

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
September 13, 2022
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: 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 a rezoning request by Meshach F. Samuels (owner) to rezone 0.313 acres of land from RS-3 to MX-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) (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, stated the item has been discussed several time and Mr. Samuels wants to rezone the property. When he purchased the property he did not know that it wasn't zoned for what he wanted to use it for. He would like to install a car lot. He went back to the Planning and Zoning Commission and they brought it down to a more restrictive use. It would be rezoning to MX, mixed neighborhood. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved with conditions. They did an expanded conditional use which means it only applies to Mr. Samuels as he owns the property it cannot be transferred to another owner.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that she is concerned with the enforcement of restrictions.

Councilman Andrews, stated that he received calls from residents who do not support this and he is against it.

No Public Comment



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
September 13, 2022
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Pastor Ron Matthews

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes of the August 24, 2022 meeting

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

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

VI. PRESENTATION- COPE PROJECT- not present

Councilman Andrews made a presentation to Michael Kyles, Principal of Hammond High Magnet School.

Councilman Wells enters the meeting.

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Meshach F. Samuels (owner) to rezone 0.313 acres of land from RS-3 to MX-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) (Lacy Landrum)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to deny the adoption of an Ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Meshach F. Samuels (owner) to rezone 0.313 acres of land from RS-3 to MX-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: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved to deny the rezoning request 5-0

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to transfer \$204,158.84 from the Sales Tax (203) fund balance to a new project to pay for city's 10% cost share of the Hurricane Ida debris removal (FEMA paid for 90% of the cost). (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, stated this is the invoice for the debris collection for all the months from Hurricane Ida through June 30, 2022. She stated that this is debris collection and FEMA required debris monitoring which is also included. This is the total cost to the city through June 30th for all debris removal related to Hurricane IDA. FEMA is paying 90% and the city 10% cost is \$204,158.84. She stated that this does not mean that they are 100% complete, there are some pending locations and the parish has some newer programs that they are still qualifying under for house demolition as well.

There were questions from council members on collection of hurricane debris

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance to transfer \$204,158.84 from the Sales Tax (203) fund balance to a new project to pay for city's 10% cost share of the Hurricane Ida debris removal (FEMA paid for 90% of the cost).

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

Public Hearing will be scheduled for Tuesday September 27, 2022 at 5:30pm

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to approve Jacmel Inn located at 903 East Morris Avenue Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain a permit to sell on premise Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Cocina Flores-Robledo LLC. (Kasey Daigle)

Kasey Daigle, stated this was a change of ownership, all of the requirements have been met. The owners were present.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to approve Jacmel Inn located at 903 East Morris Avenue Hammond, LA70403 to obtain a permit sell on premise Hi/Low Alcohol. The owner is Cocina Flores-Robledo LLC.

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

2. A resolution to approve Lit Pizza located at 1735 SW Railroad Avenue Suite A Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain a permit to sell on premise Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is BR Guest #9 LLC. (Kasey Daigle)

Kasey Daigle, stated this was a new business, they met all of the requirements and everything was in order. The owner's representative Kyle Kennedy was present.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve Lit Pizza located at 1735 SW Railroad Avenue Suite A, Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain a permit to sell on

premise Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is BR Guest #9 LLC.

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

3. A resolution to approve Bhagat LLC located at 285 S. Morrison Blvd. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Bhagat LLC. (Kasey Daigle)

Kasey Daigle, stated this was a change of ownership, they met all of the requirements and the owner Mr. Satish Kanchra was present.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve Bhagat LLC located at 285 S. Morrison Blvd. Hammond, LA70401 to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Bhagat LLC

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

4. A resolution to authorize the purchase of Veeam Storage Replacement from CMA Technology Solutions in the amount of \$52,757.00 (Marcus McMillian)

Marcus McMillian, stated the currently have Veeam storage replacement but with all of the modifications they are making with the infrastructure that would like to increase that storage to have a week backup of infrastructure. He stated the increase of space is needed in order to be able to back up everything. He is asking for approval to move forward with the project.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy 190 West, asked if this went out for bids and if the city is required to bid.

Marcus McMillian and the Mayor answered questions on this item.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the purchase of Veeam Storage Replacement from CMA Technology Solutions in the amount of \$52,757.

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

5. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Roofing Solutions for \$28,950.00 to remove and replace the existing shingle roof at the Mayor's Office. RFP 23-23. (Jana Soileau)

Jana Soileau, stated she is able to move forward with the insurance process. The got the money and now they are moving forward with the replacement of the roof. She did put it out for bids. She also explained the reason for the two RFPS. Roofing Solutions was the lowest bidder.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Roofing Solutions for \$28,950.00 to remove and replace the existing shingle roof at the Mayor's Office. RFP 23-23

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

6. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Roofing Solutions for \$35,450.00 to remove and replace the existing shingle roof at City Hall. RFP 23-25 (Jana Soileau)

Jana Soileau, stated this was bided out at the same time as the last item and Roofing Solutions came in as the lowest proposal and this is an insurance claim.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Roofing Solutions for \$35,450.00 to remove and replace the existing shingle roof at City Hall. RFP 23-25

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

7. A resolution to purchase a full Cantilever Hip Shade for Zemurray Park Pool \$35,110.00 RFP 23-19 (Desiree Dotey)

Desiree Dotey, stated that there isn't any shade at the pool. The biggest complaint they get is that there is no shade by the pool. This was the lowest bid.

Council members asked questions about the shade.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews approve a resolution to purchase a full Cantilever Hip Shade for Zemurray Park Pool \$35,110.00 RFP 23-19

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

8. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a work authorization for professional services with Michael Baker International for "Runway 18-36 Rehabilitation (Design)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. (David Lobue)

David Lobue, stated the airport is in receipt of a grant from the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) to remove remaining World War II concrete from the old runway. He stated that this was the design phase of it. He stated the grant paper work was received last week and the Mayor and City Attorney executed the grant paperwork. Now that can execute the contract with the engineer.

Council members asked questions about the grant and costs to the city.

Ron Matthews, asked if this was for design only.

David Lobue, answered yes.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon authorizing the Mayor to execute a work authorization for professional services with Michael Baker International for "Runway 18-36 Rehabilitation (Design)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.

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

9. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Kushner LaGraize, LLC for auditing services for FY 2022 and FY 2023. (Laura Hammett)

Laura Hammett, The city sent the RFP to ten companies and they received two responses. The contract is for two years with two one year extensions. They recommend Kushner LaGraize, LLC.

Council members asked questions about the bids and the company and prior audits.

Sal Nicolosi, asked if the company was local.

Laura Hammett, stated they are based out of Metairie and the other company that responded to the RFP was based out of Atlanta, Georgia.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Kushner LaGraize, LLC for auditing services for FY 2022 and FY 2023.

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

10. A resolution for the approval of solid waste service contract with Waste Pro of Louisiana, Inc. (Andre Coudrain)

Andre Coudrain, stated they are asked to approve the contract based on the bids received. He stated the RFP went out and it sets the general terms of the contract. The proposals that were received will set the terms of the price for the services received. He stated the contract is similar to what the city had previously and he would answer questions the council has about the contract.

Council members asked questions about the costs to be paid by citizens and price of the proposed contract and service by the prior contractor.

Justin Murphy with Waste Pro was present and made a presentation on behalf of Waste Pro.

Mr. Murphy answered questions from council members.

Elizabeth Lafarve, 601 Rue Cannes, stated that she has had a problem with her garbage service and is unable to communicate with her councilman. She asked how communications will be made concerning a change in the collection.

Waste Pro representatives answered questions on communications with citizens.

Tracy Wells, 610 Mooney Ave, asked why they are doing a contract along with Ponchatoula.

Lacy Landrum, stated that they have done that historically for many years because they get a better price.

Tracy Wells, asked about the number of garbage containers and the cost to citizens and questions about the contract.

Andre Coudrain, explained contracts and the language of the contract and answered questions about the contract.

Sal Nicolosi, asked questions about the contract and costs to citizens.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve a resolution of solid waste service contract with Waste Pro of Louisiana, Inc.

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

X. REPORTS:

Mayor: None

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about demolitions and holes in the Winn-Dixie parking lot.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that there will be music in Cate Street Park this Friday. There is a public hearing for the Downtown Development on Tuesday September 20 for input regarding Hot August Night in the council chambers.

Councilman Wells – stated that debris need to be picked up on Brent off of Mississippi St. and Florida St.

Councilman Andrews, stated there was an area on Martin Luther King where the trees have grown into the power lines. He said he would send the information to the administration.

Councilman Wells, stated they got new lights but the trees on the power line are blocking the light. He stated that the contractors are doing work on Coleman Street and we have had several dry days and he expects to see the cement truck doing more in front of Hammond Junior High.

There was a discussion on funding to non-profits.

XI. ADJOURN

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Approved 5-0**

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I LISA COCKERHAM, CLERK OF COUNCIL DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE
AND FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECITATION OF THE BUSINESS
TRANSACTIONED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD AUGUST 23,
2022
BEING 10 PAGES IN LENGTH

LISA COCKERHAM
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS