the community passed away and will be missed, still having sewer issues in area, and thanked the Hammond Police Department for coming to the park.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked for update on survey study

Lacy Landrum, will ask if they can come to a meeting

Councilman Andrew’, community will miss Ms. Bernadine, she was a recipient of the Wilbur Dangerfield Award, keep people in Florida in your prayers, Saturday cleanup day in District 1 from 8am to 10am meeting in Martin Luther King Park. Asked Lacy Landrum about Amway, trash pick-up

Lacy Landrum, explained Amway had a disaster last week and she spoke to them about services. If there are locations that did not get picked up, let her know.

Councilman Wells, for the future is there any way we can put it on the water bills that will help his community out.

VI. Minutes

A. Minutes of June 22, 2021

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

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: None

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into a contract with The Daily Star as the Official Journal for the City of Hammond, LA from July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022 (Jana Thurman)

Jana Thurman, stated the Daily Star is our local newspaper, this will be the official journal, the designated newspaper to serve as the official journal to publish public bids, public meetings, and council meetings.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to approve the Mayor to enter into a contract with The Daily Star as the Official Journal for the City of Hammond, LA from July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 5-0

2. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$21,650 application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase radio equipment for the Hammond Police Department (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, stated the city receives a Justice Assistance Program (JAG) allocation annually, this year’s allocation is \$21,650. In speaking with our Chief of Police, the primary need is radio equipment, so we are planning to purchasing additional radios, about 13 or 14 radios, there’s no match required.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells to approve A resolution supporting the submission of a \$21,650 application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase radio equipment for the Hammond Police Department

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 5-0

3. A resolution supporting the submission of an application to the Apache Corporation Tree Grant Program for 125 trees for the City's annual Louisiana Arbor Day tree giveaway January 21, 2022. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, stated the city applied for 125 trees and we use these for tree giveaways to our citizens free of charge.

Sam DiVittorio, asked if we get about the same amount every year and is there a variety.

Charles Borchers, thinks there are six different species.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to approve a resolution supporting the submission of an application to the Apache Corporation Tree Grant Program for 125 trees for the City's annual Louisiana Arbor Day tree giveaway January 21, 2022

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 5-0

4. A resolution 1) accepting a \$148,000 grant from the Airport Rescue Grants Program to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, stated this program is under the American Rescue Plan Act, this program has provided almost two trillion dollars to local governments and states. Our airport will be receiving a direct allocation of \$148,000 and we are asking the council to approve so that we can enter into that contract and accept those funds.

Councilwoman Gonzales, what can you use those funds for?

Charles Borchers, for preparing for Covid like issues, everything from janitorial services, to recurring type service contracts. It has to be geared toward Covid related response and precautions.

Councilwoman Gonzales, so is there a plan for this money already?

Charles Borchers, we just found out about this money about a week or two ago, so not per say.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if there is a match

Charles Borchers, there is no match requirement

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve a resolution 1) accepting a \$148,000 grant from the Airport Rescue Grants Program to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 5-0

5. A resolution to appoint Monica Perez to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a four-year term from July 14,2021-June 14, 2024 (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor, stated Monica Perez came to the last Council meeting and introduced herself because she was going to be on vacation for this meeting. He gave back ground information on Ms. Perez, and that she would be replacing Jeffery Smith on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Councilman Wells, I wouldn't be able to confirm her, he would like people to be here. My recommendation, I'm going to say no.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilwoman Leon to approve a resolution to appoint Monica Perez to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a four-year term from July 14, 2021-June 14, 2024

VOTE: Councilman Wells (N) Councilman DiVittorio (N) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Abstain). Motion Failed 2-2

Lacy Landrum, that's very disappointing, would you like for us to bring her as an appointment to the next meeting.

Councilman Leon, asked if this was a paid position, or strictly volunteer.

6. A resolution to reappoint David Danel to the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from July 29,2021-July 29, 2024 (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor, this is a reappointment, David is in the audience and thanked him for his past service and the Mayor respectfully asked for his approval.

Councilman Andrews, asked Mr Danel if there was anything he would like to say.

Mr. Danel, stated he is here

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked Mr. Danel to come up and just tell us where he lives.

Mr. David Danel, I live in Hammond, a lifelong resident of Hammond, been on the board for about 15 years.

Councilwoman Gonzales, thanked him for answering her questions in the past and that she appreciates his knowledge.

Councilman Wells, asked about the booking room incident, did you see that video

Mr. David Danel, I have

Councilman Wells, I ask because I want to be able to move forward and I want to make a wise decision in voting. I didn't know nothing about you until yesterday, so I am going to say no.

Lacy Landrum, Mr. Danel, currently serves as the chair of the civil service board. The other members were included on the email that went to the council, describing the board, the board's authority and the positions and the diversity of the board.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve a resolution to reappoint David Danel to the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from July 29, 2021-July 29, 2024

VOTE: Councilman DiVittorio (N) Councilman Wells (N) Councilman Andrews (N) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Motion Fails 2-3

7. A resolution to confirm the appointment of Diana Guzman-McMahon to Human Resources Director for the City of Hammond. (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor, Diana came out of the New Orleans area, she has an abundance of experience, and she has a strong background in Human Resources working with different types of employers. She will be an asset to the City of Hammond, asked the council to approve her.

Diana Guzman McMahon, introduced herself and described her experience and how she will contribute to the City of Hammond.

Lacy Landrum, acknowledged the presence of the Human Resources Department and their participation and support for Diana.

Councilman DiVittorio, sent email to Lacy about the analysis, was that the entire analysis that the council had that was sent over for the pay study.

Lacy Landrum, the email you received a few days ago was the full report. It was a quick analysis, just for the base salaries for those open positions. It did not include the full benefits compensation study, which is the goal of our city wide study.

Councilman Wells, you have a lot on your hands, we are in the process of doing a study plan, and I think that's going to be the biggest challenge for you and for the rest of the city's employees. I'm going to give you a recommendation, you're one I'm going to vote for.

Councilman Wells, if we are going to give out car allowance, we should do it for you. Your staff travel throughout Hammond, we will look into a car allowance for everybody. I am going to take that under consideration.

Loretta Severan, 1309 N. General Pershing St, what's the annual base salary for the HR Director?

Diana Guzman McMahon, \$79,000 without a car allowance

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve a resolution to confirm the appointment of Diana Guzman-McMahon to Human Resources Director for the City of Hammond.

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

8. A resolution to ratify and award bids received on 6/17/2021, for "Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements (FY2021) – Project 420-12107 awarding to the low bidder, Stranco, LLC for the Base Bid plus Add. Alt. No. 1 in the amount of \$781,619.00 (Chuck Spangler)

Chuck Spangler, emailed information about a week ago, not a very large project, 40% is in Oakridge. It was accelerated by contributions of Medline to the project, was not included until July 1 budget, waited to July to come forward with the award.

Councilman DiVittorio, did you supply us with the contracts on the work being done. Did you contract a company?

Chuck Spangler, it's a bid project

Councilman DiVittorio, are there any deadline on the contract.

Chuck Spangler, three hundred calendar days. They have a delay date based on rain.

Councilman DiVittorio, ask to have the contract emailed.

Councilman Wells, on these days, do most of the contracts have three hundred days.

Chuck Spangler, it's based on the size, based on the volume of work

Councilwoman Gonzales, if this is approved when will work start.

Chuck Spangler, about August 16th

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews A resolution to ratify and award bids received on 6/17/2021, for "Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements (FY2021) – Project 420-12107 awarding to the low bidder, Stranco, LLC for the Base Bid plus Add. Alt. No. 1 in the amount of \$781,619.00

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

9. A resolution to approve 1TEN, Located at 1406 Corbin Rd, Hammond, LA 70403 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The ownership is 1TEN LLC. (Laura Hammett)

Laura Hammett, stated they are a bar and nightclub, they have done everything they were asked to do and all requirements have been met. Previous business at location was Le Saigon

Angela Pryor (manager), 1406 Corbin Rd. 1TEN Club

Councilman Wells, does everyone have license to serve alcohol and know the rules and regulations?

Angela Pryor, yes sir, I have five bartenders and everyone is licensed.

Councilman DiVittorio, when are you planning on opening?

Angela Pryor, I hope the last Saturday of this month or the first Saturday in August.

Councilwoman Gonzales, has this been a business that's been open, has this been continually a bar?

Angela Pryor, Yes ma'am, its new ownership.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to approve a resolution for 1TEN, Located at 1406 Corbin Rd, Hammond, LA 70403 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The ownership is 1TEN LLC.

VOTE: Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilman Wells (Abstain) Councilman Andrews (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Motion Approved 4-1

10. A resolution to approve Son of a Biscuit, Located at 221 E Thomas St., Hammond, LA 70401 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The ownership is MENDEZ LLC. (Laura Hammett)

Councilman Wells, left meeting

Laura Hammett, we are seeking your approval for on premise Hi/Low permit, they have done everything they were asked to do and all requirements have been met.

Councilman Sam DiVittorio, likes the name, is the menu picked out, brunch and dinner, planning to open.

Oscar Mendez, owner was present, will be serving brunch, planning to open in about four weeks, when he gets his liquor license.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve Son of a Biscuit, Located at 221 E Thomas St., Hammond, LA 70401 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The ownership is MENDEZ LLC.

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

11. A resolution to approve Truth Moroccan Courtside Hookah Lounge, Located at 111 East Morris Ave., Hammond, LA 70403 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The ownership is Truth Moroccan Courtside Hookah Lounge, LLC. (Laura Hammett)

Laura Hammett, Truth Moroccan Courtside Hookah Lounge, will be a restaurant and a hookah lounge, they have meet all of the requirements asked of them. They are here in the audience and seeking your approval.

Shane Waite- 2620 Rue St Martin

Councilwoman Gonzales, so you are a restaurant, question about the hookah bar, we have a smoking ban, Andre does that apply. Does hookah fall under the indoor smoking ban?

Shane Waite, according to the regulations that I reviewed with Ms. Laura, our lounge section will be outside, and as long as the clearance is 5ft away from any entrance.

Councilman DiVittorio, what was there previously? A Taiwanese restaurant.

Councilman Well, returned to the meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve Truth Moroccan Courtside Hookah Lounge, Located at 111 East Morris Ave., Hammond, LA 70403 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The ownership is Truth Moroccan Courtside Hookah Lounge, LLC.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilman Wells (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y) Motion Approved 5-0

12. A resolution to approve Tru Juice Bar & Healthy Bites, Located at 200 Hewitt Rd, Ste. G., Hammond, LA 70403 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The ownership is Tru Juice Bar & Healthy Bites, LLC. (Laura Hammett)

Laura Hammett, Tru Juice Bar & Healthy Bites, located by the Safari family fun and Isabella's Pizzeria in the shopping center, she has meet all the requirements asked of her and we are seeking your approval.

Jane Bretschger, owner, 200 Hewett Rd, Hammond

Councilwoman Gonzales, what kind of alcohol are you serving, it's on premise so people will be eating

Jane Bretschger, it is I am going to expand the hours for dinner, small, to fit the brand, to serve beer, local beer

Councilman Wells, I'm just going to tell you welcome to Hammond

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated she will abstain from vote because they have had a transaction in the past, and would like to be totally transparent, so she going to abstain her vote on this one.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Leon and second by Councilman Wells to approve Tru Juice Bar & Healthy Bites, Located at 200 Hewitt Rd, Ste. G, Hammond, LA 70403 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The ownership is Tru Juice Bar & Healthy Bites, LLC.

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

13. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an annual support agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for the Munis & Engov. Software System in the amount of \$69,509.82 (Marcus McMillian)

Marcus McMillian, asking for permission to enter into a contractual agreement with Tyler Technologies for our annual support for software of our Munis application which is pretty much everything we use here. We just need to renew our contract.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Wells and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the Mayor to enter into an annual support agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for the Munis & Engov. Software System in the amount of \$69,509.82

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 5-0

14. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Softchoice Corporation, in the amount of \$51,376.98 Annually for Microsoft Licenses and Software. (Marcus McMillian)

Marcus McMillian, this is another contractual agreement, through softchoice which allows us to get Microsoft Licenses for Microsoft Word and other office products/operating systems for all of our machines, it will be the same cost as last year, with additional features/product with our police department, we just rolled out with new laptops for our police department. We are asking that you renew this contract.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Softchoice Corporation, in the amount of \$51,376.98 Annually for Microsoft Licenses and Software.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 5-0

15. 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, 2021 to June 30, 2022. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, this is tied to the budget from last meeting, Tangipahoa Animal Control, the amount is based on the population within the parish and within the city, and they help with control of dogs and cats throughout the city.

Councilwoman Gonzales, do we pay this in a lump sum or monthly?

Councilman DiVittorio, asked do they keep record stats of how many they pick up

Lacy Landrum, Monthly over the 12 months

Councilman DiVittorio, do you get any stats

Lacy Landrum, yes that is included in your budget binder, we can always go back and pull reports.

Councilman Wells, do they have the phone number of animal control on the city website?

Lacy Landrum, I don't know, but it's a good idea to add it.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio 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, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 5-0

16. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa for \$10,757 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, stated this is the allocation that was in the budget and Crime Stoppers operates a crime tip line, helps us collect tips, they also partner with us on press releases and crime prevention and outreach activities.

Councilman Andrews, before we move forward on the vote, he will abstain from the vote because he sit as a board member, wants to make sure the public know.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa for \$10,757 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

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

17. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Child Advocacy Services, Inc. for \$25,000 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. (Lacy Landrum)

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 Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Child Advocacy Services, Inc. for \$25,000 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 5-0

18. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging for \$60,000 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, Stated this is the annual allocation for this fiscal year. A majority of the funds go to operate the city's bus system and support the elderly services in Hammond on Church St for seniors in the community.

Councilman Wells, does the city just cut them one check

Lacy Landrum, it's split over the twelve month period

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging for \$60,000 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 5-0

19. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Tangipahoa African American Heritage Museum for \$50,000 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, stated this is the annual allocation –the funds go to support the facility, has demonstrations and events throughout the year, educational, support economic development and diversity in our community. This is one that is on a reimbursement bases, they submit their expenses monthly or every couple of months, we review those expenses and reimburse base on those expenses

Councilman Wells, Why you do it that way with them and don't do it with no one else?

Lacy Landrum, that's how they prefer it, the two museums do it the same way.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Leon, to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Tangipahoa African American Heritage Museum for \$50,000 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 5-0

20. 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, 2021 to June 30, 2022. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, The Louisiana Discovery Center helps with Educational and Economic Development for our community, they have several activities throughout the year, lots of school children benefit from this facility.

Councilwoman Gonzales, you have a step down, \$10,000 every year which next year would have put it at \$70,000 but we increased it to \$90,000.

Lacy Landrum, it's not a guarantee amount of funding and it's up to the council each year to appropriate those funds. That's put in all contracts.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Children's Discovery Center for \$90,000 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 5-0

21. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs for \$1,892 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, stated this is an odd amount that comes directly from the state and is based on the population, specifically for Hammond and our parish.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs for \$1,892 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 5-0

22. 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)

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon 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(Y). Motion Approved 5-0 to table

23. A resolution from the Charter Review Committee to request an extension until August 31, 2021 to deliver the committee's report. (Frank DiVittorio)

Frank DiVittorio, Chair of the Charter Review Committee, asking for the deadline to be extended until December, 31, 2021 to deliver their report.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to AMEND a resolution from the Charter Review Committee to request an extension until December 31, 2021 to deliver the committee's report.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 5-0 to amend

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second Councilman DiVittorio, to approve a resolution from the Charter Review Committee to request an extension until December 31, 2021 to deliver the committee's report

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 5-0

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

A. OLD BUSINESS:

B. NEW BUSINESS:

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction for an Ordinance to rezone Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 25 Square 9 Greenville Park Addition located at 402 Washington Ave. from RS-3 to C-H (Z-2021-06-00092) (Heather Alvarez)

Councilman Wells, leaves the meeting

Lacy Landrum, sated Zina, the owner was here, but had to leave, so I am asking that the property be rezoned from RS-3, originally she asked for CH which is commercial highway, in a discussion with the planning and zoning it was understood that what she was wanted to do, mixed commercial would be a better fit. It will enable her to do all that she was wanted to do with her property. The planning and zoning committee unanimously agreed for the rezoning on this. We need to amend the agenda, it looks like the recommended MX-C was left off the agenda.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to amend the agenda to read from RS-3 to MX-C for Introduction for an Ordinance to rezone Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 25 Square 9 Greenville Park Addition located at 402 Washington Ave, from RS-3 to MX-C (Z-2021-06-00092)

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

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to Introduce an Ordinance to rezone Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 25 Square 9 Greenville Park Addition located at 402 Washington Ave from RS-3 to MX-C (Z-2021-06-00092)

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

Public Hearing will be scheduled for July 27, 2021 at 5:30

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

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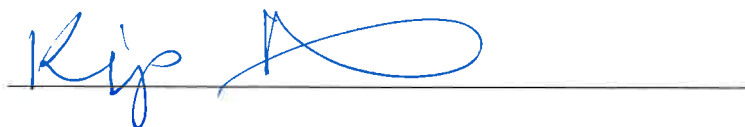
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES**

**312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

**July 27, 2021
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction for an Ordinance to rezone Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 25 Square 9 Greenville Park Addition located at 402 Washington Ave. from RS-3 to MX-C (Z-2021-06-00092) (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, stated the homeowner would like to rezone a lot from residential to mixed use, Planning and Zoning recommend approval.

Councilman Wells, stated he spoke with residents, he is in favor of it

No Public Comment



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
Minutes
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
July 27, 2021
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: President Andrews

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Cassidy Zaffuto, Loranger Middle School
All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.

V. REPORTS:

1. **Mayor:** Friday from 9am to 1pm Hammond Westside will have a back to school bash, with a school supply giveaway. This is Grace Gasaway's Legacy. We did this for many years and are just starting up again and look forward to continuing her legacy.

2. Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, asked Lacy Landrum about the flood study update, asking a consultants to come to one of the meetings.

Lacy Landrum, stated we have not yet set a date, looking at August.

Councilman DiVittorio, wanted to thank Robert Morgan for helping with some lighting issues in his district and other code enforcement issues. Robert Williams for his help with some safety issues, road signs and graffiti, appreciate that. Also gave an update on the Housing Committee, working together on many topics, also created a subcommittee working on the RFP for the consultant.

Councilwoman Gonzales, Cate Square Park, playground under construction, participated in her first park build, thanked the grants department and Robert Morgan's department for their hard work. This has been over five years in the works, it started under Councilman Hood, happy we are moving forward.

Councilman Leon, the overlay is finished on North Oaks and he would like to thank the community and all who were involved and he appreciates their patience.

Councilman Andrews, met with Robert Morgan about resolving lighting issues in the District 1 on Campo St, got that resolved. Thanked everyone that came out on the 17th for trash pickup in District 1. Congratulations to Mario Bell, he had a Stop the Violence Walk on Sunday, thanked the Tangipahoa Government for partnering with Mr. Bell by providing water, an escort and the setup of a mobile command center. On the 7th of August in MLK Park starting at 11am, free event and the community is invited to come out, will be giving out school supplies. Also partnering with the Parish President Robbie Miller and the Tangipahoa Government Community Impact Team will also be in the park on that Saturday and will have some games and other resources for the community. Thanks them for partnering with him. Called Robert Morgan to come up.

Robert Morgan, provided information on street light process in the city.

Councilman Andrews, reminded everyone to protect themselves from the new Delta virus.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated she had previously given everyone a copy of the agenda preparation resolution, which was previously passed, which puts in a deadline for items on the agenda and when it gets shared with the council and the public. She urged the council to stick to that or do a resolution to change it.

I. Minutes

A. Minutes of July 13, 2021

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the minutes of July 13, 2021

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. A resolution 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 DiVittorio, stated that at the last meeting we tabled it, he wanted to reach out to the administration to try and work with them regarding some kind of system to accommodate the resolution. Spoke with other accounting departments that worked with Munis, they didn't seem to have an issue with providing those requests that he made in resolution. He received information from the administration and did not have time to review and will try over the next two weeks will review and figure out how to make modifications to the resolution. Would like to table it and get with Lacy over the next two weeks.

Lacy Landrum, stated that would be fine, and what was outputted, was what we could provide and the best that we could provide. She did put in a support ticket with Munis, we sent it exactly per your request and sent the resolution language identifying the perimeters of the report. What we are able to output very quickly is a summary of the line items, it matches the budget binder. It matches all the same line items, it shows the appropriations of the budget and that is was an easy output report and that is what I presented to the council today. The more detailed report that you have requested is for the expenditure of each one of those line items and the challenge is, Munis does not a simple keystroke to produce that report. We can ask them to create a customize report, we will have to pay for it, to get that module installed. They are working on a quote for that customized report.

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(Y). Motion Approved 5-0 to table

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to appoint Phyllis McCraney to the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from July 29, 2021 to July 29, 2024. (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor Panepinto, stated Ms. McCraney was a retired assistant principal, graduated from Hammond High, Southeastern and Southern Universities. Recommended by Mr. David Danel and she would be a good addition to the board.

Phyllis McCraney, stated she had been in the school system for 33 years and was grateful for the appointment. She thanked everyone and stated she wants to be sure things are working correctly.

Councilman Wells, ask if she was having problems with sewer.

Phyllis McCraney, yes

Councilman Wells, will you be fair.

Phyllis McCraney, Yes

Councilman Wells, thanked Mr. Danel for his recommendation and thanked the Mayor.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve the appointment of Phyllis McCraney to the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from July 29, 2021 to July 29, 2024.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

2. A resolution to appoint Monica Perez to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a four-year term from July 14, 2021-June 14, 2024. (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor Panepinto, stated Ms. Perez is an architect with Gasaway Gasaway Bankston, she will be replacing Mr. Jeffery Smith. She will be the first female Architect on the board.

Ms. Perez, introduced herself and stated, she's an architect in Hammond and hoping to get on the Planning and Zoning Commission Board and follow in Jeffery's footsteps and make sure everybody follows what they are supposed to do.

Councilwoman Gonzales, thank you for being willing to serve.

Councilman Wells, you got my vote, glad to see you at the right meeting.

Councilman DiVittorio, appreciate you were able to make it this time.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve the appointment of Monica Perez to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a four-year term from July 14, 2021-June 14, 2024.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

3. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to sell and serve alcohol on Friday, September 24, 2021 from 4:00pm until 10:00pm for the Brews Arts Festival within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park (between Cypress and Cherry Streets) and the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 East Thomas Street, Hammond, LA 70401. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, on behalf of the Hammond Regional Arts Center Board is requesting approval to sell and serve alcohol at the fundraising event.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilman Wells** to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to sell and serve alcohol on Friday, September 24, 2021 from 4:00pm until 10:00pm for the Brews Arts Festival within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park (between Cypress and Cherry Streets) and the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 East Thomas Street, Hammond, LA 70401.

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

4. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to obtain a Waiver of the Open Container Law on Friday, September 24, 2021 from 4:00pm until 10:00pm for the Brews Arts Festival within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park (between Cypress and Cherry Streets) and the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 East Thomas Street, Hammond, LA 70401. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, they will have artwork, sales and a band, this will be a great event.

There was a motion by **Councilman DiVittorio** and second by **Councilman Wells** to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to obtain a Waiver of the Open Container Law on Friday, September 24, 2021 from 4:00pm until 10:00pm for the Brews Arts Festival within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park (between Cypress and Cherry Streets) and the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 East Thomas Street, Hammond, LA 70401.

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

5. A resolution to authorize the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve alcohol during the event Hot August Night, held on Friday, August 27th, 2021 from 5:30pm-10:00pm. The event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St., and N. and S. Pine St. (Chelsea Tallo Little)

Chelsea Tallo Little, this is for a wine walk, opportunity to sell tickets for the wine walk and for the merchants to serve and allow for the ATC permit to do that. The second follows along with Brews Art, its' the open container.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilman Wells** to authorize the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve alcohol during the event Hot August Night, held on Friday, August 27th, 2021 from 5:30pm-10:00pm. The event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St., and N. and S. Pine St.

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

6. A resolution to grant a Waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants during the event Hot August Night, held on Friday, August 27th, 2021 from 5:30pm-10:00pm. The event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St., and N. and S. Pine St. (Chelsea Tallo Little)

Chelsea Tallo Little, same thing as previous resolution, this event is going to look a lot like 2019, there is nothing different going on except we are expecting a larger crowd, working with the police more and there will be some great bands and ribbon cuttings and looking forward to a great time.

Councilwoman Gonzales, very excited about Mark Broussard.

Councilman Wells, ask Chelsea if they were prepared for the virus.

Chelsea Tallo Little, stated they meet with their board tomorrow. They will make a decision on cancellation if it's necessary.

Councilman Wells, asked because in surrounding community there has been three deaths.

Chelsea Tallo Little, the thing about Hot August Nights, is that it is out doors and they have spoken with the merchants and given them the option to serve at their door instead of having people inside and that's up to their discretion right now.

Debra McQueen, 1002 Magazine St, (YouTube), is there some kind of Covid restrictions on the numbers that can attend the meetings

Councilman Andrews, no not as of yet.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to grant a Waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants during the event Hot August Night, held on Friday, August 27th, 2021 from 5:30pm-10:00pm. The event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St., and N. and S. Pine St.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Re-adoption of an ordinance to amend the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in accordance with the procedures set within Section 5-03 of the City of Hammond Charter, item #25 for an appropriation of \$100,000 for a sewer consultant (vetoed by Mayor) (Andre Coudrain)

Andre Coudrain, the Mayor exercised his line item veto for one of the appropriations, which was a hundred thousand dollars for a sewer consultant. The Mayor did issue his veto statement that was published and so under the charter that now comes back to the council to make a decision whether or not to re-adopt the ordinance which is commonly known as the override of the Mayor's veto. And for that, that would take a motion and second and vote of four council members, two thirds is required under the charter to override the Mayors veto and I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Councilman Wells, I see you got section 212B, from the email you sent, could you explain section 212A.

Andre Coudrain, yes, you are talking about in reference to the charter. Section 212A was read

Councilman Wells, questions the date that was delivered to the Mayor. Councilman Wells, questioned Andre Coudrain about the dates that the document was delivered to the Mayor and Published.

Andre Coudrain, stated he did not have the dates at his fingertips, but he did speak with Lisa and she did confirm for me that it was published. And more than seven days has passed since that publication.

Councilman Wells, what I am looking at has no dates and times on it, passed document to Andre (copy of newspaper publication). How can we sign anything and don't have no signatures.

Andre Coudrain, your issue is whether you override the veto.

Councilman Wells, we have rules, and questioned the dates, timeline and when document was signed.

Andre Coudrain, the date of the veto statement was July 9th

Councilman Wells, ask Andre to say that everything was ok on the mic, where everybody know that it comes from Andre, that everything that the Mayor did was correct.

Andre Coudrain, the information I don't have is the day it was delivered to the Mayor

Council Clerk, would you like for me to go get a copy.

Andre Coudrain, yes, so we can figure that out for the councilman.

Council Clerk, exits the meeting to obtain a copy of the document.

Council Clerk, returns to meeting, passed out copies of signed and dated ordinance document and Mayor's Veto Statement.

Andre Coudrain, so for the public the clerk has delivered to everyone a copy of the budget ordinance that does have the dates filled in, introduced, published and adopted, delivered, approved and received, is this an accurate record.

Council Clerk, yes

Andre Coudrain, so it's an accurate record of the dates of introduction, publication, adoption, delivery to the Mayor on July 9th and according to his veto statement, vetoed on July 9th and received back to clerk on July 12th.

Councilman Andrews, stated for the record, he signed the document on July 8th at 5:30 p.m.

Andre Coudrain, yes and it was delivered to the Mayor the next day.

Council Clerk, which is my understanding of the procedure.

Councilman Wells, Andre, what do you recommend.

Andre Coudrain, now we have the information of introduction, publication, adoption, delivery, approved and received. So if the question is did the Mayor, timely exercised his veto authority the answer is there and the answer is yes.

Councilman Well, reference the paper and ask Andre to explain what was in the paper.

Andre Coudrain, what was in the paper does not have those dates on the ordinance you presented to us tonight, and stated that in the future he recommends, the one that gets published have all the dates.

Councilman Wells, I need you to say it.

Andre Coudrain, councilman what you showed me is a different form then the form that was presented which is the official form of the budget ordinance.

Councilman Wells, stated he was concerned and if he didn't say anything it means, he's not worried about the answer, that's why he looked into it, to make sure he is doing everything right. What do you suggest, speaking to Andre Coudrain.

Andre Coudrain, I think you have the information that you were asking about and the clerk provided the information along with the certificate and all of that shows that it was timely vetoed by the Mayor. The question for the council is do you want to override that veto and you have a right to do that.

Councilman Wells, ask Andre Coudrain, what he recommends they do.

Andre Coudrain, now you make a decision if there is a move to override the veto, then there would be a motion and a second to re-adopt the ordinance, which is basically overriding the Mayors veto and that would require four votes, two-thirds of the council to vote to override the veto.

Councilman Wells, ask Andre again, what he recommend they do.

Andre Coudrain, state now you make a decision, if there is a move to override the veto, then there would be a motion and a second to re-adopt the ordinance, which is basically overriding the mayor's veto, and that would require four votes two-thirds of the council to vote to override the veto.

Councilman Wells, do we talk about this first or do we vote on it.

Andre Coudrain, talk about what.

Councilman Wells, the re-adoption of the ordinance.

Andre Coudrain, that's what's on the table and that is whether the council votes to re-adopt the ordinance. If you wanted to re-adopt the ordinance and put back in that hundred thousand dollar appropriation, then there would be a motion to re-adopt the ordinance item #25 for an appropriation of a hundred thousand dollars for a sewer consultant.

Councilman Wells, ok, I reached out to Mr. Paul and would like for him to speak out on behalf of what is going on with the sewer, called Mr. Paul forward

Mr. Paul Foley, thanked Councilman Wells for giving him a tour of his district and voiced some of the concerns from his constituents. Mr. Paul Foley is a principle engineer and Vice President for EJS Incorporated, they are an architectural engineering firm and offer a full continuum of services, utilities water, wastewater market space as well as the grant application assistance.

Councilman Andrews, asked Mr. Paul to provide his address.

Mr. Paul, 2626 Canal St, Suite 202, New Orleans, LA 70119, toured streets of concern and stated there are many causes for sewer issues. He explained what a SSO was sanitary sewer overflow was and what can happen in the sewer. He talked about what they can do and explained cleaning the sewer. He thanked Councilman Wells for taking him out and having the opportunity to speak with some of his constituents.

Councilman Wells, stated he reached out to Mr. Paul and what he has been asking for two-three years. We know we are having sewer issues. Raw sewer is coming in people houses and in the canal. Asked Mr. Chuck and talked about it and ask for a meeting several times with the mayor and Mr. Chuck to sit down and talk about it and as of right now, they haven't meet. He reached out to find out how he could help the issue. We have a problem and it

needs to be fixed, it's a problem that Hammond has, not just District 3. I reached out to Mr. Paul to see what I could do to help the issue. Thanked council clerk for what she is doing

Mayor Panepinto, thanked Mr. Paul for coming in, looking over the system and what they are doing already. Thanked Mr. Paul for his comments and Stands by the veto.

Councilman DiVittorio, ask Andre go over the veto the way it's stated, it's being proposed so in favor of the veto.

Andre Coudrain, stated, if you want to override the veto and put the money back in the budget for the consultant, then you would make a motion to re-adopt item #25, the appropriation of a hundred thousand dollars for a sewer consultant.

Councilman Wells, I want to make a motion to re-adopt item 25 to put a hundred thousand dollars back into the sewer consultant.

Councilman Andrews, ask if anyone from the public wants to comment.

Zina Washington, ask why the Mayor vetoed it.

Mayor Panepinto, money can be used for more things with whatever may need to be repaired. We are already doing the things that Mr. Paul just mentioned throughout the city. This year the city expects to spend about \$5 million which we haven't been able to spend in the past.

Councilman DiVittorio, this is a budget item, it doesn't mean we are going spend a hundred thousand dollars.

Lacy Landrum, it's potentially to hire an engineer out of New Orleans who would be looking at our system for the first time, rather than have the current engineer who's been working on the system for 33 years and have knowledge of it. It's to hire a second person to come behind him.

Phyllis McCraney, why are we still having problems, maybe it is time to get someone in to come in and stop this. Hopes that we can come to some kind of conclusion and if the money is there, it should be used to help solve the problem.

Councilman DiVittorio, the budget was in the black and not in the red and we all know that we have a serious problem with sewage. Budgeting money for a serious problem, should get extra expertise on the problem.

Mayor, what is happening now wasn't happening 30 years ago, he explained what was going on with the sewer lines.

Councilman Leon, the city has not had the funds and now has the money to spend on it.

Tracy Wells, Hammond, LA, every citizen deserves to flush their toilets every day. We have had the same engineer for 33 years and people are still having sewer problem.

Tamara Dangerfield, 301 Mississippi St, having a new person is good to look at the problem.

Tracy Wells, this is not normal a manhole with raw sewer running in the street, should have been fixed years ago and just bolted down in 2021.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated the last time we just put money in a bucket and then hired professionals, there was no process or say so, on who we chose. My problem with this is that it's not detailed, it doesn't for proposal, doesn't say the scope of work, it doesn't take into account any of the work that's already being done. If this was more detailed and there was a plan and I could say that this was a good use of city funds, I would be all for it. But we have plenty of money in the ending fund

balance and I'm not ready to put money in a pot that I'm not going to have any say so on how that money is spent. So I can't support this.

Andre Coudrain, there's a motion on the floor Mr. President to re-adopt the ordinance.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio for Re-adoption of an ordinance to amend the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in accordance with the procedures set within Section 5-03 of the City of Hammond Charter, item #25 for an appropriation of \$100,000 for a sewer consultant

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

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to rezone Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 25 Square 9 Greenville Park Addition located at 402 Washington Ave. from RS-3 to MX-C (Z-2021-06-00092) recommended approval by the planning and zoning board (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, we reviewed this earlier in public hearing, zoning board approved to rezone Ms. Zina's property to MX-C, which does fit in with her ideas for use.

Zina Washington, property owner, ask council to approve re-zoning.

Councilman Wells, thanked Ms. Zina

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to approve, to rezone Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 25 Square 9 Greenville Park Addition located at 402 Washington Ave. from RS-3 to MX-C (Z-2021-06-00092) recommended approval by the planning and zoning board.

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 amend the Downtown Development District's budget as adopted by the DDD Board. (Chelsea Tallo Little)

Chelsea Tallo Little, the board approved changes budget and asked the council to approve changes, this is from the DDD Fund

Councilwoman Gonzales, your just moving money

Chelsea Tallo Little, Yes

Councilman DiVittorio, this is money that you already have in your account.

Chelsea Tallo Little, Yes, it was money that has to come from the DDD fund.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales to and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to amend the Downtown Development District's budget as adopted by the DDD Board.

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

Public Hearing will be scheduled for August 10, 2021 at 5:30

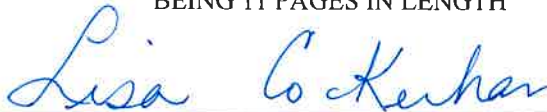
X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman Leon and a second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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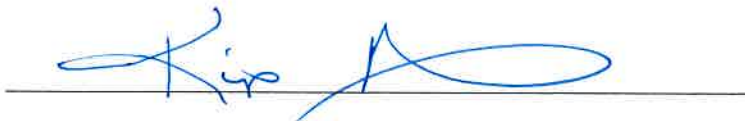
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
August 10, 2021
5:30pm**

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
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

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, 6th 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.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon 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.

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 21st. 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.

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 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.

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
September 16, 2021
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance to 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 the development of an apartment complex and they are requesting to rezone. It will be at the end of Bauerle Rd and they will have to extend the road to make it accessible. This came before the zoning commission on August 5th and they recommended it unanimously to rezone into RM-3.

Ryan Bates, works with IDP Properties, he's representing the applicant and thinks that RM-3 is the best usage of the property.

Councilman Wells, asked if he was aware of sewer issues.

Ryan Bates, stated yes and he met with Guy and their project managers who will oversee construction. They are aware that they will have to work with the city engineer as well as public works. They plan to make a large investment and want to make sure that sewer is available.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that there are many steps to go through for the project.

Ryan Bates, stated yes and he understands that rezoning is the first step.

Jerry Baurele, from Baurele Road, asked if the property has been sold.

Ryan Bates, stated they have the property under contract.

2. 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 this is a more restrictive zoning, going from industrial light to commercial highway. Commercial highway zoning fits better with Railroad Avenue. Downtown Development District is also in favor of rezoning of this land and the zoning commission had unanimously recommended for rezoning.

Councilman Wells, asked, what district this is in.

Lacy Landrum, stated it's in District 3

Councilman Wells, stated the people in his district want to know what is going on.

Lacy Landrum, stated that the packets with all of the maps and information is online and has been since the August 10, 2021 meeting.

3. An emergency ordinance to allow for temporary housing for emergency relief related to Hurricane Ida. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, stated this ordinance was very similar to one that was passed after Hurricane Katrina. The city would like to do this to allow people to put motor homes, towable campers or FEMA trailers on their property while they are rebuilding.

Councilman Wells, asked how long will this be in effect.

Lacy Landrum, stated, this ordinance, because it's an emergency ordinance can only be in effect for 60days, but the use shall not exceed 6 months, but she intends to bring in for later to approve for 6 months.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if there will be enforcement if it goes beyond 60 days.

Lacy Landrum, stated it will not be forgotten, it is for relief for damages suffered from Hurricane Ida. This is to help people get back on their feet. They will need a building permit, but there will not be a fee.

Councilman Wells, asked if we were voting on it for 60 days.

Lacy Landrum, correct, an emergency ordinance can only go for 60 days.

Lacy Landrum, stated if you approve it tonight it can only be 60 days. If passed then we will bring before the regular ordinance which goes to a public hearing and final adoption at a second meeting and that one would be up to 6 months.

4. An emergency ordinance to allow the waiver of certain building permit fees and utility fees regarding repairs for damage caused by and emergency housing relocation due to Hurricane Ida. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, this is just to waive building permit fees for renovation and repair of the homes which were damaged in Hurricane Ida. This does not apply to everyone city wide, this is only for damages sustained due to Hurricane Ida and also to wave Entergy permits, water cut on and cutoff fees.

Councilman Wells, leaves the meeting.



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

September 16, 2021

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Council President Andrews

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Frederic Gonzales

All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.

Councilman Wells, entered the meeting

V. REPORTS:

1. **Mayor:** stated that the city is still working to restore electricity, garbage, debris. Thanked the police department, and other city employees for clearing the streets. Team Hammond and every department did an unbelievable job, to keep the city moving. Thanked every department for keeping the city moving. We still have a lot of work to do.

Lacy Landrum, gave some stats and updates.

Councilman Andrews, invited the city employees that were present to come forward and thanked all city employees for work during the storm. He also thank Dr. Lacy Landrum for all she does.

Councilman DiVittorio, thanked city employees and introduced and thanked Team Rubicon.

Councilman Wells, thanks to the city employees

Fire Chief Folks, introduced 2 employees that had their first shift during hurricane. They also received support from FEMA. Chief Folks also ask the council if he could swear his new guys in at the next council meeting.

Entergy's Kris Hammonds introduced her colleagues and turned it over to Patrick Hanby

Entergy's, Patrick Hanby, gave an overview of the storm and stated that Ida was one of the most devastating storms to hit Louisiana. He gave a status of outages update and also reported on the effects of the storm on Entergy assets and operations. He discussed restoration efforts and stated that they use two zip codes of 70401 and 70403 to gauge how many customer are still without power.

People are without power in Hammond. He stated, this hurricane has had historic damage.

Mayor, asked what's going on with the city of Hammond, are you waiting on transformers.

Entergy's, Patrick Hanby there was a delay in the supply chain. Patrick Hanby stated they are getting deliveries today and will ramp up over the weekend, and they will be able to catch up and close the gap very quickly.

Councilman DiVittorio, thanked Entergy Reps for coming and thanked the lineman. He asked about the target date to have all lights on. He listed some of the areas in his district with no power.

Citizens stated problems they have with power being restored

Mike Bornhost, Villa West, stated lights came on and were on for five days and went back off and are still off. He also stated that Entergy sent the wrong transformers.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked the Entergy Rep, if he could give status updates.

Entergy's Patrick Hanby, stated they will get statements from individual residents and provide status of restoration and follow-up with the council and customers.

AMWASTE, Carlos Notriano (sales manager), stated that 93% of their workforce is back and new equipment is on the way and the company is working hard to clean up the city.

Lacy Landrum, remind everyone about three piles, 1) trash (food waste), 2) debris of trees, branches etc. 3) construction waste, carpet, furniture etc.

Councilman Leon, asked if we can get something put on the city website and newspaper to help the community to know when their trash will be picked up.

Citizen asked who's going to be responsible for picking up sofa's and that kind of debris

Lacy Landrum, stated the parish.

AT&T- Eric Jones, discussed storm preparation and response. He also stated over 90% of service has been restored.

2. Council:

Councilman Wells, District 3 has a sewer issue, since before the storm. He ask the residents to come up and tell the city of their issues.

Tanise McCraney Montgomery , 1100 Mooney Ave, house flooded with raw sewer in January. In March it happened again and she contacted the Daily Star. She spoke to the Mayor, Guy and Lacy Landrum came to her home and she also spoke the city's insurance agent. Stated today she received a denial that the city is not at fault. She is disappointed the city has not taken responsibility.

Troy Webber, Varnado St, stated he has the same problem and his mother has been going through this for 8 months. They have raw sewage in yard and they are looking for a solution to the problem.

Andrea Dangerfield, 301 Mississippi St., stated they have been having sewage problem for over 10-15 years. This is something that has been going on for years and something needs to be done she stated, they reimbursed her parents for the loss they had.

Robin Chapman, was awoken to the smell of sewer after hurricane.

Mayor, we are in there trying to rehab that system and get some things done. City needs to stay in area until the problem is fixed.

Councilman Wells, stated for the record that Varnado St, the whole street had a sewer issue, eight houses had a sewage issue.

Etha Corbert, 1005 Varnado St. stated she moved into her house in 1972 and has had sewer problems ever since.

Claude Sims, 806 Mooney Ave, stated his concern and that it is a fact that there is an issue and that there is a solution.

Judy Green, Mississippi St, has sewage issues and needs help.

Councilman Wells, stated that they have been having issues on Mississippi St.

Councilman DiVittorio, invited Team Rubican to come up and talk about who they are and what they do.

Team Rubican Representative, they are a veteran led disaster response that provide clean up services free of charge. They are a non-profit organization with over 140,000 volunteers around the country.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked Lacy about information from FEMA paying percentage or lifting houses etc.

Lacy Landrum, stated, we haven't started that yet and what is needed is for people to report damages. If you had flood damage, tree damage or any other substantial damage to your home, you need to call city hall to report the damage to 985.277. 5639.

Councilman Leon, asked if we could get some type of article or information on grant or FEMA.

Lacy Landrum, its tied to the damage assessments, all of the houses are getting flyers and this information is going up on the website.

VI. Minutes

A. Minutes of August 10, 2021

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of August 10, 2021

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. A RESOLUTION REQUIRING QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT: WHERE AS, the Council hereby finds and declares that financial transparency and disclosure of the City's business is in the public interest. Be it resolved; a quarterly Financial Report shall be generated by the City Accounting Department. The report shall include: 1. Budget to actual report, 2. all transfers within each department and fund 3. Available balance in each fund at end of the quarter, 4. Bank reconciliation, 5. Available balance in each multiyear fund, the capital project report, 7. A list of payment made to the vendor for the quarter, 8. Any changes to the adopted budgeted. For the transparency, a list of new hire, promotion within a department, and annual increases should be included with financial report.

Councilman Sam DiVittorio, stated that other cities use the same system and they can generate the requested reports and transparency was important.

Councilman Wells, asked if Covington has this, had questions about budgets and stated that there needs to be accountability.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that the city need a good way to effectively generate the information.

Lacy Landrum, stated, she spoke with the company Munis and for the type of reports being requested, they stated they could not be provided. There were some questions.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve a RESOLUTION REQUIRING QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT: WHERE AS, the Council hereby finds and declares that financial transparency and disclosure of the City's business is in the public interest.

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For the transparency, a list of new hire, promotion within a department, and annual increases should be included with financial report

VOTE: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Councilman Wells (Y) Motion Approved 5-0

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$400,000 application to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant—Coronavirus Program for improvements to Martin Luther King and Zemurray Parks; and 2) supporting a match in the form of associated design and/or construction administration costs, if incurred. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, stated that this was a new program, announced by the state prior to Hurricane Ida and there is no real match requirement. He stated the grant will not pay for engineering or design cost. He stated, we may be able to get \$400,000 for these two parks with no tax payer investment. Asking for the council support of an application, the deadline is October 1, 2021. He stated they are planning to have a public hearing on Friday, September 24, 2021.

Councilman Wells, asked how much money was going to each park and made a suggestion on how the funds should be divided.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve the a resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$400,000 application to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant—Coronavirus Program for improvements to Martin Luther King and Zemurray Parks; and 2) supporting a match in the form of associated design and/or construction administration costs, if incurred.

VOTE: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Councilman Wells (Y) Motion Approved 5-0

2 . A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$5-million grant application to the Water Sector Program for improvements to Hammond's sewer system; and 2) supporting a local match not to exceed \$2,621,473 in American Rescue Plan Act funding. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, passed out a map of the area to be improved to the council.

Councilman Wells, had some questions about the map and stated he didn't understand what he was looking at.

Jermaine Luckett, asked why not put everything in the neighborhood to address sewer issues.

Charles Borchers, explained the program and what was on the map as well as how the funds would be used. He stated that the funds could be used for SSES, survey and rehab and stated this was an awesome opportunity with no additional cost to taxpayers. Deadline for grant application is November 1, 2021.

Councilman Wells, asked questions about the map.

Charles Borchers, explained the map and offered to create another map that overlaps the current map to show the council districts.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated sewer problems were in all districts.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve a resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$5-million grant application to the Water Sector Program for improvements to Hammond's sewer system; and 2) supporting a local match not to exceed \$2,621,473 in American Rescue Plan Act funding.

VOTE: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Councilman Wells (Y) Motion Approved 5-0

Councilman Wells left the meeting

3. A resolution 1) accepting a \$105,000 grant from the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program to perform a sewer system evaluation survey of west Hammond (Phase 1); 2) approving a cash match of \$45,000; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, stated the city has already receive this grant, this is the acceptance of the grant

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve a resolution 1) accepting a \$105,000 grant from the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program to perform a sewer system evaluation survey of west Hammond (Phase 1); 2) approving a cash match of \$45,000; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents

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

4. A resolution 1) accepting a \$55,000 grant from the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program to perform a sewer system evaluation survey of west Hammond (Phase 2); 2) approving a cash match of \$23,571; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, stated the city has already received this grant, this is the acceptance of the grant.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve a resolution 1) accepting a \$55,000 grant from the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program to perform a sewer system evaluation survey of west Hammond (Phase 2); 2) approving a cash match of \$23,571; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents

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

5. A resolution 1) accepting a \$200,000 grant from the Capital Outlay Program to construct an initial pair of "box hangars" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; 2) approving a cash match of \$66,667; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. (Charles Borchers IV)

Councilman Wells entered the meeting

Charles Borchers, stated the grant has been received and this is acceptance of the grant.

Councilman Wells, asked how much per hanger, can they be rented.

David Labue, stated \$500 per hanger per month

Tracy Wells. 610 Mooney Ave, (YouTube), asked, how does building hangers benefit the taxpayer.

Mayor, this a leveraging of money and will benefit the city.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve a resolution 1) accepting a \$200,000 grant from the Capital Outlay Program to construct an initial pair of "box hangars" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; 2) approving a cash match of \$66,667; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

6. A Resolution to purchase Six (6) Police Tahoe's from Gerry Lane Chevrolet for \$213,023.82 State Contract # 4400020203 (Chief Edwin Bergeron)

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if Bill Hood was on state contract.

Jana Thurman, explained the process, delays and reasons why they went with Gerry Lane Chevrolet.

Councilman Andrews, asked if the waiting list was twelve months.

Chief Edwin Bergeron, stated there are departments waiting twelve and thirteen months for vehicles.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if they had the last ones that were approved.

Chief Edwin Bergeron, stated yes, we have been struggling trying to get them outfitted due to Covid, but we are close to getting them out on the street.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the purchase of Six (6) Police Tahoe's from Gerry Lane Chevrolet for \$213,023.82 State Contract # 4400020203.

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

7. A resolution to approve the emergency purchase of replacement computer equipment from CMA for \$96,952, using the funds authorized for the Core Communication Upgrade in the FY2022 approved budget. (Marcus McMillian)

Marcus McMillian, explained to the council, the document that was in front of them and how the cities computer systems runs. He stated that when Hurricane Ida hit, they lost one of their systems and that the money had already been allotted for the purchase, he was asking for permission to go ahead and spend the money now.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked can we get reimbursed since the hurricane damaged the system.

Marcus McMillian, stated he was working with Ms. Jaqueline in HR to find out if that is possible.

Lacy Landrum, stated that first insurance has to cover whatever they cover and then they will submitted all to the damages FEMA for possible reimbursement.

Jack Stevens, 43765 Scott Dr, (YouTube), asked if these bids were out to Hammond companies.

Marcus McMillian, stated the company that they are looking to purchase from, is on state contract and due to the emergency, that gives them the opportunity to go directly to the vendor, who supplied the first equipment was purchased, this is coming from the same company.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon, to approve a resolution for the emergency purchase of replacement computer equipment from CMA for \$96,952, using the funds authorized for the Core Communication Upgrade in the FY2022 approved budget.

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

8. A resolution to confirm the appointment of Lisa Cockerham to the position of City Council Clerk for the City of Hammond. (President Kip Andrews)

Councilman Andrews, recommends the appointment of Lisa Cockerham, she went through the interview process and background checks.

Councilwoman Gonzales, appreciates the clerks hard work

Councilman Wells, stated she was not hand-picked, went through the processed and thanked her for her work.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells, to confirm the appointment of Lisa Cockerham to the position of City Council Clerk for the City of Hammond.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Final adoption 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 she said everything during public hearing.

Councilman Wells, asked the representative from Integrity Investors Group, LLC to come forward and state what he is trying to do.

Mr. Ryan Bates, introduced himself and explained they were trying to get this tract of land rezoned.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon, 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

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Councilman Wells asked that the item be tabled.

City Attorney Andre Coudrain notified the council president that, there was a motion and a second to approve, then a substitute motion to table, the substitute motion, if there is a second, should be voted on first.

There was a substitute motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table the item

Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Councilman Wells (Y) 5-0 Tabled

2. Final adoption 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)

Councilman Wells, asked if Mr. Joe Tallo was present. He asked that the item be tabled.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio, to table item.

Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Councilman Wells (Y) 5-0 Tabled

3. Final adoption of an emergency ordinance to allow for temporary housing for emergency relief related to Hurricane Ida. (Lacy Landrum)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells, to adopt an emergency ordinance to allow for temporary housing for emergency relief related to Hurricane Ida.

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

4. Final adoption of an emergency ordinance to allow the waiver of certain building permit fees and utility fees regarding repairs for damage caused by and emergency housing relocation due to Hurricane Ida. (Lacy Landrum)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon, to adopt an emergency ordinance to allow the waiver of certain building permit fees and utility fees regarding repairs for damage caused by and emergency housing relocation due to Hurricane Ida.

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an ordinance declaring movable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety. Six Digital Ally Body cameras and one docking station. (Jana Thurman)

Councilman Wells left the meeting.

Jan Thurman – stated these are cameras that are no longer in use. Recommended that they be donated to a smaller entity in Springfield.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews, to introduce an ordinance declaring movable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety. Six Digital Ally Body cameras and one docking station.

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

2. Introduction of an ordinance to declare used Cate Street playground equipment as surplus and no longer needed by the City and to donate it to the Hammond Area Recreation District. (Jana Thurman)

Jana Thurman, stated the equipment will be donated to CT Mitchell Park.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio, to introduce an ordinance to declare used Cate Street playground equipment as surplus and no longer needed by the City and to donate it to the Hammond Area Recreation District.

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

3. Introduction of an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com. (Jana Thurman)

Surplus sale items:

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Unit 150 2002 Nissan Altima VIN # 1N4AL11DX2C211510
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Unit 741 2008 Crown Victoria VIN# 1FAFP71V6X160976
52” SCAG Mower Serial 3870110 Model # STT50B
31 cloth stackable chairs
Honeywell Electric Safe
Kole Audio Amplifier
Box of phone chargers
Box of school supplies (paper, pens)
Knife
Sanyo VHS
GE VHS
2 – L shaped wood desk
Metal Bed Frame
Black Futon
F-250 Service Truck Bed
Kubota Rubber Tracks
Panasonic VCR
Sanyo TV
Sylvania TV
Ermerson TV/VCR
Troy Bilt Weedeater

Jana Thurman, asked to sale the surplus items on Govdeal.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio, to introduce an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com..

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

4. Introduction of an ordinance to transfer \$86,819.96 from the Sales Tax Fund balance to purchase a Kubota tractor for the Airport on state contract (#AG-4400017852) from Star Equipment. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, stated she was verifying that there was over \$600,000 in the sales tax fund balance, this will come from the fund balance which is unallocated money.

David Lobue, stated this is an unexpected expense, their 20year old tractor broke down. If it was to be rebuilt it would be about \$18,000 in repair cost. This is on state contract.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon, to introduce an ordinance to transfer \$86,819.96 from the Sales Tax Fund balance to purchase a Kubota tractor for the Airport on state contract (#AG-4400017852) from Star Equipment ..

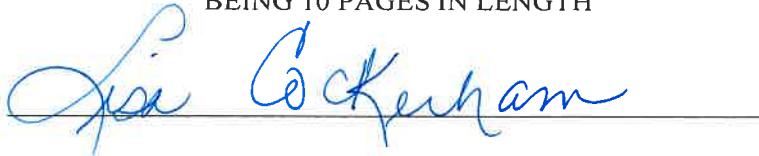
Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Councilman Wells (Absent) Motion Approved 4-0

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to Adjourn, all members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. 4-0

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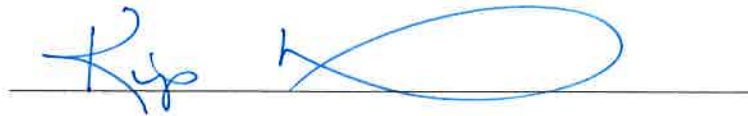
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Hammond City Council Members

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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
September 28, 2021
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance declaring movable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety. Six Digital Ally Body cameras and one docking station. (Jana Thurman)

Jana Thurman, recommended that they be donated to Springfield Police Department to help out that agency.

No Public Comment

2. An ordinance to declare used Cate Street playground equipment as surplus and no longer needed by the City and to donate it to the Hammond Area Recreation District. (Jana Thurman)

Jana Thurman stated the equipment will be donated to CT Mitchell Park

Councilwoman Gonzales asked if the equipment could be used by the recreation department.

Jana Thurman, stated she reached out to the recreation department and they have no use for it

No Public Comment

3. An ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com. (Jana Thurman)

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31 cloth stackable chairs

Honeywell Electric Safe

Kole Audio Amplifier

Box of phone chargers

Box of school supplies (paper, pens)

Knife

Sanyo VHS
GE VHS
2 – L shaped wood desk
Metal Bed Frame
Black Futon
F-250 ServiceTruck Bed
Kubota Rubber Tracks
Panasonic VCR
Sanyo TV
Sylvania TV
Ermerson TV/VCR
Troy Bilt Weedeater

Jana Thurman, stated this was unclaimed or damaged property and asked to sell it on Govdeal.com

No public comment

4. An ordinance to transfer \$86,819.96 from the Sales Tax Fund balance to purchase a Kubota tractor for the Airport on state contract (#AG-4400017852) from Star Equipment. (David Lobue/Lacy Landrum

David Lobue, stated they need to replace a tractor that needs major repairs and that it would cost between \$40,000-\$50,000 to repair and keep it operational.

Councilman Wells, Asked why the money can't come from the airport budget.

David Lobue, stated that we couldn't predict the tractor being broken when the budget was prepared

Councilman Wells, Asked what does the airport bring to the city.

David Lobue, stated it brings commerce to the city, about 250 to 400 operations per day and about 70% of it comes from outside of the parish.

Councilman Wells, stated, last year a tractor was purchased. Why can't you get grant money for this.

David Lobue, explained that grant money was for the up keep of the airport and tractors and hangers are not normally eligible for grant money.

Councilman Wells, stated that his district gets left out when money goes to the airport and asked why he doesn't use money from the airport's budget.

David Lobue, proceeded to explain the budget and expenditures.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if the city has looked at possible contracting the grass cutting services out.

David Lobue, stated that if the grass cutting was contracted out it would eliminate jobs and they did look at it about five years ago and the cost was about the same.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked, what the life of a tractor is.

David Lobue, stated about ten years.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked what happens to the old tractor.

David Lobue, stated it would be sold as surplus

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked, where does the money go, does it go back the general fund.

Mayor, it goes to the general fund, we're just buying a tractor not bush hog and he stated that five cuts a year was way low and inaccurate ask David to clarify.

David Lobue, clarified the cutting process.

Councilman Wells, stated the airport needs to start taking care of itself. His district is coming up short.

No Public Comment



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
September 28, 2021
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Council President Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor stated that we are near 100% of homes having power from Entergy, with the exception of those homes where the meters has been ripped from the home. Debris removal is in progress, we need more assets to remove debris. One of the biggest frustration is from people who had trees in their homes, getting access to trailers etc. to live in while repairs are made Asked that people give the city a call with issues.

Councilman Andrews, asked about the debris pickup.

Mayor, stated that the city is working with the Parish to get more assets.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked, can the city do the pick-up

Lacy Landrum, stated, not to be reimbursed by FEMA, the Parish is contracted with FEMA and they have about twenty of the double trucks. The city cannot direct the efforts of Parish contractors. The city does not schedule pickups.

Councilman Andrews, asked, can the city plan better for storms.

Lacy Landrum, yes the city needs more pre-disaster planning and contracts, we learned a lot from this storm.

Councilman Andrews, stated all of this falls in line with the email he sent out asking for department heads to attend the meeting to give a review of what they learned during the storm, what did or didn't work so if we ever experience this again, we would know how to respond. Thankful for the information that is being provided.

Lacy Landrum, the Ida communication pages that is on the city's website provides a lot of information for to citizens.

Councilman Wells, address the email the council president sent out and he wants department heads at the next meeting to discuss Ida.

Lacy Landrum, stated that a meeting was already planned for next week to discuss with all the department heads internally. The city needs more time to determine what happened, it will be done internally, then brought to the council.

Council Wells, thanked Council President Andrews, Parish President and Councilman Sam.

Claude Sims, 806 Mooney Avenue, talked about accountability, responsibility and credibility.

Councilman Wells, stated that several neighborhoods still stink from debris.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he would like a meeting with the department head and council to get a better grip on hurricane issues. He also talked about getting the canals cleaned out and we need to work with the drainage board.

2. Council:

Laura Knighten, Colorado St., stated she has trash piled up in her areas and they should go to each other's districts to see what is needed.

VI. Minutes

A. Minutes of September 16, 2021

There was a motion by **Councilman DiVittorio** and second by **Councilman Wells** to approve the minutes of **September 16, 2021.**

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. 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) Nathan Levy (Lab Manager)

Guy Palermo, stated this is the annual report for DEQ all testing and showing the City is in compliance. This lab data on waste water plant is from July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if he could explain what they were looking at.

Guy Palermo, stated it was lab data and that the lab manager was present. It was a copy of the samples that they run daily and monthly at the waste water plant.

Nathan Levy (Lab Manager), there were some excursions, due to heavy rainfall and there was some overflow, but everything was kept contained. He looks at input and outflow. The plants did not discharge any raw waste. He proceeded to explain the report.

Councilman Wells, asked, what about overflow in houses. He proceed to ask questions about sewer in houses and questioned portions of the report.

Guy Palermo, stated, that is not part of this report, it is a different report. This report is not about sewage.

Tracy Wells, 610 Mooney Avenue, (YouTube), stated sewer backed up in homes before Hurricane Ida.

Lacy Landrum, thanked everyone for appropriating the money, she stated this has been a long process of a system that has been broken for a long time. She explained the funding that was going to sewer upgrades and she thanked Guy and stated he's doing amazing job, he and his staff. Thanked Nathan for coming out and everyone involved in the process.

Mayor, asked Councilman Wells not to fight against us to fight with us.

Tracy Wells, 610 Mooney Ave, asked the administration to address why before now there were no overflows were ever reported to the DEQ.

Lacy Landrum, stated there were overflows reported in the past but the manhole specific overflows were not that prevalent, there was a different understanding of those overflows.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve 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.

Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Wells (N) Councilman Leon (absent) Motion Approved 3-1

2. A resolution to approve Hi-Ho Bar B Q # 1 Located at 2610 W. Thomas St., Hammond, LA 70401 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The ownership is Z and L Enterprises LLC. (Laura Hammett)

Laura Hammett, stated this is a change of ownership, all the requirements have been met and they are

seeking approval. The new owners, Zachary and Lacy are in the audience.

Zachary Russell, (owner) stated he was with the company for seven years and they will keep things the same.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Wells** to approve a resolution Hi-Ho Bar B Q # 1 Located at 2610 W. Thomas St., Hammond, LA 70401 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The ownership is Z and L Enterprises LLC

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance declaring movable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety. Six Digital Ally Body cameras and one docking station. (Jana Thurman)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews, declaring movable property as surplus and providing for a donation to benefit public safety. Six Digital Ally Body cameras and one docking station.

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to declare used Cate Street playground equipment as surplus and no longer needed by the City and to donate it to the Hammond Area Recreation District. (Jana Thurman)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio, to declare used Cate Street playground equipment as surplus and no longer needed by the City and to donate it to the Hammond Area Recreation District.

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com. (Jana Thurman)

There was a motion by Councilwoman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells, to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com.

Surplus sale items:

Unit 826 2010 Ford F150 – VIN# 1FTEW1CW7AFB33475
Unit 596 2005 Dodge Durango VIN# 1D4HD38N45F593216
Unit 150 2002 Nissan Altima VIN # 1N4AL11DX2C211510
Unit 128 2008 Nissan Rogue VIN# JN8AS58T88W023940
Unit 582 2004 Ford F150 VIN# 2FTRZ17W84C79046
Unit 741 2008 Crown Victoria VIN# 1FAFP71V6X160976
52” SCAG Mower Serial 3870110 Model # STT50B
31 cloth stackable chairs
Honeywell Electric Safe
Kole Audio Amplifier
Box of phone chargers
Box of school supplies (paper, pens)
Knife
Sanyo VHS
GE VHS
2 – L shaped wood desk
Metal Bed Frame
Black Futon
F-250 ServiceTruck Bed
Kubota Rubber Tracks
Panasonic VCR
Sanyo TV
Sylvania TV
Ermerson TV/VCR
Troy Bilt Weedeater

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

4. Final adoption of an ordinance to transfer \$86,819.96 from the Sales Tax Fund balance to purchase a Kubota tractor for the Airport on state contract (#AG-4400017852) from Star Equipment. (David Lobue/Jana Thurman)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews, to transfer \$86,819.96 from the Sales Tax Fund balance to purchase a Kubota tractor for the Airport on state contract (#AG-4400017852) from Star Equipment.

Vote: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Wells (N), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Absent).) Motion Approved 3-1

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

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to Adjourn, all members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. 4-0

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Councilman Steve Leon

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
October 12, 2021
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
October 12, 2021
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Pastor Lamont Jackson, A New Beginnings Ministry

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

Councilman Wells, enters meeting

V. REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor welcomed all in attendance and the new fire department recruits. He stated that most people have power. They are working on debris pick-up and it will take a few months.

Councilman Andrews, thanked the mayor for the update on debris pick-up.

Mayor, introduced Kiley Bates from the Tangipahoa Drainage District Administrator to give an update to the council on drainage.

Kiley Bates, 13031 McMichael Church Rd, Amite, LA, District Administrator for Drainage District One. Mr. Bates gave a history of how the drainage district is set up in the Parish. They are responsible and to maintain a network of drainage canals. He stated that the District handles 400 miles of channels. He stated before Ida they were in good shape, after Ida the board contracted for hurricane debris pickup in channels (56 acres) that were already under contract prior to Ida. Drone video was taken and submitted to the federal agencies for funding for cleanup for all channels. Federal funding FEMA or NRCS is needed for cleanup.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about map and how often channels are cleaned.

Kiley Bates, stated, every few years are so the channels are cleaned, but they try to reach all the channels every five to seven years regardless of how bad they are.

Councilman Wells, asked, how many contractors are working.

Kiley Bates, stated, as of today they have one who was contracted before Ida. He stated they are working in house and he doesn't have any contractors on the books right now. When you award contracts you have to have the money. He is expecting to have 3 to 5 contractors working at one time, once the money is received.

Councilman Wells, Thanked Kiley Bates for his work.

Councilman Andrews, asked about the canal on Wilbur Dangerfield and Magazine St, where trees may be falling

Kiley Bates, stated the drainage board does not own property or the canal, they just have a servitude to maintain drainage. The board can't take trees down on property, they can only remove trees in the canal.

Councilman Leon, asked when the current contract will be completed.

Kiley Bates, it should be completed in less than a year, he stated the Board can't make him go faster but it should be in 4-5 months.

Councilwoman Gonzales, she thank Kiley for providing map and answering questions she had prior to the meeting.

Lawrence Taylor, 49102 Stafford Rd, Tickfaw asked about property near Manchac

Kiley Bates, explained some of the damage in area, and will be in phase 2.

Andre Monnot of Principal Engineering Inc., came forward to give an update on the city's flood study and LOMR (Letter of Map Revision). Mr. Monnot was retained by city to begin the process of a Letter of Map Revision for the city's flood map, this is a status update. The update is to give information on objectives, flooding rate map, basics, task and status. The purpose is to reevaluate and revise the flood insurance rate maps in the city.

Councilwoman Gonzales, ask if Hurricane Ida's results affects this.

Andre Monnot, stated that study's looks at past high watermarks. They do not have Hurricane Ida information, but in modeling he stated that would be an important thing to look at and would be used in testing. FEMA does not believe that Hammond is subject to coastal effect influenced by storm surge.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated because we don't have the data from Ida, she understood that it was canals and creeks that overflowed and this is a lot of money and is it worth continuing this, considering the flooding we have had.

Andre Monnot, stated that Ida will be used as a data point for rainfall intensity.

Councilman DiVittorio, Asked if the study will take into account the trees in the canals and blockages from the trees.

Andre Monnot, stated normally, they do not assume excessive debris in the canals in the models to predict what is going to happen.

Councilman Wells, asked where they are conducting the study.

Andre Monnot, stated the primary area of benefit is north of the CN Railroad to the North end of the city limits. There are also some areas south of the CN Railroad on Ponchatoula Creek and Yellow Water River Canal.

Councilman Wells, stated that he was concerned about the cost of the study and that there were areas that flooded that never flooded in 50 years. He wants to make sure everyone was getting something from it.

Andre Monnot, stated that the study could result in an increase in insurance premiums, but in some places the base may be reduced, but the majority of areas could benefit, but some may not.

Joe Mier, (YouTube), 44065 High Oats Trail, Hammond LA, asked how the new FEMA 2.0 Flood plans will differ from this presentation.

Andre Monnot, stated he wasn't sure but he tried to explain his understanding of the FEMA plan.

Nick Gagliano, 902 W. Colorado St, Hammond, asked how successful will this project be with FEMA changing their minds.

Andre Monnot, stated that they have processed two map revisions successfully in other jurisdiction and there is a formal process.

2. Council:

Councilman Andrews, called Chief Folks forward

Fire Chief Folks, stated he would be presenting nine new hires for swearing in. Chief Folks swore in the new firefighters

Councilman Andrews, congratulated the new recruits and thank the Chief for allowing the City Council to be a part of the process.

Lacy Landrum, she provided a debrief report to council, including background, preparation, during Ida, post Ida response and improvements needed. Lacy provided a summary of all city departments.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about generators and do we have a service contract on the generators.

Robert Morgan, explained, the city has a contract with ARCO and they come in and do a yearly maintenance. He explained how the generators worked and what happened with them.

Councilman DiVittorio, questioned how they worked and the amount being spent, he wants to make sure they are under contract and run good.

Robert Morgan, stated they can increase contract times for maintenance.

Mayor, stated these generators were running 30 days straight and there were issues. Due to some of the issues, the general consensus is to start buying diesel operated generators, nothing runs perfect for thirty straight days.

Councilman Wells, asked does the city have an emergency operations plan.

Robert Morgan, stated we all have our plans for each department.

Councilman Wells, asked Lacy, does the city have an emergency operation plan.

Lacy Landrum, answered, each department has their own plan and it forms the city's emergency plan.

Councilman Wells, stated he wasn't notified of what was going on. In District three, he would like to have sand bags. He is dealing with a lot of elders, and people with no transportation. He stated he had a lot of issues in his community and no one was there to help. He wants District 3 to be a part of the emergency plan.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that a point of contact would be good to have as well as setting up something in each district.

Fire Chief Folks, stated his department activated their incident management team and they started planning, trying to identify what resources they needed. His department was called out to other areas in other storms and this has helped them. All personnel was called in, they rode out the storms at the stations. After the storm his entire department was ready. When the wind stopped they had many emergency calls. He also reported on activities after the storm.

Councilman Wells, asked who put the generator signs out.

Chief Folks, explained the placement of signs and the limitations.

Police Chief Bergeron, stated they had pre, during and post manpower assessments. They ran double shift during the storm and through the emergency declaration.

Councilman Wells, invited Ms. Georgia May to talk about her issue with lifting her home.

Georgia May, 1011 Varnado St, Hammond, stated she has not been able to live in her home since the storm. She ask what was in place for people who lost her home. Asked about getting her home elevated.

Lacy Landrum, stated that the city does not have resources to elevate homes. However, FEMA provides resources if you qualify. The building department can help to see if they qualify for damage estimate with FEMA.

Guy Palermo, available to answer questions, he stated the natural gas generators went out.

Councilman Wells, thanked Guy for everything he has done.

Tracy Wells, 610 Mooney Ave, Does the City of Hammond administration have a written continuity plan of operation and is it ever implemented and exercised. The government entity is required to have a coop plan.

Lacy Landrum, stated each department has a plan, to prepare, to react, to respond and to recover.

VI. Minutes

A. Minutes of September 28, 2021

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve the minutes of September 28, 2021.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to sell and serve alcohol on Friday, November 5, 2021 from 4:00pm until 10:00pm for the Brews Arts Festival within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park (between Cypress and Cherry Streets) and the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 East Thomas Street, Hammond, LA 70401. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, this is just an update of the actual date of the event, it was originally scheduled for September 24th but due to Covid it was postponed. The state needs this in order to complete the alcohol permission.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to sell and serve alcohol on Friday, November 5, 2021 from 4:00pm until 10:00pm for the Brews Arts Festival within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park (between Cypress and Cherry Streets) and the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 East Thomas Street, Hammond, LA 70401.

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

2. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to obtain a Waiver of the Open Container Law on Friday, November 5, 2021 from 4:00pm until 10:00pm for the Brews Arts Festival within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park (between Cypress and Cherry Streets) and the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 East Thomas Street, Hammond, LA 70401. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, just the date changed you had already approved September 24th, changing the date to November 5th

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to obtain a Waiver of the Open Container Law on Friday, November 5, 2021 from 4:00pm until 10:00pm for the Brews Arts Festival within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park (between Cypress and Cherry Streets) and the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 East Thomas Street, Hammond, LA 70401

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

3. A resolution to approve Roller Kingdom located at 210 Hewitt Rd. Hammond, LA 70403 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise. The ownership as Roller Kingdom LLC. (Laura Hammett)

Laura Hammett, this is for Thursday night events, they have met all requirements.

Letha James (owner), present to answer questions

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if she will be carding for alcohol.

Letha James, stated yes

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio a resolution to approve Roller Kingdom located at 210 Hewitt Rd. Hammond, LA 70403 for High/Low alcohol approval on premise

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

4. A resolution to approve alcohol renewals for 2022. (Laura Hammett)

Laura Hammett, stated this is the annual renewal of alcohol licenses and she requested that the newest business Roller Kingdom be added for a total of 114 businesses.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio a resolution to approve all alcohol renewals for 2022 to include Roller Kingdom

Vote: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (abstain), Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Wells (Y) Motion Approved 4-0 and one vote to abstain

5. A resolution to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the questionnaire. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, this is the annual questionnaire for Legislative Auditors, 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 2020-2021 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the questionnaire.

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

6. A resolution 1) accepting a \$250,000 grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for improvements to Mooney Avenue Park; 2) approving a cash match of \$250,000 from the Grant Match Fund; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related document. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, the council previously approved, but this is us formalizing it to be able to accept the grant award, sign the contract and other related documents.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to authorize 1) accepting a \$250,000 grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for improvements to Mooney Avenue Park; 2) approving a cash match of \$250,000 from the Grant Match Fund; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related document

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

7. A resolution 1) accepting \$136,561.82 in available grant funds from the Transportation Improvement Program for the improvement and expansion of City bus stops; 2) approving a cash match of \$24,930.08 from the Grant Match Fund; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, these are federal funds that come to us through a multi-year plan called TIP. It's within our available budget, we need to obligate the remaining match to make that purchase.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked, who is the point of contact for the bus stop issues, such as routes within the city?

Charles Borchers, stated it would be him,

Councilman DiVittorio, Any concerns and questions that come in who would be the head point of contact

Charles Borchers, stated he was the contact person because the grants department has been heavily involved and the council on aging is the contracted operator.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize 1) accepting \$136,561.82 in available grant funds from the Transportation Improvement Program for the improvement and expansion of City bus stops; 2) approving a cash match of \$24,930.08 from the Grant Match Fund; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

8. A resolution approving the purchase of 18 bus stop shelters from Superior Recreational Products for \$144,479.70, per bids received by Tangipahoa Parish Government September 27, 2021, using funds available under Project 31709—Bus Stop Improvements. The total cost to the City will be \$28,895.94 (20% grant match). (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, this is the other part of the previous grant. The Parish received a low bid from Superior Recreational Products and our share of that cost is 20% after passing that previous resolution we now have that to spend on the shelter. He explained the bus stop map and its possible routes.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells approving the purchase of 18 bus stop shelters from Superior Recreational Products for \$144,479.70, per bids received by Tangipahoa Parish Government September 27, 2021, using funds available under Project 31709—Bus Stop Improvements. The total cost to the City will be \$28,895.94 (20% grant match).

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

9. A resolution authorizing Lisa Cockerham, Hammond City Council Clerk, to certify authorized signatories and signatures for the City's anticipated Fiscal Year 2020–21 Local Government Assistance Program and Community Water Enrichment Fund grants. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, these are application that were submitted with the Councils support at the end of last year or early this year. He just received the contract on one grant and is expecting another very soon. As a requirement for those programs we must provide a signature cards which has the names and signature of those that are signing off on grant related documents, the Mayor, Lacy, Laura and himself. Typically use the council clerk to certify the signature.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews, authorizing Lisa Cockerham, Hammond City Council Clerk, to certify authorized signatories and signatures for the City's anticipated Fiscal Year 2020–21 Local Government Assistance Program and Community Water Enrichment Fund grants.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

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

1. Introduction of an ordinance to transfer \$750,000 from the Sales Tax Fund (203) ending fund balance to Capital Expenditures to provide for sewer system improvements (two lift stations, SSES, and sewer rehabilitation). (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, pulled up the prior meeting notice from April 13th at which time the item was tabled. A week prior to the April 13th meeting there was a meeting with Councilman Andrews and Wells and they discussed a solution to the sewer problem in District 3. Chuck Spangler drew up a cost estimate based on that discussion which was also introduced on April 13 as part of this. She explained what the

\$750,000 plan included. At the April 13th meeting the item was tabled and later in the budget discussion this was included in the approved budget for this year. These projects has already been approved, therefore this ordinance is not needed. She reference the budget book and explained. Chuck Spangler was present to give an update.

Chuck Spangler, provided a status on projects.

Councilman Wells, asked if this will solve the problem in his district.

Chuck Spangler, answered 90% but not completely, they still need to find and repair the leaks. He believed that the issues on Mooney, Mississippi and Varnado will be solved, he's not sure about other areas. This is a great move in the direction to fix all the issues.

Chuck Spangler, the project is on the way.

Jack Stevens, 43744 Scott Dr, Had the council approved the \$750,000 in April, would this project already be on the way.

Chuck Spangler, It would be on the way but probably not finished, it takes about six months.

Councilman Andrews, asked Andre, since the funds had already been appropriated in June, how we move forward.

Andre Coudrain, the item is moot because it was superseded by what the council did with the budget. You can maybe have a motion to withdraw it as moot and a second to vote for that. The action approving the budget made this item moot.

There were no motions made on this item and no action taken

Andre Coudrain, advised Council President Andrew that we note in the minutes that no action was taken by the council on this item.

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to Adjourn, all members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. 5-0

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
October 26, 2021
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
October 26, 2021
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Hammond High Magnet School, Army JROTC
All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.

V. REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor, stated he went to the fire recruits graduation, he congratulated them. He also said that progress was being made with the debris cleanup and it will probably be finished in 1-2 months. He mentions the Downtown Development Halloween event is this Thursday and stated that Sunday will be trick or treat around the city.

2. Council:

Councilman Wells, called several of his constituents forward to acknowledge them for the service they provided during Hurricane Ida. Jermaine Luckett- NAACP (Baton Rouge), Marci DiVittorio, Wanda Davis, Delta Sigma Theta- Tangipahoa Parish, Sam Paul, Andre, Pastor Matthews, Councilman Sam DiVittorio, Councilman Kip Andrews, Luke, Tracy Washington Wells, UMX, Black Heritage Center. Councilman Wells thanked everyone for their service after the storm. He also thanked Operation Barbeque, Mercy Shelf for donated food, Councilman Montgomery brought supplies and the Hammond High Football team and the Johnson boys.

Councilman Andrews, stated that the airshow was a success and it was nice to see it come back and that there was a good crowd. He thanked the Airshow Board. He announced that it was breast cancer awareness month, acknowledged the passing of Gen. Colin Powell. He asked Chief Bergeron to come forward and share information about the vote for city K-9 dog. Chief Bergeron explained a vote for the City k-9 dog.

VI. Minutes

A. Minutes of October 12, 2021

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of October 12, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Abstain), Approved 4-1

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to authorize the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve alcohol during the event Starry November Night, held on Friday, November 19th, 2021 from 5:30pm-10:00pm. The event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St., and N. and S. Pine St. (Chelsea Tallo Little)

Chelsea Tallo Little, stated this was an annual event and she was excited to have it back and that it was similar to Hot August Nights.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve alcohol during the event Starry November Night, held on Friday, November 19th, 2021 from 5:30pm-10:00pm. The event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St., and N. and S. Pine St.

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

2. A resolution to grant a Waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants during the event Starry November Night, held on Friday, November 19th, 2021 from 5:30pm-10:00pm. The event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St., and N. and S. Pine St. (Chelsea Tallo Little)

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to grant a Waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants during the event Starry November Night, held on Friday, November 19th, 2021 from 5:30pm-10:00pm. The event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St., and N. and S. Pine St. .

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

3. A resolution 1) accepting a \$21,650 grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase radio equipment for the Hammond Police Department; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, stated the grant will be used to purchase 13 radios and no match is required.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Leon authorizing the acceptance of a \$21,650 grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase radio equipment for the Hammond Police Department; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

4. A resolution 1) accepting a \$7,800 grant from the Local Government Assistance Program for renovations to the City's Maintenance Facility; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, stated no match was required

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing the acceptance of a \$7,800 grant from the Local Government Assistance Program for renovations to the City's Maintenance Facility; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

5. A resolution 1) accepting a \$7,400 grant from the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; 2) approving a cash match of \$7,400 from the Hammond Police Department; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, stated 20 vest will be purchased.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells authorizing the acceptance of a \$7,400 grant from the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; 2) approving a cash match of \$7,400 from the Hammond Police Department; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

6. A resolution (1) approving Hammond Northshore Regional Airport's 2022-27 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 proceeding; (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)

David Lobue, stated the Capital Improvement Plan is due to the FAA and state by November 1st of every year.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if the plan was a commitment for future funding.

David Lobue, answered, no, it is more like a place holder. The city could not take state or federal money if the city did not want to commit funds.

David Lobue, stated he consulted with the Mayor and State Officials, Airport Advisory Board and engineers in putting together the plan.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked where does airshow profits go?

David Lobue, stated it goes to the Airshow Foundation, typically to fund Stem Programs and airshow expenses.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if the city gets reimbursed for employees that worked the airshow.

David Lobue, stated that the airshow helps to pay for employees.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing Hammond Northshore Regional Airport's 2022-27 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 proceeding; (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: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Wells (Y) Motion Approved 5-0

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. 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 item was previously introduced but was tabled by the city council. She stated that it matches the zoning on adjacent property and explained the difference between RS-11.A and RM-3.

Ryan Bates, developer from Integrity Investors Group, stated apartment use is planned.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked questions about MXN-and the apartments that are adjacent to the property.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated the housing committee has been working and is requesting an RFP for a housing study

Ryan Bates, stated they have done a market study on the area to be sure it was a feasible project.

Councilman Wells, asked if the city can put this item on hold.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, stated the city could impose a moratorium.

Ryan Bates, stated he would like to know the city's position on this.

Paula Falls, (Joiner Living Trust), wants to know why the city would hold up this.

Councilman Wells, stated that he wants a study to be done and constituents wants to know what is going on.

Ryan Bates, Stated they had public meetings and reached out and that this would be quality housing.

Councilman DiVittorio, City has a demand for housing, this is zoned single family and there are a lot of apartments in Hammond.

Nnenna Minimah - 52 Whitmar Dr, asked if rezoning give them ability to build.

Lacy Landrum, stated this is just re-zoning, changing zoning from single family to multifamily.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to deny 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).

Vote: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Leon (N) Councilman Wells (Y) Motion to DENY the re-zoning approved 3-2

2. 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)

Sam Tallo, representing owner came forward to withdraw the application.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to remove from the agenda 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).

Vote: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Wells (Y) Motion Approved 5-0 to remove the item from the agenda

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

1. An ordinance to revise Article 8.1.7 of the Unified Development Code regarding the definition of the properties included in the Hammond Historical District. (Sarah Knauer/Ryan Faulk)

Ryan Faulk, Chairman Historic District commission, stated they would like to update the definition to include properties that were intended to be in the historic district. The zoning commission has recommended approval. They sent out notices to property owners who would be affected and had a meeting but not one participated.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews, to introduce an ordinance to revise Article 8.1.7 of the Unified Development Code regarding the definition of the properties included in the Hammond Historical District.

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

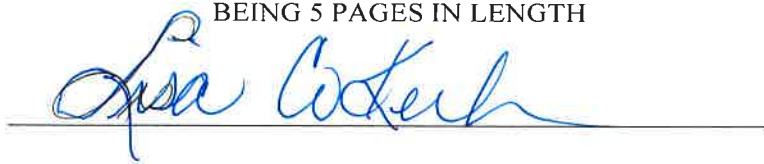
Public Hearing will be scheduled for November 9, 2021, at 5:30

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to Adjourn, all members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. 5-0

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
November 9, 2021
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance to revise Article 8.1.7 of the Unified Development Code regarding the definition of the properties included in the Hammond Historical District. (Ryan Faulk)

Ryan Faulk, stated that they want to revise the language, updating to correct the definition which says “facing” but wants to change it to “touching”. He stated this is what was intended and would bring the properties back into the district. He also stated that they held several workshops, two in person and 2 virtually and invited all owners and no one attended, none of the property owners responded and planning and zoning recommended approval.

Mayor, stated I’m not in the district, but facing the district so you are going to force me be in the district, you are either in or out of the district and he asked City Attorney Andre Coudrain, why am I being put in the district because I am facing the district.

Andre Coudrain, stated the challenge of the existing definition of facing, so what does facing mean. He explained the meaning of facing. This changes it to touching.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about notice and planning and zoning recommendation.

Councilman Wells, asked about the number of properties affected.

Sarah Knauer, Historic District Administrator, explained the process of notice to property owners.

Councilman Wells, expressed concern about notice given to property owners and if it is going to help or hurt the city.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if any of the people that were affected are present.

John Exnicious, stated he lives in the district and is proud of the town maintaining an esthetic look and there needs to be some continuity.

Rita Mashburn, 500 W. Thomas St, stated there is no straight line on property and this was confusing.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he would like the process cleared up making it clearer, but doesn’t like that there are 21 properties that this would affect and we are not sure if they received notice or not, he recommended sending letters with return receipt or signatures.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
November 9, 2021
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Pastor Jarvis Crockerham, Re-Vision Church

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

V. REPORTS: Mayor: No Reports

Council:

Jeannine Saucier, 13220 East Coles Creek Loop, Hammond, Invited everyone to participate in the inaugural 5K Purple Run to bring awareness to domestic violence and to raise money for SAFE (Southeast Advocates for Family Empowerment) on Saturday at Cate St. Park. She talked about the loss of a friend to domestic violence and the support of the organization SAFE.

Nnenna Minimah- 52 Whitmore Dr., Director of SAFE, she talked about domestic violence and the need for support.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked they she speak her friends name out.

Mandy Franks, stated the name of the friend that lost her life was Heidi H. Davis.

Councilman Wells, asked about debris pick up and noted several streets.

Lacy Landrum, gave an explanation about the pickups, she talked about what was cleared and ask that they continue to turn in addresses.

Councilman DiVittorio, expressed his concern about lighting in some area. He asked if there were any updates on lighting in the Timberlane and Rue St. Marin areas.

Lacy Landrum, stated we are still working on it and explained the process.

Councilman Andrews, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and stated that the next city council meeting will be November 30th at 5:30 pm.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes of the November 9 , 2021 meeting.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve the minutes of November 9, 2021

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A Resolution authorizing the purchase of a JD 410SL Backhoe Loader for \$115,833.98 for the Street Department. State Contract # 44000117717. (Robert Williams)

Robert Williams, stated that the street department needs a backhoe.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if this was in the budget.

Lacy Landrum, stated yes.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the purchase of a JD 410SL Backhoe Loader for \$115,833.98 for the Street Department. State Contract # 44000117717.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

2. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to renew the Google Work Space Business Plus license agreement for a three year term. (Marcus McMillian)

Marcus McMillian, asking permission to authorize the Mayor to renew the Google Workspace license agreement for three years.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if this was within budget.

Marcus McMillian, answered, yes.

Councilman Wells, asked, why three years?

Marcus McMillian, stated, that's how they do their contract every three years, he stated 3 years is a good contract.

Councilman Wells, stated his concern about the three years and he don't think it's good

Marcus McMillian, stated doing a three year contract gets the city a cheaper rate.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to authorize the Mayor to renew the Google Work Space Business Plus license agreement for a three year term.

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

3. A resolution to appoint Nnenna Minimah to the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from November 10, 2021 - July 29, 2023, (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor, he thanked her service and for being in the community stated she manages SAFE, and that there was an opening on the Civil Service Board and he recommends her and asks for approval.

Councilman Andrews, asked questions about the nominations from Southeastern.

Lacy Landrum, explained the letter and appointments.

Councilman Wells, ask Nnenna Minimah how long she has lived in Hammond.

Nnenna Minamah, stated three years.

Councilman Wells, stated she hasn't been in Hammond long enough and he wants someone who has lived in the area a long time.

Mayor, stated, this is a person who is an advocate for people and good for our community.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked the nominee are you willing to learn the rules and can you fairly apply them and are willing to reach out for guidance.

Nneena Minamah, she said yes and she understands that she would have to reach out to others with expertise and read the manual.

Councilwoman Gonzales, thanks it's good to have new blood on the board.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he was concern is more with the administration and the process.

John Exniciass, 111 N. Magnolia, state he was impressed with Nnenna and she is passionate about her community.

Daniel Boudreaux, Hammond Police Officer, state he was impressed with the nominee, her drive and willingness to learn.

Carolyn Harrell, 2208 Cherie Drive, stated she appreciated the nominee.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to deny the appointment of Nnenna Minimah to the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from November 10, 2021 - July 29, 2023.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (N), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Leon (N), Councilman Wells (Y). Motion Denied 3-2

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the appointment Nnenna Minimah to the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from November 10, 2021 - July 29, 2023.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (N), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (N). Motion Approved 3-2

4. A resolution 1) accepting a \$9,500 grant from the Community Water Enrichment Fund to install a water main along Pride Drive West; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, stated this item was brought to the council a year ago. This a grant that will offset the cost they are planning to incur. There is no formal match required. The only requirement is to accept the grand dollars.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve accepting a \$9,500 grant from the Community Water Enrichment Fund to install a water main along Pride Drive West; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). Motion Approve 5-0

5. A resolution 1) accepting a \$44,330 grant from the Traffic Safety Grant Program for Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, and Juvenile Underage Drinking Enforcement; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, state he had received the award letter, but not the contract. There is no match requirement, these are federal funds that comes through the state for officers to work overtime.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve accepting a \$44,330 grant from the Traffic Safety Grant Program for Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, and Juvenile Underage Drinking Enforcement; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). Motion Approve 5-0

6. A resolution to accept the proposed health insurance package for calendar year 2022. (Henry Powell)

Henry Powell, 110 W. Morris, stated this is a renewal for employee benefits (medical, dental and life insurance) and the funding of the Benny card. He stated that there was no rate increase and that they also solicited proposals from other companies, but they were not competitive. He stated that Met Life who they were previously with came back and matched their current rate and agreed to give the city a \$5000 implementation credit.

Councilman Wells, thanked Mr. Powell

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to approve A resolution to accept the proposed health insurance package for calendar year 2022.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). Motion Approve 5-0

7. A resolution to reject the proposals received by RFP #22-13 to provide a comprehensive classification, salary and compensation study for the City of Hammond. (Diana Guzman-McMahon)

Diana Guzman McMahon, stated they reviewed the proposals and found several similarities. They received four proposals and she explained each proposal and what they had to offer. After the review, she stated, they believed it could be done in house with the purchase of Software System. They thought this would be best for the city.

Councilman Andrews, state for clarity that this is actually a decision from the city to reject the study and that it did not come from the council.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked that if purchasing the software would it clearly tell us the changes to the grid, stated that she was concerned about what the people would say and that there is no oversight of grids by an outside person.

Mayor, stated when they did the grid with the fire department, they worked with the department and the union and there was a collaboration with everyone involved.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked why would Salary.com give us what \$86, 0000 SSA would give us.

Diana McMahon, stated an outside consultant would be involved, the difference is the city will be doing a lot of the leg work, but also working with the consultant. HR would lead and be involved, reaching out to the employees and making it as clear and transparent as possible.

Mayor, stated we were doing a lot of the legwork for them. We were reaching out and contacting other agencies to find out what they were paying. But he believes the city is capable of doing the same as the agency and can save the city money.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated we budgeted \$100,000 originally to hire a consultant, outside of the city to look at salaries, asked that if this was going to be on all employees. He questioned the bids and why we would want to take on this in-house. Questioned about how often a study is done.

Lacy Landrum, stated a study is done every two years and sometimes it takes an extra year to get all of the data back once a consultant is hired but the ordinance specifies for every two years.

Diana McMahon, stated there will be a consultant involved, and what service they will provide. She stated they will implement, design, and give best practices and recommendations.

Councilman Wells, stated that in July they voted and approved of the study plan and doesn't know why we are going through this now. He asked questions about the survey companies and stated that it looks to the employees like the City Council has been keeping them from getting a raise, and that they are not the ones stopping them from getting a raise, they should have already had their money. He stated he does not trust the people that are going to be working the system. He is afraid of doing it in house and stated that the study should have already been done.

Diana McMahon, stated that that the consultant will oversee everything and will be able provide transparency that the council is looking for.

Councilman Wells, stated that when the budget was approved, this should have went into effect.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated again her concern about doing it in house. She was concerned about the comparables of some of the companies. She asked can we fix our grid and then empower HR to do their own salary study and then get past the question that nobody trusts anybody in the city to get it right.

Diana McMahon, stated again what some of the companies offer.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he does not like the liability and workload that it would take for HR to learn the new system.

Councilman Wells, asked about the number of employee the city has. Stated it is a trust issue and would like to have an outside party come in and he is not for it.

Councilman Leon, asked about one of the firms.

Daniel Boudreaux 120 S. Oak, stated he updated and fixed his post and apologized for it. Asked if we voted on it in June and is confused why the city has not moved forward already.

Andre Coudrain, recommended to either reject all the proposals or you can make a motion to amend the agenda to accept one of the proposals.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to amend the agenda to accept the proposal of HR Nola to RFP #22-13 to provide a comprehensive classification, salary and compensation study for the City of Hammond.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews(Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Motion Approved 5-0 to amend the agenda

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to accept the proposal of HR Nola to RFP #22-13 to provide a comprehensive classification, salary and compensation study for the City of Hammond

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). Motion Approve 5-0

8. A resolution to purchase new salary software from CompAnalyst and to complete a salary study in-house. The first year cost is \$19,000, and years 2-4 are each \$11,500, for a total cost of \$53,500. (Diana Guzman-McMahon)

Lacy Landrum, made the recommendation to remove this item from the agenda.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to remove this item from the agenda.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). 5-0 to remove

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

A. OLD BUSINESS NONE

B.NEW BUSINESS:

1. Final Adoption of an ordinance to revise Article 8.1.7 of the Unified Development Code regarding the definition of the properties included in the Hammond Historical District. (Ryan Faulk)

Councilwoman Gonzales, state she was concerned about sufficient notice being given and recommend resending certified notices.

Sarah Knaeur, stated to the council what the process will be going forward and recommended that the council table the item.

Jessica Shirer, 202 Holly Dr, wanted to clarify the process for notifying property owners.

There was a motion by Council DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to table an ordinance to revise Article 8.1.7 of the Unified Development Code regarding the definition of the properties included in the Hammond Historical District.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). 5-0 Motion to table

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to allow for temporary housing for repairs after Hurricane Ida. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, same language that was passed under the emergency ordinance. This will allow up to six months. Everything will come through the building department

Councilman Sam DiVittorio, asked if there was a time frame

Lacy Landrum, answered yes and explained the ordinance.

Councilman Wells, stated we may have to vote on this again.

Lacy Landrum, state they would not have to vote on this again, once they have adopted the ordinance. She stated what was done before was an emergency because we did not have time to go through the whole process. What was approved before was only for 60 days. This is just introduction and at the next meeting we will have a public meeting and final adoption.

There was a motion by Council Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance to allow for temporary housing for repairs after Hurricane Ida.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). 5-0 Motion approve

Public Hearing will be scheduled for November 30, 2021, at 5:30

X. ADJOURN: Councilwoman Gonzales made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Andrews, all members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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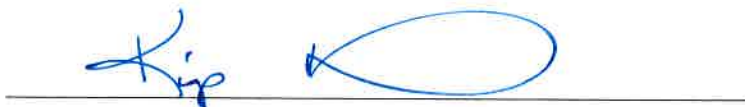
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
November 30, 2021
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to allow for temporary housing for repairs after Hurricane Ida. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, stated that this was similar to the emergency ordinance, it allows someone with substantial damage to move into a trailer for up to six months while working on their home.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the number through the city.

Lacy Landrum, answered, there are only two to three who have used the emergency ordinance for temporary housing.

Lacy Landrum, stated that this extends the emergency ordinance and they will be working through the building department.

Councilman Wells entered the meeting

Councilman Leon, asked if this was FEMA trailer that could be set up on the property

Lacy Landrum, stated yes this is for FEMA trailers, campers, and recreational campers that can plug into a sewer system.

Councilman Wells, asked about the hookups on the trailer, and talked about one in his neighborhood.

Lacy Landrum, asked if the trailer came after the storm.

Councilman Wells, stated yes

Lacy Landrum state they would probably have to look at it, if he provides an address they can take a look to see if they had a permit and work with them.

Councilman Wells, stated, he just wants to make sure they are doing things the right way.

Lacy Landrum, stated if he had any concerns, he could call Robert Morgan and he could check on it.

No public comment



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
November 30, 2021
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Pastor Ron Matthews

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

V. REPORTS:

Mayor:

Stated that when it comes to picking up debris and construction debris we are at a point and time where we are getting closer. If there are spots that have been sitting for a while, if you have the location, send the address to the city and they can send it to Robert Williams. We are beginning to direct them with these last pickup to get them finalized. Mayor stated that we are in phase two, phase one was at 100% and phase two is 90/10. Ten percent of which the city will have to pay.

Mayor also stated that he and Chief Bergeron, came up with Spokes for Hopes. They teamed up with North Cypress Fitness and Pastor Hannibal with Greenfield Baptist Church and so far 179 bikes have been donated and they would like to give them to the less fortunate. You will need to go on line and nominate someone. He called Chief Bergeron forward.

Chief Bergeron, state that 179 bikes have been donated from people in the community. The bikes will be given out on December 18th. People will have to go online at spokesforhopes@gmail.com and nominate someone in need or deserving. Greenfield Baptist Church will be getting the emails and help to distribute the bikes.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about the age ranges

Chief Bergeron, stated all ages

Councilman Andrews, asked if information is needed on age, family requirement.

Chief Bergeron, stated height of kid and a little bit about the need. There is information on how to apply on the HPD Facebook page.

Council:

Demond Wright, 10089 West Azalea St, stated he is the son of Demetra Wright and he was there to represent her and the D & V Mobile Home Park. He wanted to find out the rules, regulations and policies for what is required for FEMA and by the city. Wants to put trailers on the property to assist people in need. State that he would like to get all the rules, regulations and policies in writing so that everything would be done right and proper and they wouldn't have any problems.

Councilman Andrews, asked if he was talking about the property off of Magazine and M C Moore.

Demond Wright, answered yes and also stated that there was a pile of debris on the corner of Magazine and M C Moore from storm damage that has been there since the storm.

Councilman Wells, stated that there was debris on Fleet Dr and he talked with them about the trailers. Stated that they need guidelines to go by, on what to do with trailers.

Mayor, asked if he spoke to Robert Morgan and the Mayor gave him names and numbers of city employees to contact.

Barbara Nitis, Small Business Administration, Office of Disaster Assistance, stated she was there to offer low interest Small Business Administration loans until December 14, 2021. She provided information on loans for homes, business and non-profits. She explained how to apply and how to get in touch with them.

Mayor, asked, what was the time line

Barbara Nitis, stated it's a case by case bases.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about lighting in his district. Asked if we are going to catch up or maybe hire contractors to help.

Carlee Gonzales, asked about trees that may be in the cities right of ways.

Mayor, stated we are going to stay on top as much as we can.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if we may be able to contract it or and be reimbursed by FEMA.

Lacy Landrum, stated we are not sure if those would all be covered and that's the challenge.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about looking into sub out some work to get caught up, he spoke with Robert Williams and that's what he was following up on.

Lacy Landrum, she explained that Robert William was working on it.

Councilman Wells, stated that they are having problem with dead limbs in trees in his district. He stated he thinks the city needs to work on getting the dead limbs cleaned up.

Frank DiVittorio, Charter Review Committee Chairman gave an update to the Council and passed out meeting minutes and stated that there next meeting is on December 2, 2021. They have conducted several meeting since the committee's existence, taking input from the public and collecting priorities. There is an email set up for anyone that cannot attend meeting. Will present a report on all issues that were raised and they are trying to wrap up by the end of December.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about deadlines and when things go on ballots.

Frank DiVittorio, stated yes they do, but he didn't bring it with him, but offered to email it to Councilwoman Gonzales.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about a salary study.

Frank DiVittorio, stated yes and he passed out information about a salary study of elected officials, the Mayor and Council. He explained the data and their findings.

Devon Wells, thank Frank for coming out

Lacy Landrum, stated the train is running in Zemmury Park, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and the Parade is on the 17th.

Councilman Wells, talked about the shooting on Harrell St, and stated they need police patrols in the community.

Councilman Andrews, stated they are having the same issue in his district. Councilman Andrews also congratulated Councilwoman Gonzales and Councilman Wells on their birthdays. In district one on December 31st they will be feeding seniors and the community, more information will be provided.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to approve the minutes of November 9, 2021

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission and City of Hammond. (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor, stated this is possibly a grant opportunity for the city and port and federal dollars may be available for projects.

Councilman Wells, asked about promotion, will the city or the airport do promotions.

Mayor, stated the city grants will review for grant opportunities. Charles will apply for grant opportunities

Councilman Wells, stated he was asking about promotion like bill boards.

Mayor, stated that would be tourism, they would see if they would get involve to help us out.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if Charles would be writing grants for the port or if the city has a financial interest.

Mayor, answered, both, it would be a grant the will be facilitated for the port and the airport.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked will Charles be writing grants for the port only

Mayor, no but he will help and guide them if needed.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked does the port have a grant writer, is the parish going to assist.

Mayor, the parish is going to assist through tourism and economic development.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission and City of Hammond.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

A. OLD BUSINESS NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to allow for temporary housing for repairs after Hurricane Ida. (Lacy Landrum)

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adopt an ordinance to allow for temporary housing for repairs after Hurricane Ida.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). 5-0 Motion Approved

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

X. OTHER MATTERS

Review and consider resolution: ***In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-MD-02804****

**the Council may enter executive session pursuant to LSA RS 42:17(A)(2)*

City Attorney Andre Coudrain recommended that the Council go into executive session to discuss this case

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to go into executive session.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). 5-0 Motion Approved

The council entered into executive session

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to go back into regular session

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). 5-0 Motion Approved

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the resolution as presented and hyperlinked on the agenda

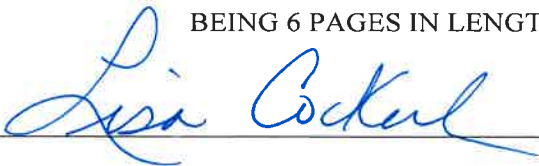
VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). 5-0 Motion Approved

XI. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman Leon and a second by Councilwoman Gonzales to Adjourn, all members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. 5-0

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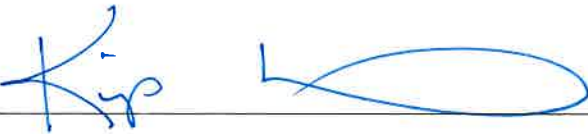
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
December 14, 2021
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



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

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Council President Kip Andrews

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

V. REPORTS:

Mayor:

Stated that Christmas is upon us and the Christmas lights are out, fish have been put in the pond at Zemurly Park and the train will be running. He stated that Cracker Barrel donated a chair for Santa Claus and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Bill Blair, Strategic Demographics, LLC gave a presentation on redistricting. He stated four districts will need to be adjusted based on constitutional requirements. He explained that his work is objective and non-partisan and impartial.

He stated that he would like to meet with each council member individually to discuss redistricting.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about the redistricting and how the districts would be affected.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about contact information

Councilman DiVittorio, asked when the deadline was.

Councilman Wells, asked the administration about the cost to the City of Hammond for the redistricting

Mr. Blair stated, he had a signed contract with the City and the charge is \$16,000. He has been paid \$8000.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, asked for an update on lighting.

Robert Morgan, gave an update on the lighting.

Councilman Wells, asked about the project that they were working on before the storm and wanted to know how long it was going to be.

Robert Morgan, explained what has been done and what they were doing. He stated he put in level one lights in the area, because he thought a level five would be too bright for Mooney.

Councilman Wells, stated that they talked about the lights in his area, and they discussed a level five light. He stated that he knows what's going on in his area and when it's dark crime takes place.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he just wanted an update on the lights that were out in his district and that he appreciated Robert Morgan for giving him an update.

Councilman Andrews, called the teachers forward so he could acknowledge in recognition of Teacher of Year 2021.

Councilman Andrews made a presentation to the Teachers of the Year

Councilman Leon, thanked the HOA Presidents and constitutions for letting him know about debris pickup and he stated that things were looking good.

Councilman Wells, talked about a shooting on Harrell St and Natchez St., stated that we need to bring a stop to it. He stated he was concerned about the elders and the kids. He thanked the city for the removal of the tires in the area. He said to the Mayor and Lacy, thank you for the debris removal, he stated the debris has been picked and the areas looked better.

Lacy Landrum, asked that if there are other address that you see, as they progress, reassure everyone that this is not the final and to continue to turn the addresses in.

Councilman Wells, stated people are having a problem with the water bills.

Guy Palermo discussed meter reading.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about reader meters in house.

Guy Paleromo, explained meter reading and the bills.

Councilman Wells, asked about the new customer connection process for receiving a garbage can. He suggested that the city looks at a process for receiving garbage cans.

Lacy Landrum, stated they are working with Amwaste on a can solution.

Councilman DiVittorio, Asked that Monastery lane be added to the list for trash pick-up.

Councilman Wells, asked that Harrell St and the 800 block of Mooney Ave. be added to the list for trash pick-up.

VI. VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes of the November 30, 2021 meeting.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales and second by Councilman Devon Wells to approve the minutes of November 30, 2021

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to appoint Michael Brown to the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from December 15, 2021 - July 29, 2022 (reminder of term). (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor Panepinto, stated Michael Brown was a manager at Auto Zone, a graduate of Southeastern and he believes he will be fair and open minded.

Michael Brown, 4 Laura Dr. Apartment A, Hammond, LA 70401, was present and he stated he has been a resident of Hammond for six years and he will be fair.

Councilman Wells, asked Mr. Brown how long he lived in Hammond.

Mr. Brown, answered, six years.

Councilman Wells, asked if he had seen or heard anything about the booking room incident.

Mr. Brown, answered, yes, I did see it.

Councilman Wells, asked if he would be fair.

Mr. Brown, answered, yes, I will be fair.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Devon Wells to approve the appointment of Michael Brown to the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for an unexpired three-year term from December 15, 2021 – July 29, 2022.

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

2. A resolution to approve Save-A-Lot located at 113 N. Morrison Blvd, Hammond, LA 70401 for High/Low package alcohol approval on premise. The ownership is Trosclair Morrison LLC. (Laura Hammett)

Laura Hammett, stated she wanted to introduce Kasey Daigle, he will be coming to the meeting for the alcohol approvals in the future. She stated that Save-A-Lot has changed ownership and they have completed all the requirements. They are seeking approval for Hi/Low permit for retail business. She stated the business has been at this location since 2015.

Jared Butler, District Manager was available for questions.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if they started doing this nationwide.

Mr Butler, stated that it was a local group that bought the Save-A-Lot stores in Hammond, New Orleans and Gulf Port.

There was a motion by Councilman Sam DiVittorio and second by Councilman Devon Wells to approve Save-A-Lot located at 113 N. Morrison Blvd., Hammond, LA 70401 for High/Low package alcohol approval on premise. The ownership is Trosclair Morrison LLC.

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

3. A resolution to purchase a 2022 F-150 Crew Cab 4-WD from Bill Hood Ford for \$32,816.00 State Contract Number 4400020874. (Jana Thurman)

Jana Thurman, stated that the state procurement has opened back up their state contracts and offering one more month of buying. They are getting the price of 2021 but the vehicle they will be getting is a 2022. This closes on December 20, 2021 and minimum delivery time will be 30 weeks. So we are asking for council approval to move forward with purchasing Robert's vehicle.

There was a motion by Councilman Sam DiVittorio and second by Councilman Steve Leon authorizing the purchase of a 2022 F-150 Crew Cab 4-WD from Bill Hood Ford for \$32,816.00 State Contract Number 4400020874.

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

4. A resolution to purchase three (3) 2022 F-150 Crew Cab 4-WD from Bill Hood Ford for \$95,595.00. State Contract Number 4400020874. (Chief Folks)

Chief Folks, stated that these are replacement vehicles and as Jana stated the state contract opened back up. They have faced challenges with getting vehicle and now they have this opportunity. It takes a while to get the vehicles. One of the vehicles is a replacement vehicle that was damaged in Hurricane Ida, the other two, will be replacing older vehicle.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Sam DiVittorio authorizing the purchase of (3) 2022 F-150 Crew Cab 4-WD from Bill Hood Ford for \$95,595.00 State Contract Number 4400020874.

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

5. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between Rural Fire Protection District No. 2, the City of Hammond, and the Hammond Rural Fire Department. (Chief Folks)

Chief Folks, stated that this contract has been in place for about five years and is up for renewal, there are some changes that we put in when we increased the amount of money that's allocated to us as the Hammond Fire Department and reduced the term from five years to three years because rural areas are growing and change is needed.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Sam DiVittorio authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between Rural Fire Protection District No.2, the City of Hammond and the Hammond Rural Fire Department.

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

6. A resolution to extend the deadline of receipt of a report from the Housing Advisory Committee from December 31, 2021 to July 1, 2022 (Sam DiVittorio)

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he spoke with the Chairman Lemar Marshall and stated he said the committee

needed a little more time and six months should be good. He stated they are working hard to get things done and he asked for an update on the RFP being sent out.

Lemar Marshall, stated he was not familiar with the RFP and that he knows it was sent to the administration to process. He stated they have been kind of on hold and he has been speaking to Joe and they are probably going to try and meet on Thursday to try and figure out what their next steps are going to be and meet as an executive committee to go over a few things.

Lacy Landrum, stated that the RFP is currently out and is due on Friday, December 17th at 10am. The new city planner will be involved with the committee.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that now we have a new city planner and that they should include him.

Lemar Marshall, stated they would like for the new city planner to be involved.

Lacy Landrum, stated that the RFP is currently out and is due on Friday, December 17, 2021 at 10:00 am and she stated that the committee did have great input about who all to send it to and it was sent out to multiple vendors.

Councilman Divittorio, asked that they keep him in the loop for next meeting.

Lemar Marshall, stated that they would like to invite the City Planner.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if the city planner have to be on the committee or can he just be welcome to attend the meetings.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to extend the deadline of receipt of a report from the Housing Advisory Committee from December 31, 2021 to July 1, 2022.

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

7. A resolution to ratify an emergency contract to Mitchell Contracting, Inc. for sewer lift station assessments and repairs due to Hurricane Ida for a cost of \$485,000. FEMA will reimburse 90% of the cost (\$436,500). The city's remaining 10% match of \$48,500 will come from the Sewer Utility budget (61036500 - 500100). (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, stated, this resolution focuses on repairs of existing lift stations. Mitchell Contracting is already under contract in repairing some other lift stations. She explained the FEMA reimbursement of 90% of the cost, so the match will be coming out of the sewer utility budget.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked about the amount of time, in waiting on FEMA

Lacy Landrum, stated, we hope it will not be a long time, all of the paperwork and documentation has been submitted.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked where the initial \$436,000 will come from while we wait on FEMA.

Lacy Landrum, stated it is treated as a grant and she proceeded to explain.

Councilman DiVittorio, ask where does the dollars come from.

Lacy Landrum, stated it comes with the reimbursement back from FEMA.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about the initial payment and does it come from our fund balance.

Councilman Wells, leaves the meeting

Lacy Landrum, state, the initial payment comes from the money we have in the account. It's not budgeted. The match of the money is coming from the sewer utility budget.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews a resolution to ratify an emergency contract to Mitchell Contracting, Inc. for sewer lift station assessments and repairs due to Hurricane Ida for a cost of \$485,000. FEMA will reimburse 90% of the cost (\$436,500). The city's remaining 10% match of \$48,500 will come from the Sewer Utility budget (61036500 - 500100).

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

8. A resolution to ratify and award bids for "Lift Station Improvements (FY2022)" "-Project 616-12201 received 12/14/2021" (Chuck Spangler)

Chuck Spangler, stated that this is a contract focused on repairs of existing lift station. He explained the bidding process and how and why they chose the contractor. He stated they only received three bids and he recommends awarding the contract to lowest bidder, which is in budget. He recommends awarding to the lowest bidder Lawson Bonnet for the base bid amount of \$859,950.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Sam DiVittorio to ratify and award bids for Lift Station Improvements (FY2022) - Project 616-12201 received on 12/14/2021 to Lawson Bonnet for the base bid amount of \$859,950.

Councilman Wells, returns to the meeting

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

Councilman Wells, let the meeting

Chuck Spangler, explained where they were on the projects in the district and the canal on Skinner.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the cover design for Lincoln Park basketball area. Asked if that was in the works.

Chuck Spangler, stated he's trying to get to what's important.

Councilman Wells, leaves the meeting

9. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$345,000 application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase radio equipment for the Hammond Fire Department (HFD); and 2) supporting a cash match of \$34,500 from the HFD. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, stated that most of the radios that are in use by the fire department were purchased after Hurricane Katrina around 2007-2009 and they are all outside of the manufacturers support window, so it's hard to find parts. A lot of agencies updated radios after Hurricane Katrina. So we need to take advantage of the grant dollars that will pay 90% of the cost and allow us to purchase new radios for the fire department.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Andrews supporting the submission of a \$345,000 application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase radio equipment for the Hammond Fire Department (HFD); and 2) supporting a cash match of \$34,500 from the HFD.

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

Councilman Wells, asked Chuck for an update on the drainage in district three and the sidewalks

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction to an Ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Rashetta Williams (owner) and Joseph Williams (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on Lot 7A Rose Hill Park Subdivision; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2021-11-00095) the Zoning Commission Recommended approval with conditions 1) this approval is with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership of Rashetta Williams or Joseph Williams, and 2) the manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards. (Jeffery Leuenberger)

Jeffery Leuenberger, Hammond City Planner, stated that the zoning commission approved the placement of the mobile home and it meets all requirements. A similar case was present to the council and a mobile home was placed across the street and was approved by the city council in July of 2020.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an Ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Rashetta Williams (owner) and Joseph Williams (applicant) to allow placement of a manufactured home meeting all code requirements on Lot 7A Rose Hill Park

Subdivision; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2021-11-00095) the Zoning Commission Recommended approval with conditions 1) this approval is with the understanding that such use is a personal right that expires upon a change in occupancy or ownership of Rashetta Williams or Joseph Williams, and 2) the manufactured home must meet all requirements of placement and must be constructed to meet the latest HUD standards.

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

Public Hearing will be scheduled for December 28, 2021

2. Introduction of an Ordinance establishing a temporary 365 Day Moratorium on the acceptance and processing of subdivision plats, site development plans or zoning amendments for multifamily housing within the City of Hammond, providing for variances and providing a severability clause (Councilman DiVittorio)

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he put this item on to introduce while the housing committee continues working on their study and he thinks it would be a smart move and smart growth.

Joe Meir, 44065 High Oaks Trail, stated that this was the first time he is seeing or hearing about the ordinance. Stated he is the Chairman of the Housing Committee as of July. Asked who drafted and wrote the ordinance.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated the City Attorney drafted it, but it was brought up a few months back by Councilman Wells. Asked if he was just hearing about it and that it was brought up by Councilman Wells a few weeks ago.

Joe Meir, stated that he and the committee hasn't had a chance to discuss but he wanted to touch on property rights. He stated that property rights is a huge things and moratoriums, a one year moratorium is not good business for the city. He also asked that it not be introduced and should be reviewed by the committee.

Councilman DiVittorio, talked about the city's growth and the moratoriums the parish put in place

Joe Meir, stated the moratorium that the parish put in place was focused and this is not and this is very broad and there's was a short moratorium. He stated we have a regulatory process already in place as far as zoning and the council controls what does or doesn't get approved.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that this is just an introduction, smart growth is always good and this is just to put a hold on things until we get consultant reviews. Stated that he was talking with Lemar about it, he didn't know that he had taken over.

Joe Meir, stated that he had an issue with the introduction due to the holiday, concerned about getting input.

Andre Coudrain, stated that there should be input from the housing committee and everyone that has an interest in this.

Councilman Leon, stated that there is a great deal of input that needs to happen and input from the community that needs to be given. He stated it needs to be properly advertised.

Councilman DiVittorio, we can table it or whatever we need to do, but we have a problem with sewer and a lot of growth.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked when was the next Housing Committee meeting.

Joe Meir, stated they are waiting on the RFP to come back to decide, what's their next step. They are going to try and get together with the City Planner as an executive committee.

Lemar Marshall, stated there needs to be public input and input from the housing committee.

Councilman Wells, enters the meeting

Councilman Wells, stated that they had put it on the books before and he had tabled it. He wanted planning and zoning to be aware of what's going on and want input from the community.

Councilman Leon, stated that we all would be ok with moving that date from December to a future date. What is an appropriate future date?

Joe Meir, he stated that the committee is not qualified to talk about or do what is in the ordinance. He was taking about the introduction and the approval of the ordinance two weeks from now, asking for an extension so that they have time with the new city planner to review.

Daniel Laborde, 1010 W. Robert, Secretary of the Housing Committee, stated that they have never had any discussions about city ordinances and redefining the code. They had a lot of discussion about blight. He is concerns over the wording in the ordinance and about the housing committee having the ability to come up with a plan for the council.

Ron Matthews, stated that it was never intended for the housing committee to make any decision to as it relates to code enforcement or zoning. The housing committee was there in an advisory role. He thinks the process needs to start, we need to talk about a master plan, work with the council, advisory committee to make sure we are growing the right way. Should push the date for public hearing.

Councilwoman Gonzales, state she recommends tabling until planning and zoning has their meeting on January 6th.

Greg Drude, 1500 University Dr. stated his understanding of the ordinance. He thinks it should not apply to multifamily development projects that have already been started. He thinks a year is too long. He's concerned about taking away people's property rights.

Andre Coudrain, explained the ordinance and made the recommendation to push the date out. The Council can make a motion to introduce and include that it be sent to the Hammond Advisory Committee and Planning and Zoning for their recommendations on February 8th for public hearing.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Wells, for introduction of an Ordinance establishing a temporary 365 Day Moratorium on the acceptance and processing of subdivision plats, site development plans or zoning amendments for multifamily housing within the City of Hammond, providing for variances and providing a severability clause and that it be sent to the Housing Advisory Committee and Planning and Zoning for recommendations.

Public hearing will be scheduled for February 8, 2022

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

X. ADJOURN: there was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. 5-0 to adjourn

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