

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 28, 2022
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. 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 meets the time line set forth by City Council for applications. (TA-2022-05-00026)

Lacy Landrum- stated that the planning and zoning commission have a work session the last Thursday of each month and their voting meeting happens a week after that which is the Thursday before the city council meeting. In order to allow for decision making time and staff to prepare correct packets and all the information to aid the decision making, what they are asking is move the Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment's meeting to the second Thursday of every month. The work session will be on the first Thursday of every month, the voting meeting will be on the second Thursday of every month and that will give staff time to complete the packets and get the information onto the agenda giving the city council members time to review in time for the upcoming council meeting.

There were no public comments

2. 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)

Lacy Landrum- stated that this is a two part project and the part that is coming to the council is the rezoning portion of this. The applicants have asked to re-subdivide their land for lots 5A1-B and they want to change the rezoning. It is currently zoned both light industrial and commercial highway and they would like to shift it back to

light industrial. They are surrounded by other parcels that are zoned in a similar way so this meets with both the future land use plan and matches the zoning that is in that area. Mr. Faller was present for questions.

Councilman Wells enters the meeting

There were no public comments

3. An Ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in accordance with the procedures of Section 5-03 of the City's Charter.

Lacy Landrum, stated that the budget was introduced on May 10 and the council received their budget binders. We then had a budget work session on June 3rd on that date council spent the day discussing the budget and came up with lots of good amendments which have been added onto the spreadsheet that was shared with the city council and was linked online. There were a few extra amendments that came up either through discussions or through the last council meeting. There were four requests and those have been added to the top. She also stated that she received a budget number for asphalt overlay for Tina Drive which was \$40,000. The council has the most current sheet that shows an updated running balance and the overall total decrease end fund balance if you passed everything on the sheet. You would be spending an additional \$878,793. You would still have a general fund balance of \$540,430 and a sales tax fund balance of \$6,762,197.00, if everything is approved. What is the best procedure? It is to probably go through the budget items, take them in groups or individually it is up to the council. She stated that we do need to vote on each of these before a final vote is cast on the budget itself. If there are any changes or additions that need to be changed in the budget the public hearing time now is the time to discuss those. Then we can go through the vote later in the meeting when we approve the budget.

Council President Andrews- stated that we would start at the top with the new capital projects.

1. **New Capital Projects**- Move up Blackburn (W Church-Pecan) sidewalks and split into two phases (\$85k for FY2023 and \$85k for FY2024)

Councilman DiVittorio- stated that this was his district and it borderlines Councilwoman's Gonzales's district, it's split into two phases and he had some concerns about the residents in the area and the road is pretty busy. He recommended that be done in two phases.

2. **New Capital Project**- Add 25k to Jackson Park to bring total for FY2023 to \$50K for lighting improvements.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that Jackson Park was very dark at night and there are no lights and there's a walking trail and some of the people don't feel safe walking. He thought that would be a good idea with all the improvements coming to the park, more lighting and cameras will make it safer for the people using the park.

3. **New Capital Project**- Add \$40k to asphalt overlay Tina Drive

Councilman DiVittorio, stated the asphalt on Tina Dr. is pretty rough and he gets call from the residents about patching the road consistently.

Councilman Leon, asked Councilman DiVittorio if he asked Joey Mayeaux.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated yes he did, and he said it could happen in three or four years. He stated that this was the worst section. He stated that he notified him a while back. He stated that he reached out to him first and that's why he's here.

Councilman Leon- stated that he hates to deviate from that process because we all have streets that need an overlay on. He asked how long the street was.

Councilman DiVittorio, answered it's not long, about three hundred feet.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked how many houses are on that street.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated four doubles and about four or five lots and they are looking to put more doubles, town house and single family homes back there.

Councilman Leon, stated/asked, Joey, Councilman Mayeaux told you it can take three to four years.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated yes, it could be up to three years.

Councilman Leon, asked if he put it on the list. He stated that they just submitted their list.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that he contacted everyone with the parish and so they know about it.

Councilman Wells, stated that adding on to what Councilman Steve said, the problem is with the parish and he reached out to Mr. Wells and he said that the city used to and still can do asphalt roads. The city do have money

and can do asphalt roads. Councilman Wells asked President Andrews if Mr. Wells reached out to him about the roads.

Council President Andrews, answered yes he did talk with him.

Councilman Wells, stated the Mayor stated in one of the City Council Meetings that if they come up with five roads the city do have the money in the budget to fix them. Councilman Wells stated that he has five roads that needed to be repaired. He stated that the city does have the money and they can start allocating some of the money to do the roads that are in bad shape. The parish doesn't necessarily have to do the asphalt roads the city can do them. We can and need to start getting the roads done. In his district they elected him to do a job and they need to start asphaltting some of the roads.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated there are roads in all of their districts that need to be done and they should do a list or have a certain amount of money for each district to have their top roads done. She stated that she doesn't have a problem with the \$40,000 for this road but asked does that send a message that all the other ones doesn't need to be done. She stated that Minnesota Park is not her district but people have reached out to her because it is in such bad condition. She thinks there are other streets that need to be added to this.

Councilman Leon, stated that was his concerns, he gets hit with this all the time. He said he agrees and if there is money and they all should get a little bit and it doesn't look like it's just one district that's getting overlay.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that he agrees but it is a shame and embarrassment to have a street that bad in the City of Hammond and to not get it fixed and he stated that if he had one as bad, he doesn't think that anyone on the council would have a problem with getting it fixed.

Councilman Wells, stated that the Mayor said list five streets. He asked Councilman Leon if he had his five streets.

Councilman Leon, said he does not

Lacy Landrum, stated that no one gave them list. She stated that they asked for them earlier in the year to convey those to the parish for their overlay program and the do not have a list from anyone.

Councilman Wells, stated to Lacy that the Mayor stated each city council person can bring up five streets, but no time frame was given. He assumed they would do it at the budget meeting.

Mayor, stated to Councilman Wells, that Mr. Wells the parish councilman stated that he reached out to you and Kip and he did not get an answer from either one of them.

Councilman Wells, stated that it was said at the council meeting the city can do the roads. He stated that if the city has the money they should not have to keep reaching out to the parish and putting it on hold.

Mayor, stated it was brought up, they gave it to Chuck Spangler and that's why this item is on the agenda.

4. **New-Police- add four (4)** new police officers (each \$75,265.00 with salary/benefits)

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated to add four new police officers to the police departments budget. This would be going into the budget for the patrol officers and the purpose of this is, she had a town hall meeting and they talked about crime and lots of people have said that they want more police officers and there hasn't been an increase in police officers in over ten years and some said possible fifteen. This is increasing the number of officers, the city has grown and everyone wants more police officers. She is proposing to add four police officers to the budget.

Councilman Wells, stated that he had an issue with it, they are talking about adding four and we have five districts. He's left out and he knows he's not going to get one in his district.

Lacy Landrum, stated that they works off of shifts, one for each the four patrol shifts. One per twelve hour shift and there are four shifts.

Councilman Wells, stated he was concerned that Martin Luther King and Zemurray Parks have officers sitting in the park and his district don't have anybody in sitting in the park.

Lacy Landrum, stated that the patrol shift works on the whole city, they split up the whole city. This would be adding one to each of the patrol shifts.

Councilman Wells, asked Lacy if she could guarantee him one would sit in Mooney Park.

Lacy Landrum, stated no, they don't guarantee that police officer would sit anywhere. They do not sit in Zemurray twenty-four hours a day.

Councilman Wells stated that he was asking for what the other parks were receiving.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that when she present it originally it was two and four was a good number because it would be one per shift and if they want to do more that is fine. They have the number on the spreadsheet of what it would cost per officer.

Councilman Wells, stated it's not just about the safety of downtown but the City of Hammond.

1. **Capital Project-** Add sidewalks on East Church (Cherry – Chestnut)

Councilman Andrews, stated this was in his district and they reached out to him to have the sidewalk put in, it's in a residential area and it's to provide safety for the kids and the elderly that lives in the neighborhood.

2. **Capital Project** –Add sidewalks on Louisa West (Mary's Alley- Haskins)

Councilman Wells, stated this was in his district and safety for the kids and elderly.

3. **Capital Project**- Add sidewalks on Natchez (Harrell-Live Oak)

Councilman Wells, stated this is in his district and it's for the safety of the elders and kids.

4. **Capital Project** – Add a monument sign to Mooney Park

Councilman Wells, stated this was his district and it's about the people that help to build the community.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about the \$100,000 and stated that at the meeting when it was discussed, Councilman Wells said something about it being a granite wall. She was curious about the cost and how that differs from a granite wall.

Councilman Wells, answered yes and noted that he asked for \$250,000. He stated that the \$100,000 wasn't what he asked for, so he would like for it to go back up to \$250,000. He stated that in going back through his sheets, everything people asked for they got it and he asked for \$250,000 but it showing \$100,000.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked where does the figures come from and is a wall or is it a sign.

Councilman Wells, stated that it is going to be a wall. He need the \$250,000 but is going to need more than that. It's just a start, to start doing a granite wall. This is just a request to get it started. He stated that he was going to reach out to private people to help fund the wall.

5. **Capital Project** –Add picnic tables and benches for Mooney Park (in land and Water Conservation Grant)

Councilman Wells, stated that there was a bench put in the park last week and he thanked the city. He stated that he has to wait for grant money to do anything. He asked if the public had a copy of the budget document he was looking at, because they are not seeing what we are looking at.

Lacy Landrum, stated that all of this is on the website and she pulled it up on the overhead.

6. **Capital Project** -Move concrete street repair of Doctor's Drive (\$225K) to FY 2024

Councilman Wells, stated that was in his district and the city has been doing work on this street and it wasn't a city street. He asked the Mayor.

Mayor, stated that back in the day past department heads that worked for the city had done some work there, by doing that even though it was not approved by the city as a street, going to court and not know how much money would have been spent so they decided to take the road in, Doctors Blvd and fix the street as per the city attorneys advice.

Councilman Wells, stated the Mayor working on the street for so many years and did not want to go to court on the street and it's in his district and its \$225,000 that they wanted to use to do the street and he stated he told them no. He has several streets in the black community that have never been worked on.

Mayor, stated that they did not do any work on that street because it was never accepted. He stated that they were upset with them so they brought in an attorney, in years past they proved that the work was done on the street. As far as any other street, that's why we have a budget meeting, the streets that things need to be done on bring it up and put it in the budget and go forward from there.

Councilman Wells, stated that he have proof that the city has been doing work on the street. He has proof through a public request.

7. **Capital Project**- Move paving of MC Moore Widening (\$296K) to FY 2024

Councilman Andrews, stated that this project is being done in phases. They are pushing it out to get everything done. They will have to dig out the ditches and put down pipes for drainage and also looking at trying to put a turnaround at the end of the street.

8. **Capital Project**- Add flood study funding for phases 2 and 3

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated this was to add money for the continuation of the flood study. She stated that they put the money in the budget but they still need to determine with the consultant the scope of work, the next steps and possibly incorporating more areas of the city.

Councilman Wells, stated that he heard Councilwoman Gonzales stated to add more money. Since Ida took place they had some flooding in District 3, he asked if District 3 was going to be a part of it.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that she does not know the answer to that and this is just to approve the money so that they can continue discussing it with the consultant because his work was done in phases and they only funded the first phase. The first phase was survey work and if they show their willingness to move forward by approving a budget item, then they can talk to the consultant about the boundaries, cost and their suggestions. She stated that this is budgeting and not voting on how to move forward.

Councilman Wells, stated that he want to make sure that District 3 be a part of it.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that in looking at the map, District 3 is a part of it because of where the flood zoning is and a lot of District 3 is in a flood zone. Originally District 3 was a part of the whole study, it's in the middle of the city.

Lacy Landrum, stated that a lot of the purpose of the study was to look at the maps that had been done by FEMA many years ago and to see if the areas needed to be adjusted, such as move properties out of flood zones so that they will not be required to purchase flood insurance. It's important to be in consultation with you (council), constituents and the consultant to figure out what would be in the best interest of the constituents in protecting their property and creating affordable insurance.

9. **Capital Request-Add \$100K for Levy Building repairs**

Councilwoman Gonzales stated that this is \$100k for the Levy Building, the museum on Thomas St. The city owns the building and there is water getting in and damaging the building. This is to add funds to for repairs. She stated that water was getting into the building and damaging the building. This is to add funds. There have been quotes on repairs and they were working on water proofing. This is just to put money in the budget to cover repairs. She stated that Charles said there was some grant money that could possible go to this.

Councilman Wells asked if this was brought up during the budget meeting and does this building belong to the city and who is in the building now.

Lacy Landrum, answered the Art Museum Center/Regional Art Center.

Councilman Wells asked are they paying any rent on the building.

Lacy Landrum, stated that the building was donated to the City by the Levy Family for an arts center. The family donated the building to have an Arts Center. They do not pay rent for the building.

Councilman Wells, asked, who is paying the light bill?

Lacy Landrum, stated she was not sure and she didn't know if it was the city or the Arts Center. She stated that this was about the repairs to the building the city owns.

Councilman Wells, stated that as a taxpayer or if he were an artist, he would like to be able to come to this building and find out who is paying the light bill and don't have to pay any rent and we are about to put \$100k and he would like to know who is paying the bills. He also asked when would he be able to receive who is paying the bills on this building.

Lacy Landrum, stated that they could look that up first thing in the morning.

10. **Capital Request-Add lighting to Natchez Street (Corbin – Live Oak)**

Councilman Wells, stated that the lights have been added on Mooney Ave, he thanked the City of Hammond and the City Councilmen. Natchez St. is another street he would like to have lights added. It is normally a troubled area and that's why he would like to add lights in the area.

11. **Capital Request – Remove van from IT request since not available-may do vehicle allowance instead.**

Lacy Landrum, stated in the discussion we had at budget work session the van was not going to be possible during this fiscal year so the proposal was to remove it and the next item comes along with that to add vehicle allowances for the three employees in the IT Department and the third one following to decrease the vehicle gas line item if the vehicle allowances are approved.

Councilman Wells, stated that he was the one that requested the van be removed because IT is going in different directions. It would be hard for all three of them to use one van. He made a suggestion to give them the car allowance, \$18,000, \$6,000 apiece. He stated that we are removing the vehicle they were going to receive and now they can use their own vehicle and buy their own gas.

14. **Gen Admin-** Increase the amount of potential funding to nonprofit partners from \$175,757 to \$225,000 (net increase of \$49,243)

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that amount originally budgeted was what she believed was the exact dollar amount that was previously given in the last budget. As discussed in the budget meeting creating a pool of money for Grant Committee to award money to non-profits. The amount was thrown out there and she asked do they want to give more or leave it the same. This is a net increase from what it was previously.

Councilman Wells, stated he thinks that they all agreed on the \$225,000 and he asked if everyone turned in the names and when are they going to meet.

Lacy Landrum, stated that everyone has turned in their names and she has contacted all of the committee members and asked them about their availability. She has only heard back from two of the people so far. She stated that it is just a matter of getting the committee together to commit to a date. She also notified all of the people that have received funding in the past so that they will know the timeline. The materials have been prepared to send out to the committee and to review at the first meeting.

Councilman Wells, asked about those organizations that have never been partners, if they would reach out to them too. He stated that he thinks UMX has been asking for funding.

Lacy Landrum, stated that they have not reached out to anyone that has shown interest, she only reached out to those who we had previously funded, because they need to know that it could impact them when funding is available. A lot of them have been receiving funding for many years and she didn't want them to not have something happen that they were counting on in their budgets. After the new guidance is released from the committee, then they can notify anyone who is potentially seeking funding.

Councilman Wells, stated that we need to reach out to UMX because they helped the Downtown Development receive an award.

Lacy Landrum, stated after they have the application materials that the committee has developed and approved, then they will release all of the information to everyone at the same time to make it a fair process.

15. **Gen Admin**- Increase amount to city court from \$538,000 to \$569,740 (net increase of \$31,740)

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that there was an increase from city court.

Lacy Landrum, stated that it was a cost of living 5.9% and they were going to include a raise to their employees and cover some additional office expenses.

16. **Gen Admin** – Increase amount to marshal's office from \$400,000 to \$420,000 (net increase of \$20,000)

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated this was the council following up based on the cost of living increase.

17. **Building**- Add \$10k to sidewalk maintenance for total of \$40,000

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that he added that back in because he knows that there are a lot of sidewalk throughout the city that needs repairs. He would like to see the sidewalks fixed and safe for the public.

18. **Building**-Add \$50K to contract services for electrical services for total of \$60K in this line item.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that was to keep up with the lighting, for safety. People in his district are very concerned about the lights. This can relieve some of the pressure and get caught up. He thinks this would be a good idea to get an electrical contractor, get some proposals and bids.

19. **Streets**- Add \$10k to street sweeping for total of \$28K

Councilman Wells, stated that he brought this item up because he asked for some streets to be cleaned. The workers were out with shovels and he stated that when there is a parade downtown they have a street sweeper. He thanked the Mayor for suggesting they add this item. He thanked the administration and the mayor for allowing this.

20. **Council**- Add vehicle allowance due to clerk's use of personal vehicle.

Councilman Wells, stated that he suggested this item because the last secretary was receiving a car allowance and he did not think it was fair to the current secretary to not receive a car allowance. He originally said \$10K and asked how did it become \$6k

Lacy Landrum, stated that six is what they had done in the past for everybody else and that's what they were doing for IT employees as well.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that she had already spoken to the clerk and explained her position on this and that it was not appropriate. They did a salary study and took away everyone's vehicle allowance incorporating it into their salary and to add it back in now is counterproductive to the salary study.

21. **Downtown Development District**- Adopt budget approved by DDD board

Lacy Landrum-stated this is to adopt the budget that was approved by the Downtown Development District Board. When the proposed budget goes out, it goes out before the DDD adopts their budget and because they adopt it the June meeting as well as our budget process. The council has the same budget before them that was provided at budget work session and we just need to make a verbal amendment so that it comes into the fully adopted budget. This is what was provided during budget work session and has been approved by the DDD.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that they had talked about this in the budget work session, whether to move some of the funds that are in the sales tax ending fund balance to the emergency fund. She doesn't think we should look at the sales tax fund balance as a pot to take money from if we don't have a healthy emergency fund.

Denise Palmer 43502 Robertson Rd. asked if the purpose of this to show the public what was adopted in the budget meeting. She then asked are they going to accept it and vote on it and if they are going to vote on it they should make the accurate changes before you vote on it because that's legal.

Lacy Landrum, stated that she thinks the only change that was mention from her notes, was the amount to the signage of the monument wall in Mooney Park. That was originally listed at \$100K and we discussed to change it to \$250K. So we would make that change before we vote on it.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that we they would vote on each of the items separately as they have done in the past.

Lacy Landrum, stated that they could vote on them separately or together, it's up to the council to determine.

Councilman Wells, stated that he would like to vote on all of them at one time.

Lacy Landrum, Stated that the entire budget is available online and has been since May 10th when it was introduced to the council. This is what was discussed between budget work session and today. It's just some of the changes but the whole detailed budget is on the website and the accounting page and once it gets adopted it will be on the accounting page and that front page of the website.



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

June 28, 2022

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: Councilman Andrews

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes of the June 14, 2022 meetings

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve the minutes of June 14, 2022.

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

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

Councilman DiVittorio exits the meeting

1. Final adoption of 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)

Councilman Wells exits the meeting

Lacy Landrum, stated as discussed in the public hearing this would change the current meeting of the Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustments. This would allow more time for the staff to prepare

packets of information to the council and allows more time for decision making. This went before the Planning Commission on June 2nd and all five unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon 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.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Absent), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Absent) Motion Approved 3-0

2. Final adoption of 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)(Lacy Landrum)

Councilman DiVittorio returns to meeting

Councilman Wells returns to meeting

Lacy Landrum, stated this matter involves two actions, a re-subdivision, changing the lines of the parcel and second which is before the council is a rezoning. The lots are currently light industrial and commercial highway and they are switching them to only light industrial. Everything around this area is zoned in the same way. This was heard before the zoning commission on June 2nd and was unanimously recommended by all five members

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio 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

3. Final adoption of an Ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in accordance with the procedures of Section 5-03 of the City's Charter.

Lacy Landrum, stated that we have gone through the various amendments and it is up to the council to determine if they want to group them together or individually. Each of these needs some type of vote in order to be added to the proposed budget. Then at the end we would be adopting the budget as a whole in its entirety as amended.

Mayor, stated if you decided to put any money in the emergency fund.

Councilman Wells, stated to do it all as a whole.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that they may not all be in favor of everything on the list.

Lacy Landrum, stated that the total impact to the budget is an increase of \$85,000 from the sales tax fund.

1. Move up Blackburn sidewalks (West Church - Pecan) from FY2025 and split it into two phases with \$85,000 for FY2023 and \$85,000 for FY2024 from the Sales Tax Fund balance.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to move up Blackburn sidewalks (West Church - Pecan) from FY2025 and split it into two phases with \$85,000 for FY2023 and \$85,000 for FY2024 from the Sales Tax Fund balance.

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

2. Add \$25,000 from Sales Tax Fund balance to Jackson Park to bring the total for FY2023 to \$50,000 for lighting improvements.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and a second by Councilman DiVittorio to add \$25,000 from Sales Tax Fund balance to Jackson Park to bring the total for FY2023 to \$50,000 for lighting improvements.

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

3. Add \$40,000 from Sales Tax Fund balance to asphalt overlay Tina Drive.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and a second by Councilman DiVittorio to add \$40,000 from Sales Tax Fund balance to asphalt overlay Tina Drive.

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

4. Add four new police officer positions, one for each patrol shift, (each position costs \$75,265 with salary/benefits) for a total cost of \$301,060 added to the Patrol department budget from the General Fund balance.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Wells to add four new police officer positions, one for each patrol shift, (each position costs \$75,265 with salary/benefits) for a total cost of \$301,060 added to the Patrol department budget from the General Fund balance

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

5. Add sidewalks on East Church (Cherry - Chestnut) for \$111,000 from the Sales Tax Fund balance.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Wells to add sidewalks on East Church (Cherry - Chestnut) for \$111,000 from the Sales Tax Fund balance.

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

6. Add sidewalks on Louisa West (Mary's Alley - Haskins) for \$45,000 from the Sales Tax Fund balance.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Wells to add sidewalks on Louisa West (Mary's Alley - Haskins) for \$45,000 from the Sales Tax Fund balance.

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

7. Add sidewalks on Natchez (Harrell - Live Oak) for \$130,000 from the Sales Tax Fund balance.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Andrews to add sidewalks on Natchez (Harrell - Live Oak) for \$130,000 from the Sales Tax Fund balance.

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

8. Add a granite monument sign/wall to Mooney Park for \$250,000 from the Sales Tax Fund balance.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and a second by Councilman DiVittorio to add a granite monument sign/wall to Mooney Park for \$250,000 from the Sales Tax Fund balance.

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

9. Add picnic tables and benches for Mooney Park for \$50,000 funded by the Land & Water Conservation Grant.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and a second by Councilman DiVittorio add picnic tables and benches for Mooney Park for \$50,000 funded by the Land & Water Conservation Grant.

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

10. Move back the concrete street repair of Doctor's Drive from FY2023 to FY2024 for a decrease in cost of \$225,000 within the Sales Tax Fund.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and a second by Councilman Andrews to move back the concrete street repair of Doctor's Drive from FY2023 to FY2024 for a decrease in cost of \$225,000 within the Sales Tax Fund.

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

11. Move back the paving of MC Moore Widening from FY2023 to FY2024 for a decrease in cost of \$296,000 within the Sales Tax Fund.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Andrews to move back the paving of MC Moore Widening from FY2023 to FY2024 for a decrease in cost of \$296,000 within the Sales Tax Fund.

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

12. Add \$300,000 from the Sales Tax Fund balance for Phases 2 and 3 of the Flood Study.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Wells to add \$300,000 from the Sales Tax Fund balance for Phases 2 and 3 of the Flood Study.

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

13. Add \$100,000 from the Sales Tax Fund balance for Levy Building repairs.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Andrews to add \$100,000 from the Sales Tax Fund balance for Levy Building repairs.

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

14. Add \$10,000 from the Sales Tax Fund balance for lighting improvements to Natchez Street (Corbin - Live Oak).

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and a second by Councilwoman Gonzales to add \$10,000 from the Sales Tax Fund balance for lighting improvements to Natchez Street (Corbin - Live Oak).

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

15. Remove the van from the IT department's Capital Requests since it is not available, for a decrease in cost of \$30,000 in the Sales Tax Fund.
16. Add vehicle allowances due to work spread across the city for three IT department employees, for an increase of \$18,000 to the IT department budget from the General Fund balance.
17. Decrease the Supplies - Vehicle Gas/Diesel line item in the IT department budget from \$12,500 to \$250, for a net decrease of \$12,250 in the General Fund.

Councilwoman Gonzales suggested that they do the above three together:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Leon 15) to remove the van from the IT department's Capital Requests since it is not available, for a decrease in cost of \$30,000 in the Sales Tax Fund 16) Add vehicle allowances due to work spread across the city for three IT department employees, for an increase of \$18,000 to the IT department budget from the General Fund balance 17) Decrease the Supplies - Vehicle Gas/Diesel line item in the IT department budget from \$12,500 to \$250, for a net decrease of \$12,250 in the General Fund.

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

18. Increase the amount of potential funding to nonprofit partners in the General Administration department budget from \$175,757 to \$225,000, for a net increase of \$49,243 from the General Fund balance.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and a second by Councilman Andrews Increase the amount of potential funding to nonprofit partners in the General Administration department budget from \$175,757 to \$225,000, for a net increase of \$49,243 from the General Fund balance.

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

19. Increase the amount to City Court from \$538,000 to \$569,740 in the General Administration department budget, for a net increase of \$31,740 from the General Fund balance.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Wells to increase the amount to City Court from \$538,000 to \$569,740 in the General Administration department budget, for a net increase of \$31,740 from the General Fund balance.

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

20. Increase the amount to the Marshal's Office from \$400,000 to \$420,000 in the General Administration department budget, for a net increase of \$20,000 from the General Fund balance.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Wells to increase the amount to the Marshal's Office from \$400,000 to \$420,000 in the General Administration department budget, for a net increase of \$20,000 from the General Fund balance.

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

21. Add \$10,000 to Sidewalk Maintenance in the Building department budget from the General Fund balance for a total of \$40,000 in this line item.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and a second by Councilman Leon to add \$10,000 to Sidewalk Maintenance in the Building department budget from the General Fund balance for a total of \$40,000 in this line item.

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

22. Add \$50,000 for electrical services to Contract Services in the Building department budget from the General Fund balance for a total of \$60,000 in this line item.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Leon to add \$50,000 for electrical services to Contract Services in the Building department budget from the General Fund balance for a total of \$60,000 in this line item.

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

Councilman Andrews exits the meeting

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if there was a contractor that we already use or do they need to create a process.

Lacy Landrum, stated that they will have to put out an RFP for it. Anything that goes over #0K for services will need an RFP and then it will come to the council for approval for the contract.

23. Add \$10,000 to Street Sweeping in the Streets department budget from the General Fund balance for a total of \$28,000 in this line item.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Wells to add \$10,000 to Street Sweeping in the Streets department budget from the General Fund balance for a total of \$28,000 in this line item

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

24. Add a vehicle allowance for the council clerk position due to the clerk's use of a personal vehicle for city business, for an increase of \$6,000 to the City Council department budget from the General Fund balance.

Councilman Wells, stated that they were going to wait on the president. He asked if we should go to the next one.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked, if he cared if he voted on the other one.

Councilman Andrews returns to meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and a second by Councilman Andrews to add a vehicle allowance for the council clerk position due to the clerk's use of a personal vehicle for city business, for an increase of \$6,000 to the City Council department budget from the General Fund balance.

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

25. Adopt the budget for the Downtown Development District as approved by the DDD board.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Wells to adopt the budget for the Downtown Development District as approved by the DDD board.

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

26. Add \$2,000,000 to the Emergency Fund from the Sales Tax Fund balance.

Councilwoman Gonzales made a motion to move \$1,000,000 from the sales tax fund into the emergency fund 204

Councilman DiVittorio asked if that was enough and where the number came from and if a financial advisor can advise them.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated you can always add more, no one gave any input, so she picked a number.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated we should make it a total of \$2,000,000

Councilman Wells, asked how much was in it currently

Councilwoman Gonzales, state three million, two-hundred and eighty-four thousand.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman DiVittorio to add \$2,000,000 to the Emergency Fund from the Sales Tax Fund balance.

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

27. Move up Lato Lane drainage improvements for \$116,000 from FY2025 to FY2024 (no impact to the FY2023 budget).

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that he would like to move the drainage project up. It's the drainage behind Timberlane and Lato Lane. It's constant city maintenance to keep up and it's a job to maintain it. He asked if he needs to make the motion.

Lacy Landrum stated, no and that it was currently in Fiscal Year 2025 and the proposal, she thought was to move it to Fiscal Year 2024. She stated, to move it forward one year, there would be no impact to this current budget of Fiscal Year 2023 and that's why there are no numbers next to it and why it wasn't on the list with everything else.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that was fine and that they would move it up and look at it down the road.

Lacy Landrum, stated that you would be moving it forward a fiscal year.

Councilman DiVittorio, answered yes

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Wells to Move up Lato Lane drainage improvements for \$116,000 from FY2025 to FY2024 (no impact to the FY2023 budget).

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

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

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Passman E.V.T. Sales and Service for onsite fire truck maintenance. Estimated yearly cost \$30,400.00 – RFP 23-08

Chief Daniel Folks, stated that is for maintenance of their large apparatus. They come out and do the maintenance and reduces the downtime of the apparatus. They City Garage takes care of the smaller vehicles.

Councilwoman Gonzales exits the meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Passman E.V.T. Sales and Service for onsite fire truck maintenance. Estimated yearly cost \$30,400.00 – RFP 23-08.

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

2. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with D.L. Diagle & Co., LLC to remodel the Interior Central Fire Station in the amount of \$142,000.00 RFP 22-31 (Jana Soileau)

Chief Daniel Folks, stated that is for remodel of Central Fire Station by Zemurray Park and last year the council approved them to change the roof on the building and this is to finish the interior.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with D.L. Diagle & Co., LLC to remodel the interior Central Fire Station in the amount of \$142,000.00. RFP 22-31

Councilwoman Gonzales returned to the meeting

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

3. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$22,500 application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase 15 portable radios for the Hammond Police Department.

Charles Borchers IV, stated that once a year they have an opportunity to apply for fund and he spoke with the chief and portable radios are a priority. He stated that fifteen radios would cost approximately \$22,500 and that is what they are asking for and would like the council's support to so that they can go ahead and submit the application. There is no match requirement.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon supporting the submission of a \$22,500 application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase 15 portable radios for the Hammond Police Department.

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

4. A resolution supporting the submission of an application to the Apache Corporation Tree Grant Program for 150 trees for the City's annual Louisiana Arbor Day tree giveaway January 20, 2023.

Charles Borchers IV, stated that they apply every year. It's not a dollar amount, but a number of trees. The last few years they haven't gotten their trees but are hoping that this year would be different. They typically give the trees away to the citizens at the annual tree giveaway on Arbor Day, the third Friday in January.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the giveaway and the types of trees.

Charles stated that the usually get different varieties of trees and it's based on the popularity from previous years.

Councilman Wells, asked how many trees is he expecting.

Charles Borchers, stated one hundred and fifty.

Councilman Wells, asked if there was a way that he could get about twenty five in district three to give out in Mooney Park.

Charles Borchers, stated he can't answer that question, but if they are successful in getting the grant, he could let his constituents know when and where they can go to get the trees. They are usually given away at the maintenance center on Highway 190.

Councilman Wells, stated that he knows that is not how it is normally done but can he get twenty-five.

Charles Borchers, stated that shouldn't be a problem.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells supporting the submission of an application to the Apache Corporation Tree Grant Program for 150 trees for the City's annual Louisiana Arbor Day tree giveaway January 20, 2023.

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 \$45,000 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 IV, stated he received notification of this award last week. He came to the council in April when he applied, but it will be a few months before he gets the contract in hand and when they do they want it to be executed quickly. There is no match requirement.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews 1) accepting a \$45,000 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 Approved 5-0

6. A resolution 1) accepting a \$40,000 grant from the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program to perform an expanded sewer system evaluation survey of west Hammond (Phase 3); 2) approving a cash match of \$13,333; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers IV, stated that several months back he came to the council and stated he had been contacted along with other potential applicants by the Pontchartrain Restoration Program about the availability of funds and they applied and got a portion of the funds. They reached out again to say that there were some older funds that were expiring within the next twelve months and if anyone can use them. So they submitted an application and were able to secure the funds. He stated that this was mostly in the Lincoln Park area. He stated they have a few option for the grant match fund. They have a sewer system evaluation project that have some money in it and the Arpa Funds that have been allocated to sewer.

Councilman Wells, asked that he explain this to him.

Charles Borchers, stated that the sewer system evaluation is the first step in identifying where your deficiencies are in your sewer system. They go in and video all the lines and they do testing to identify deficiencies like leaks, breakages and collapses and those area get targeted for rehab.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon 1) accepting a \$40,000 grant from the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program to perform an expanded sewer system evaluation survey of west Hammond (Phase 3); 2) approving a cash match of \$13,333; 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

7. A resolution 1) accepting an Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant, not to exceed \$250,000, from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the rehabilitation of Runway 18/36 at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

David Lobue, stated that this is phase II. In Phase I, he came before the council last year and they authorized the acceptance of a grant and a contract with an engineering firm to do a preliminary engineering review, to evaluate the surface and make a recommendation to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The FAA is leaning heavily on doing an asphalt overlay. The \$250,000 is based on an estimate from the engineer on what they think the design is going to cost, plus he added in a \$25,000 contingency. He stated that the reason he is coming before he has the grant in hand is because the FAA said he was going to get it within two to three weeks and they have an expected grant turnaround time of 24-48 hrs.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio 1) accepting an Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant, not to exceed \$250,000, from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the rehabilitation of Runway 18/36 at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport 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

8. A resolution to approve Olde Town Hatchet House located at 112 W. Thomas St, Hammond La 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is OTHH Investments, LLC. (Kasey Daigle)

Kasey Daigle, stated a new restaurant is coming into where Black and Blue use to be, it's Olde Town Hatchet House and the owner is Brienne Dubisson and they have done everything that was required of them.

Councilman Wells, asked if the owner was present and asked that she comes to the front.

Brienne Dubsisson, came forward and answered questions about ownership and passed out menus.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve Olde Town Hatchet House located at 112 W. Thomas St, Hammond La 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is OTHH Investments, LLC.

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

VIII. REPORTS:

Mayor:

Mayor stated, he wanted to clarify that police officers are generally in the parks on Saturdays and Sundays and that it is dictated by Desiree who evaluates it by the crowds and reservations made for each park and then she meets with the police chief to figure out where the officers are going. The 4th of July they will be in the park and the festivities start at five and the fireworks will began at nine.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, asked Lacy Landrum about a speed bump on Rosewood Dr. He stated that he got a response to say that it's been done but that was the Southside but they also wanted one on the Northside because it's like a horseshoe and all the paperwork was done a while back. He wants to make sure it will get done.

Lacy Landrum, stated everything the verified everything, but they though he was talking about the first one and didn't realize that the second one was there, but it's on the list.

Councilman Wells, thanked Whitney and her crew for planning flowers in the park and whoever put the bleacher in the park. He thanked Marcus and his crew for the cameras in the park. He also stated that there is a tree that's not serving a purpose and Whitney said the tree could be cut. He would like to see if he could get two trees cut. He stated the lights on Mooney Ave is making a difference and he thanked the administration. He also stated that the sewer work is moving along and he haven't had any complaints. He thanked Isaiah. Thanked Ivan for coming out.

Mayor stated Christian with Entergy called today to check on the lights and how they were functioning. If anything is wrong to let him know so that he could tell her.

Councilman Wells, stated that he thinks the only problem they are having is with the limbs. Some of the lights are not coming on because of the limbs.

Councilman Andrews, asked about the email about the raising of the flag.

Lacy Landrum, stated it's the Sunrise Rotary Club that represents Hammond and Ponchatoula at 9:00 am. There's a similar flag raising in Ponchatoula at 8:00am.

IX. ADJOURN

There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and second by **Councilman Wells** to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Approved 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned

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