

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

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



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
June 14, 2022  
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 amend the FY2022 budget: (1) to add \$2.5 million in sales tax revenue, (2) to transfer \$365,000 from the Sales Tax Fund (203) balance to "FY22 Drainage and Sidewalk Improvements" (Project 12205), and (3) to transfer \$435,000 from the General Fund (100) balance to the Health Insurance Fund (720).

**Laura Hammett**, stated that there are three budget amendments. The sales tax is coming in strong on the first item. The second item is the \$365,000 from the sales tax to project 12205. There was an increase in the cost of the contract. The third item is the \$435,000 from the general fund to the Health insurance fund. She stated that she needed to amend the amount to \$105,000.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked if the \$435,000 needed to be a different number.

**Laura Hammett**, stated \$105,000. The amount needed to be reduced due to an error. She overstated the cost of the Health Insurance Fund and an amendment will need to be made due to the error in the amounts. The Health insurance fund amount is \$105,000 not \$435,000. This is the balance of the health insurance to finish out the year.

**Councilman Wells**, asked what is the total cost for the year

**Laura Hammett**, stated around \$2.6 million for city employees and about \$190,000 for retirees.

**No Public comment**

2. An Ordinance to grant an Expanded Conditional Use (ECU) by Brooke Chambers (applicant) and Charles Carr (Owner) to allow for a mobile home located at 814 Hoover St., per survey by Richmond W. Krebs & Associates, LLC, dated 4/20/2022; Zoned RS-3. (Z-2022-04-00103)

**Robert Morgan**, stated that Ms. Chambers was seeking an expanded conditional use for the placement of a mobile home and it is adjacent to a mobile home area. Planning and Zoning unanimously approved with conditions that it remain only for Ms. Chambers use, meet the requirement of the UDC and that the survey is signed and recorded.

**Councilman Wells**, asked what district this was in.

**Robert Morgan**, stated it was district one.

**Councilman Wells**, asked if there was any way to get a better system so that a person will not purchase anything until they know what they can do.

**Robert Morgan** stated he did not speak to Ms. Chambers and he is not sure who she spoke with when she came into the office, but he is sure they told her that information, that's what their rules are.

**No Public Comment**

3. An ordinance to adopt and establish a tax on all the taxable property within the corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2022. (Laura Hammett)

Public Works: 2.00 Mills

General Alimony: 9.04 Mills

Police & Fire: 10.00 Mills

Total 21.04 Mills

**Laura Hammett-** stated that this was the annual millage renewal for property tax 2022 and they do it in the spring to go into effect in the fall of the current year. There is no change to the mills, General Alimony of 9.04 Mills is established by the State Constitution, Public Works Mills is 2.00 which is voter approved and is a ten year tax that expires in 2025 and Police and Fire is 10.00 Mills is voter approved and will expire in 2030.

**Councilman Wells,** asked, if this go on for years why come up before council every year.

**Laura Hammett,** It's established by the constitution that they have to come up every year and have the council approve the mills and they she sends it to Brady Sledge at the parish.

**Councilman Wells,** asked if it could be changed

**Laura Hammett,** answered no sir, she doesn't interpret it that way and it was established by the constitution and the voters.

**No Public Comment**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
June 14, 2022  
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: Council President Kip Andrews**

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of Minutes of the May 24, 2022 meetings

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of May 24, 2022,

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

**VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Introduction to an Ordinance to approve an amendment to the Planning Commission, Zoning Commission, and Board of Adjustment's meeting day to allow for a process that expedites applications to the City Council. (TA-2022-05-00026)

**Robert Morgan** stated that this is a change to the meeting day for the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustments to help to help the customer work through the planning and council process faster. He stated that currently the council has a deadline on Thursday at 4:00 p. m for items to add to the agenda and the planning board meets that same day at 5:00 p.m. Therefore any outcomes of that meeting have to wait until the next meeting and this doesn't allow the planning staff enough time to prepare packets for the upcoming council meeting. With this change the Planning & Zoning work session will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month and the Board of Adjustment will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. He further stated the commission was unanimously in favor of the change. **Council President Andrews,** Asked if the board was having a problem with producing the information that is needed. He stated that he has allowed whatever they discussed in the Thursday meeting to be placed on the agenda.

**Robert Morgan** stated, it has more to do with the documentation that the planning and zoning department has to do to get all the packets together to approach the council.

**Councilwoman Gonzales,** stated that she thinks that make sense, if we had a contentious issue and needed time to review minutes or recordings, it would give more time.

**Councilman DiVittorio,** stated he did not like the word expedite, but he understands what he is talking about regarding the meeting on a Thursday and council meeting turn ins are on Thursday.

**Councilwoman Gonzales,** agrees with Councilman DiVittorio and suggest that the word expedite be changed. In the introduction we can fix the wording, to allow for the process to meet the timeline set forth by the council or something like that.

**Robert Morgan,** stated that they would make the adjustment

**Andre Coudrain**, City Attorney, state if Robert sent that proposed change to him he would take a look at it

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to Introduce an Ordinance to approve an amendment to the Planning Commission, Zoning Commission, and Board of Adjustment's meeting day to allow for a process that expedites applications to the City Council. (TA-2022-05-00026)**

**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 Tuesday June 28, 2022 at 5:30pm**

2. Introduction to an Ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Vince Roubique (owner) and Andrew Faller (applicant) to rezone Lot 5A1-B from I-L and C-H to I-L, located at 206 Tower Drive, per survey by Andrew Faller, PLS, dated 4/27/2022; Zoned C-H and I-L. (Z-2022-04-00109)

**Robert Morgan**, stated that this Tower Drive asking to do a re-subdivision and rezoning and the lines of the parcel is being re-drawn for lots 5A1-B, the zoning is being changed from light industrial to commercial highway to only light industrial. Everything around it is zoned in a similar way and the parcel along the highway will remains as the same zoning as commercial highway. The Planning and Zoning commission vote unanimously on June 2 in favor of the rezoning.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to Introduce an Ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Vince Roubique (owner) and Andrew Faller (applicant) to rezone Lot 5A1-B from I-L and C-H to I-L, located at 206 Tower Drive, per survey by Andrew Faller, PLS, dated 4/27/2022; Zoned C-H and I-L. (Z-2022-04-00109)**

**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 Tuesday June 28, 2022 at 5:30pm**

3. Introduction to an Ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Meshach F. Samuel (owner) to rezone a 0.313 acres of land from RS-3 to C-N, located at 1102 N Cherry St. per survey by William J Bodin, PLS dated 2/8/2022; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2022-04-00107)

**Robert Morgan**, stated that Mr. Samuels is requesting to rezone the lot to be used for a car lot. He stated that the request goes against the future land use map and the property is surrounded by residential. Rezoning it would be considered a spot zoning and for that reason the zoning commission voted unanimously on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June to deny recommending of this zoning.

**Meshach Samuel**, stated when he bought the property it was destroyed and he cleaned up the property. He stated that the neighbors helped him and that the property was going to be better, clean and lit. He stated that the property would be fenced with three gates with lights and cameras. The property will be well kept.

**Councilman Andrews**, stated that this property is located inside of his district and he spoke with Mr. Samuels on last Friday. However, some of the neighbors are against this being in their neighbor and he asked Mr. Samuels if he spoke with all of the neighbors.

**Meshach Samuel**, stated that the neighbors came out to help him clean up the property, they all know about it.

**Councilman Andrews**, stated that he wanted to make a motion to table. He asked City Attorney Coudrain, if he could remove this item until he have clear confirmation from all of the neighbors surrounding this lot.

**Andre Coudrain**, stated that he could move to table this.

**Councilman Andrews**, stated that he makes a motion to table the item until he get more information from all of the surrounding neighbors.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table the Introduction to an Ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Meshach F. Samuel (owner) to rezone a 0.313 acres of land from RS-3 to C-N, located at 1102 N Cherry St. per survey by William J Bodin, PLS dated 2/8/2022; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2022-04-00107).**

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

4. Introduction of an ordinance to create a special fund designated as the Hammond Housing Trust Fund to create homeownership and neighborhood stability. (Council President Andrews)

**Councilman Andrews**, stated that he was approached by one of the people that have been working with the housing program that Councilman DiVittorio set in place. He stated he placed this on the agenda so that they could start having a conversation, there is no request for money and he thinks it will be something good for the city.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated that he agrees and he thinks it has some good points in the ordinance but he will get with Andre this upcoming week to go over, see what kind of change is need or possibly modify.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked if this was modeled after any other cities.

**Andre Coudrain**, stated he was told it came from New Orleans, and modified a few times to make it more applicable to Hammond.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, suggested that they figure out what it's modeled after and the kinds of successes it had. She would like to make sure of what they are doing make sense for Hammond.

**Andre Coudrain**, stated that the ordinance does not appropriate money, it's a vehicle to receive an appropriation.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated that he agreed with Councilwoman Gonzales and he hasn't had enough time or information. He would like to get more information and if he receive information, he would send it over to the council.

**Councilman Wells**, asked who is going to be over the program.

**Councilman Andrews**, stated it's mentioned in the document to hire someone part-time to oversee the program. His goal was to get it out and on the table to start having some discussion and research about it. Any modification can be done, but he wanted to get a conversation started.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated he will get with Renee who has been spearheading this ordinance to introduce, as well as with Andre Coudrain to discuss and try and get some answers.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, state that they need to have the housing committee look at it and what they think. Suggest that we introduce this on the first or second meeting in July and that give plenty of time to get questions answered.

**Councilman Andrews**, stated that he just wanted to get it out to start having discussion, so this item can be tabled until the first meeting in July and that will give everyone time to look over. He made a motion to table this item until July 12, 2022 meeting.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio** to table Introduction of an ordinance to create a special fund designated as the Hammond Housing Trust Fund to create homeownership and neighborhood stability to July 12, 2022 meeting.

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

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

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend the FY2022 budget: (1) to add \$2.5 million in sales tax revenue, (2) to transfer \$365,000 from the Sales Tax Fund (203) balance to "FY22 Drainage and Sidewalk Improvements" (Project 12205), and (3) to transfer \$435,000 from the General Fund (100) balance to the Health Insurance Fund (720). (Laura Hammett)

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** to amend this ordinance to correct the amount of item (3) the transfer from the General Fund to the Health Insurance Fund to be \$105,000

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

**Laura Hammett**, stated the budget amendment to the sales tax continues to come in strong and is at \$2.5 million and she stated that we should end the year with \$20 million in sales tax and (2) is for the FY 2022 Drainage and Sidewalk improvements of \$365,000 from the sales tax fund (203) to (Project 12205) and (3) general fund moving to Health Insurance Fund in the amount of \$105,000.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** to approve as amended an ordinance to amend the FY2022 budget: (1) to add \$2.5 million in sales tax revenue, (2) to transfer \$365,000 from the Sales Tax Fund (203) balance to "FY22 Drainage and Sidewalk Improvements" (Project 12205), and (3) to transfer \$105,000 from the General Fund (100) balance to the Health Insurance Fund (720).

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

2. Final adoption of an Ordinance to grant an Expanded Conditional Use (ECU) by Brooke Chambers (applicant) and Charles Carr (Owner) to allow for a mobile home located at 814 Hoover St., per survey by Richmond W. Krebs & Associates, LLC, dated 4/20/2022; Zoned RS-3. (Z-2022-04-00103)

**Robert Morgan**, Ms. Chambers request an Expanded Conditional Use to place a mobile home at 814 Hoover St., the property is adjacent to a proposed mobile area and with the condition that it remain only for Ms. Chambers use, meet the requirement of the UDC and that the survey is signed and recorded.

**Ms. Chambers**, applicant, 170308 E. Hoover Street, was present

**There was a motion by Councilman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** to approve the adoption of an Ordinance to grant an Expanded Conditional Use (ECU) by Brooke Chambers (applicant) and Charles Carr (Owner) to allow for a mobile home located at 814 Hoover St., per survey by Richmond W. Krebs & Associates, LLC, dated 4/20/2022; Zoned RS-3. (Z-2022-04-00103) with the condition that it remain only for Ms. Chambers use, meet the requirement of the UDC and that the survey is signed and recorded.

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance to adopt and establish a tax on all the taxable property within the corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2022. (Laura Hammett)

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

**Laura Hammett**, stated they were seeking public input and council approve of the ordinance for FY 2022, this is an annual requirement it is done in the spring for the fall when the tax rolls began rolling out. There is no change to the mills. General Alimony of 9.04 Mills is established by the State Constitution, Public Works Mills is 2.00 which is voter approved and is a ten year tax that expires in 2025 and Police and Fire is 10.00 Mills is voter approved and is a ten year tax and will expire in 2030.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews approve an ordinance to adopt and establish a tax on all the taxable property within the corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2022.**

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

#### **IX. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase of dash cameras for the Hammond City Police Department in the amount of \$106,823.19.

**Marcus McMillian**, stated he would like to table this item because the quote has expired and he will present it at the next council meeting.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table a resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase of dash cameras for the Hammond City Police Department in the amount of \$106,823.19.**

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

2. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Peregrine Corporation for Utility Billing Services in the approximate annual amount of \$48,000.00.

**Jana Soileau**, stated that the current contract was about to end so she put a rebid out and they received two proposals. One was from the current service provider Peregrine Corporation. They were the lowest bidder and she is asking the council to approve so they can move forward with the contract.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked what they do and if they were the ones that mailed the bills.

**Jana Soileau**, stated that they mailed and stuffed and sends out the bill and most of the cost comes from the postage. She stated that their services is a total of \$8484.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked if this was utility billing.

**Jana Soileau**, stated that it was utility billing for water bills. She stated that we been outsourcing.

**Councilman Wells**, asked how much was it last year.

**Jana Soileau**, stated it went up \$500 and last year they charged \$7980 for their service and they charge us the current postal rate.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked if the water bills were delayed or sent out late. He asked the Mayor.

**Mayor**, stated that he hadn't heard any complaints.

**Denise Palmer**, 40532 Robertson Rd, asked who generated the utility bills and why are we paying someone to mail them out. She stated that she asked because it all can be done at the city.

**Jana Soileau**, stated that we are not printing, it is a file that is generated over the computer and sent.

**Councilman Wells**, stated that it's something that can be looked into. He stated that he has been hearing a lot about the water department and information that should appear on the water bill.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Peregrine Corporation for Utility Billing Services in the approximate annual amount of \$48,000.00.**

**VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilman Wells (Abstain) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y) Motion Approved 4-1**

3. A resolution to authorize the Downtown Development District to serve alcohol during the Picnic in the Park events, held on the following Fridays – July 1, 2022, September 9, 2022, October 7, 2022, November 4, 2022 -- each from 5:00pm-8:30pm. Alcohol will be served on the 100 block of W. Charles St.

**Chelsea Tallo Little**, stated that the Picnic in the Park event, started out of Covid and it's free music in the park and they invite people to come out and listen to music in Cate Square Park. Alcohol will be sold in the parking lot of 113 and it helps to cover some of the cost. Several cities have this and it's a great event to have.

**Councilman Wells**, asked about serving alcohol at 113.

**Chelsea Tallo Little**, stated they do not sell alcohol in the park, they do it in the parking lot or on the street and they will set up a truck in the 113 parking lot or take up a few parking spots on Charles Street.

**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 – July 1, 2022, September 9, 2022, October 7, 2022, November 4, 2022 -- each from 5:00pm-8:30pm. Alcohol will be served on the 100 block of W. Charles St

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

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 -- July 1, 2022, September 9, 2022, October 7, 2022, November 4, 2022 -- -- 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**, stated that this was the same event as the last but a different resolution.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews** 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 -- July 1, 2022, September 9, 2022, October 7, 2022, November 4, 2022 -- -- each from 5:00pm-8:30pm. The event boundaries are W. Charles St., N. Magnolia St., W. Robert St. and N. Oak St.

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

5. A resolution to authorize the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve alcohol during the events -- Hot August Night, held on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and Starry November Night, held on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – each from 5:30pm-10:00pm. These events are 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 she partnered the events together because they are within the same boundaries and times and these are the boundaries of the open container law. She stated that usually everything that the Downtown Development District does is along the tracks of those parking lots. They do the resolutions for the merchants that participates and everyone walking around.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio** to authorize the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve alcohol during the events -- Hot August Night, held on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and Starry November Night, held on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – each from 5:30pm-10:00pm. These events are 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), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (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 during the events -- Hot August Night, held on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and Starry November Night, held on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – each from 5:30pm-10:00pm. These events are 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 the same event as the last one.

**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 events -- Hot August Night, held on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and Starry November Night, held on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – each from 5:30pm-10:00pm. These events are 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), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0**

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked if the bathrooms are open to public in the DDD building and if they are currently operating.

**Chelsea Tallo Little**, answered yes and stated the DDD opens the restrooms during their operating hours and events. Stated that they are not open on Saturdays because the DDD offices are not open on Saturday. They will work with the city to figure out.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated to the Mayor that was something they need to work out with the city to see how they can get the restrooms open on the weekend.

7. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Maintenance Agreement including Mowing and Litter Pickup for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023 between Hammond and the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Engineering. (Lacy Landrum)

**Whitney Statham**, stated this is the resolution authorizing the annual mowing contract for the (DOTD), Department of Transportation and Development and for the city to get reimbursed for cutting state highways. **Councilman DiVittorio**, stated he brought it up to Lacy last year about getting an adjustment because the cut more. He asked if they looked into adjusting the price.

**Whitney Statham** stated, yes but they DOTD did not agree.

**Councilman Wells**, stated that he brought it up several times and he asked, how many times we are cutting the grass.

**Whitney Statham**, stated they cut it as needed.

**Councilman Wells**, stated we are cutting as needed but he is unable to get the grass cut in District 3. He stated we keep wasting man hours and he can't get anything cut in District 3. He stated that he is still dealing with limbs and high grass in District 3. He's not getting the grass or limbs cut in District 3.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked if Whitney is to cut the limbs or Robert Williams. He stated that he had a call come in about limbs in his area hitting buses and RV's and he did not think that Whitney deals with the tree limbs, just the grass.

**Mayor** stated for the most part unless the limbs are small.

**Jacquelyn Taylor**, 809 S. Chestnut St, stated she needs the debris and canal cleaned and people aren't doing their jobs.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, state that she and Ms. Taylor spoke back in April and sent emails to the streets department and the Director or Administration. She proceed to explain the ditch and who's responsible for cleaning and removing trash and blockages.

**Mayor** stated, he spoke to Kylie Bates and before Hurricane Ida they finished 90% of the ditches throughout the parish and they went thru with a marsh boggy and cut up the trees. After Hurricane Ida they got federal money and they cleaned the ditches, they do the parish and they have gotten to some of our ditches.

**Councilman Wells**, told Ms. Jacqueline when she speak to someone at the city to get their name and truck number.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Maintenance Agreement including Mowing and Litter Pickup for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023 between Hammond and the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Engineering.**

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

8. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 500 E. Robinson St, (100% damaged), locate in Council District 1. The owner Estate of Felix & Inez Charles, PO Box 546, Hammond, LA 70401. Eric Charles 5255 Dickens Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70812, Eric Charles, 6147 Buttonwood Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70812, Eric Charles, 913 Martin Luther King Ave, Hammond, LA 70401, James Raymond Charles, 2511 Wedglea Dr, APT 509, Dallas, TX 75357, James Raymond Charles, PO Box 570246, Dallas, TX 75357, James Raymond Charles, 2519 John West Rd, APT 509, Dallas Texas 75211, Erika Charles Oguanobi, 3047 Viburnum Dr., Wylie, TX 75098, Erika Charles Oguanobi, 2601 Gentilly Blvd, New Orleans, LA70122, Nishawn Leneigh Stovall, 1820 Carolyn Sue Dr., APT E, Baton Rouge. , Nishawn Leneigh Stovall, 155 Marily Dr, APT 52C, Baton Rouge LA 70815.

**Councilman Wells**, leaves the meeting

**Bobby Mitchell**, 500 E Robinson St, 100% damaged his recommendation is to demolish.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon authorizing the demolition of a property located at 500 E. Robinson St, (100% damaged), locate in Council District 1. The owner Estate of Felix & Inez Charles, PO Box 546, Hammond, LA 70401.**

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

9. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 502 E. Robinson St, (94% damaged), locate in Council District 1. The owner Estate of Felix & Inez Charles, PO Box 546, Hammond, LA 70401. Eric Charles 5255 Dickens Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70812, Eric Charles, 6147 Buttonwood Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70812, Eric Charles, 913 Martin Luther King Ave, Hammond, LA 70401, James Raymond Charles, 2511 Wedglea Dr, APT 509, Dallas, TX 75357, James Raymond Charles, PO Box 570246, Dallas, TX 75357, James Raymond Charles, 2519 John West Rd, APT 509, Dallas Texas 75211, Erika Charles Oguanobi, 3047 Viburnum Dr., Wylie, TX 75098, Erika Charles Oguanobi, 2601 Gentilly Blvd, New Orleans, LA70122, Nishawn Leneigh Stovall, 1820 Carolyn Sue Dr., APT E, Baton Rouge, Nishawn Leneigh Stovall, 155 Marily Dr, APT 52C, Baton Rouge LA 70815. (Bobby Mitchell)

**Bobby Mitchell**, stated 502 E. Robinson St., 94% damage, recommendation is to demolish.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Andrews authorizing the demolition of a property located at 502 E. Robinson St, (94% damaged), locate in Council District 1. The owner Estate of Felix & Inez Charles, PO Box 546, Hammond, LA 70401.**

**Councilman Wells Returns to meeting**

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

10. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 504 E. Robinson St, (91% damaged), located in Council District 1. The owner Estate of Lillie Weatherby, 8426 205<sup>th</sup> Court, Spanaway, WA 98387. (Bobby Mitchell)

**Bobby Mitchell**, 504 E. Robinson St, 91% damage, recommendation is to demolish.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing the demolition of a property located at 504 E. Robinson St, (91% damaged), locate in Council District 1. The owner Estate of Lillie Weatherby, 8426 205<sup>th</sup> Court, Spanaway, WA 98387.**

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

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked Mr. Mitchell about a property on Anderson St.

**Bobby Mitchell**, stated that it was on the radar and they need to locate owners and will be submitting it to the council.

**Councilman Wells**, asked about a property on White Street, a green and yellow house has been on the list since 2014.

**Bobby Mitchell**, stated that they can go ahead a bypass a resubmittal to council and do an advertisement for bids, stated hopefully that property will be gone in about another month.

11. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 1012 E. Morris Ave. (88 % damaged), locate in Council District 1. The owner Estate of Al J. Alack & Barbara S. Alack, 47593 Monticello Dr, Hammond, LA 70403

**Bobby Mitchell**, stated 1012 E. Morris Ave, 88% damage, recommendation is to demolish. He has had several visits from the owner.

**Councilman Wells**, asked Bobby Mitchell how long this has been on the list.

**Bobby Mitchell**, stated that he wasn't sure, but most of these have been on the list for about three years and they were doing progressive monitoring of them.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing the demolition of a property located at 1012 E. Morris Ave. (88 % damaged), locate in Council District 1. The owner Estate of Al J. Alack & Barbara S. Alack, 47593 Monticello Dr. Hammond, LA 70403.**

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

12. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 1015 E. Merry Ave. (84% damaged), locate in Council District 1. The owner Estate of Umbrella Solution, LLC, 4956 Lonely Oak Dr. New Orleans, LA 70126. (Bobby Mitchell)

**Bobby Mitchell**, stated 1015 E. Merry 84% damage, recommendation is to demolish. He stated that the owner had started renovations and stopped and so it has deteriorated.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the demolition of a property located at 1015 E. Merry Ave. (84% damaged), locate in Council District 1. The owner Estate of Umbrella Solution, LLC, 4956 Lonely Oak Dr. New Orleans, LA 70126.**

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

**Councilman Andrews**, asked Bobby Mitchell in the next couple of days, could he give him a follow-up on the property next to St. Paul Church.

## **X. REPORTS:**

**Mayor: NONE**

## **Council:**

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated that garbage pick-up has been inconsistent. He told the Mayor that the garbage pickup is all over the place.



**Mayor**, asked him to send addresses, he has been making calls regarding garbage pickup. They will call the company for missed pickups.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked if we get credits for them not passing.

**Mayor**, stated if they hear about it they get them back out and to have them give the administration a call.

**Councilman Wells**, Juneteenth Freedom Celebration downtown Friday and Saturday from 11am to 4 pm and he asked when we can have a special meeting to talk about the Charter Review recommendation.

**Councilman Andrews**, stated that he would send out an email circulating the dates.

**Councilman Wells**, asked about the benches and bleachers from the buses for the park and they still doesn't have them in the park. On Spruce Street, she had a lot of debris from the storm and a city worker told her she had to pay for it. She has it out by the ditch

**Mayor**, stated there are still federal dollars out there and they can call up the company to come and pick it up. He also stated that there was going to be two more months of stump pick up.

**Ms. Joyce Cox**, stated that she was following up about getting the area cleaned up of 18 wheels, abandon cars and truck and grass on the sidewalk.

**Councilman Andrews**, asked about the running 18 wheelers going in and out of the neighborhoods. He's been having an issue on Campo Street and he is trying to find a way to resolve the issue before someone gets hurt.

**Councilman Wells** stated that the councilman can do an ordinance and post what streets they don't want the 18 wheelers on.

**Mayor**, asked Chief Bergeron to talk about the software that he is requesting so that they could have a social media site to be able to let people know what is going on.

**Chief Bergeron**, stated that they are working on an app which will alert people, similar to what Southeastern has to be able to geo fence in certain areas to where if they do have an incident occurring they will be able to put out the information faster. This will intertwine with the software system that they will present at the next meeting. He stated that they have multiple projects that have been in the works.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked about adding money to the budget for additional police officers.

#### **XI. ADJOURN**

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to adjourn the meeting.  
**Motion Approved 4-0 (Councilman Wells absent)**

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