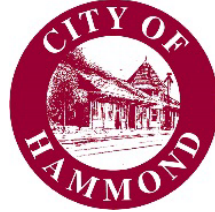


**Hammond City Council Members**  
**Councilman Kip Andrews - President**  
**Councilman Sam DiVittorio - Vice President**  
**Councilman Devon Wells**  
**Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales**  
**Councilman Steve Leon**

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



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
December 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 an Expanded Conditional Use request by Hayven LaFrance (owner) to allow for a mobile home located at 3605 Delia Randall Road per survey by Gilbert Sullivan, RLS dated 3/1/78; Zoned RM-2 (Z-2022-09-00111) with the following conditions:  
1. This is a personal right and expires upon a change in ownership of the property from the person originally granted the conditional use;  
2. It meets all the requirements in the Unified Development Code Article 3, Section 3.4; and  
3. The survey submitted is signed and recorded for the official lot of record.  
Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission, 5-0. (Lacy Landrum)

**Lacy Landrum**, stated the zoning commission approved this on October 20<sup>th</sup>, but it was tabled at the request of the owner. It was introduced again on November 15, 2022 and tonight we are here for the public hearing. The existing zoning is for multifamily. It is in council district 5. A property owner Don Zorang who is an adjacent property owner of 115 and 117 Mallard Drive came to the meeting to voice his opposition to this.

**Don Zorang**, stated he represents the owners on Mallard Dr. Units 115, 116, and 117 Mallard and they are in opposition of this and approving the use of the property for a mobile home. He ask that they not approve the expanded conditional use.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked about the mobile home that was in the rear/in the back. He asked Lacy Landrum when it was annexed.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated she did not know but would look it up.

**Councilman Leon**, stated that he received information from the Woodbridge Homeowners Association and they are in opposition.

**Hayvan Lafrance**, 3605 Delia Randall Rd, stated when they bought the property they were told they could put a trailer back there.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked Mr. LaFrance who told he that he would not have a problem.

**Hayvan LaFrnce**, stated it was his real estate agent.

**Councilman Leon**, stated the property is in district five and he and some of the constituents are in opposition.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated that the city is getting a lot of mobile home request and this is something they need to address. Where is the vision of the city going with mobile homes?

2. An ordinance to approve a request by Locascio LLC to resubdivide parcel 2-A-1 into parcels 2-A-1-A and 2-A-1-B of the Locascio Subdivision located at 1955 Southwest Railroad Avenue, and to accept the dedication of Locascio Drive and the cul-de-sac in accordance with a preliminary survey by David Patterson, PLS, dated 10/4/22; Zoned C-H (SUB-2022-10-00198). Recommend approval by the Planning Commission, 5-0.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated this was heard by the planning and zoning on November 10 and heard at the last council meeting on November 15. This is to dedicate the roadway. The road was originally built to service the area and it was a private road at that time.

**No Public Comment**

3. An ordinance to approve a request by Eric Long (owner) to allow for a mobile home located at 1400 Apple Street per survey by Richmond Krebs, PLS, dated 6/3/19; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2022-10-00114) with the following conditions:

1. This is a personal right and expires upon a change in ownership of the property from the person originally granted the conditional use;
2. It meets all the requirements in the Unified Development Code Article 3, Section 3.4; and
3. The survey submitted is signed and recorded for the official lot of record.

Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission, 5-0.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated this was heard by the planning and zoning on November 10 and heard at the last council meeting on November 15. It has the three conditions that apply to a mobile home placement. It's located in council district one.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated that this was styled as an ordinance to approve a request whereas the other one is an expanded conditional use request on the agenda. She asked if they are both expanded conditional use and are all mobile home expanded.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated yes and that should be an expanded conditional use and that's why it has the three restrictions.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated that it is correct in the packet.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked about the zoning of the proposed location of the mobile home.

**Lacy Landrum**, explained that this particular lot is not in a mobile home area, but there are mobile homes around it.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked if there was a hardship.

**Eric Long**, stated that he purchase the property 1400 Apple Street and he is trying to get a place to help his kids get started.

**Ms. Long**, stated that it is a hardship and they would like to have their daughter close to where they are.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked Councilman Andrews if he had received any feedback from the community.

**Councilman Andrews** stated he did not receive any feedback and he attended the planning and zoning meeting and no one from the area opposed.

**Lacy Landrum** stated that there was not anyone at the meeting but one of the property owners Reginald Reed did send an email.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated he had an issue with mobile homes being brought up with issues that the zoning does not allow.

**Lacy Landrum**, discussed a conversation she had with planning and zoning regarding mobile home requests. They had a conversation with city attorney regarding things to consider and meeting the fair housing rules and making sure they have an accommodating city.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated we need to look at it and get with planning and zoning to see if they want to rezone areas for mobile homes.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked about the expanded conditional use that list Mr. Long as the owner but the use is for the daughter. She asked if it was for the ownership of Mr. Long or the daughter.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated that they are both ok, but if it goes to a different child or different owner, then it comes back to planning and zoning.

**Councilwoman Gonzales** asked if something happened with this mobile home would he have to come before council or can he just put another one in place.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated that is correct but they would still have to make sure he met the UDC (Unified Development Code) and the HUD (Housing and Urban Development) guidelines.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, expressed her concerns regarding deteriorating and old dilapidated trailers and the use of the Expanded Conditional Use. She stated we need to get something in place and not change the way they were doing things. They need to put something in place to give people guidance.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated that there needs to be some communication between council and planning and zoning.

**Councilman Andrews** stated again that this was in his district and he did not receive any feedback on it.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated to start the conversation she would send the council the proposed mobile home area maps so that they could see where they are in the districts.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Highway 190 West, asked about the mobile home process

**Lacy Landrum**, stated that they have to come through an approval process.

**Sal Nicolosi**, expressed his concern for people moving here and the need for mobile homes. He stated that there were a lot of mobile homes all over the city and a lot of them were grandfather/annexed in.

**Lin Matthews**, stated a lot of people cannot afford to buy homes and all everyone want is a chance to have a home.

4. An ordinance to approve a request by Christopher Ruffin (owner) to rezone Lot A, Block 1 of Pine Ridge Addition, located at 712 Magazine St. from RS-3 to MX-N in accordance with a survey by William Bodin, PLS dated 1/31/22 (Z-2022-05-0010) with the following conditions:

1. No alcohol sales.
2. No marijuana sales.

Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission, 5-0.

**Lacy Landrum** stated this was heard by the planning and zoning and at the last council meeting on November 15 and is up for public hearing and final adoption. She stated that this case and the one that follows are lots that are adjacent to one another 712 and 706 is following. This area is a mixed area at the intersection between Magazine and MC Moore. Mr. Ruffin would like to build a small restaurant with mostly food to go with no alcohol. He's asking to change his zoning from residential single family to mixed neighborhood which allows for restaurants and offices. The zoning commission heard from several people that attended the public hearing in the surrounding area. There was also a petition of signatures supporting the change and there was one email received that was in opposition and that individual also spoke at the first meeting. She stated that there was a meeting facilitated by Councilman Andrews and they came to an agreement about the no alcohol and no marijuana sales in order for the rezoning to transpire. Mr. Ruffin and others were present to speak.

**Larry and Mary Short**, 719 Magazine St, she stated that this came before the Planning and Zoning Commission before and was voted no three to two and she stated they were in agreement with that. She stated planning and zoning offered Mr. Ruffin a conditional permit that he could have the restaurant in a residential area and not be rezoned but he refused. He came back and added the lot side by side which is directly in front of their property. The other reason they are opposed and is asking the council to vote no is because a property on the northeast side of her home was given permission to change its business to a restaurant which failed and because it was changed to business it became full bar room next door to their home. Across the street from their home someone opened a sweet shop and it did not make it and now it's a bar room. She stated that Christopher property is directly in front of them and he wants to open a restaurant and they have no problem with that, but if he decides he doesn't want to live there and he told them that he plans to be there for 10 years and after that he would move. They do not want the property rezoned and the next person comes and put a bar there. They are asking the council to vote no.

#### **Council discussed**

**Reverend Gerald Tanner**, present on behalf of Pastor Samuel Brown and Mount Vernon Missionary Baptist Church, 1005 Lavannah Brown Dr., he asked that the council vote no.

**Christopher Ruffin**, stated this is his property and he is trying to build him a business.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated that she is concerned about the enforceability.

**Christopher Ruffin**, stated that the building is going to be a small walk up where you can order your stuff.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked Mr. Ruffin what was the issue with the expanding conditional use since he withdrew it.

**Christopher Ruffin**, stated he didn't want that and he wanted a regular use like everyone else.

**Councilwoman Gonzales** asked why, and stated if you can't have the zoning would he accept the conditional use.

**Christopher Ruffin**, stated he would just keep on until he gets it.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated that he Mr. Ruffin was agreeing to no alcohol and no marijuana sales with the rezoning on the property.

**Christopher Ruffin**, stated yes and he thought they agreed too. He state Councilman Kip was present and they all agreed.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked Councilman Andrews if he had any communication since that resolution.

**Councilman Andrews**, stated he had received one text message from Ms. Short. He stated his understanding when he left the meeting that if the no alcohol sales and no Marijuana sales could be added as a special condition would it be ok. He asked Lacy Landrum. At the planning and zoning meeting they added the condition and his understanding was that it was approved to be done this way with no changes.

#### **Council discussion**

**Covotas Cox, 114 Caroline Dr.** stated she is a member at Mount Vernon and her only concern is if he has the zoning as an MXN, would he be able to get an alcohol license after fact.

**Councilman Andrews**, answered no and it is already stated for the property that it cannot happen. No one can get it. Everything would have to be redone.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated they would have to go through a full process and there would be notification of property owner, zoning commission and city council as well as an alcohol permitting process with the city and state.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated her problem is granting more use than what Mr. Ruffin wants to do with it.

**Mary Short**, stated that she is the owner of Birdies Florist and she addressed an article that was taken from the newspaper regarding the flower shop. She read from the article and stated that is what they are asking for Chris conditional use.

**Edna Lee Bean**, stated she does not reside in the area but her late husband had a business there and they have a rental property adjacent to Mr. Ruffin's property. She doesn't live there but she is concerned about the neighbors that live there and she doesn't want marijuana or alcohol sold.

**Samuel Wilson**, stated that he lives across the street from Mr. Ruffin's property and he doesn't see a problem with him putting his business up.

**Larry Short Jr.** 1404 Harvard St. stated that he doesn't see anything wrong with him having a business. But he is concerned that if there is no hidden agenda and he can have his business without it being changed why not accept it.

**Larry Short Sr.**, stated that they had some signatures and petition.

5. An ordinance to approve a request by Christopher Ruffin (owner) to rezone Lot B, Block 1 of Pine Ridge Addition, located at 706 Magazine St. from RS-3 to MX-N in accordance with a survey by William Bodin, PLS dated 1/31/22 (Z-2022-10-00113) with the following conditions:

1. No alcohol sales.
  2. No marijuana sales.
- Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission, 5-0.

**Lacy Landrum** stated, that this has all the same details of the previous property that they just spoke of. It is the lot to the west an adjacent to 712 Magazine St.

**No Public Comments**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
December 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: 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 November 15, 2022 meeting

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of November 15, 2022.**

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

**VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:**

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Hayven LaFrance (owner) to allow for a mobile home located at 3605 Delia Randall Road per survey by Gilbert Sullivan, RLS dated 3/1/78; Zoned RM-2 (Z-2022-09-00111) with the following conditions:
  1. This is a personal right and expires upon a change in ownership of the property from the person originally granted the conditional use;
  2. It meets all the requirements in the Unified Development Code Article 3, Section 3.4; and
  3. The survey submitted is signed and recorded for the official lot of record.

Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission, 5-0.

**Debra Swenson**, at large member of the Woodbridge Community Resident Association, 12 Ravenwood St. The association is asking for an extension of the vote so that they can get together to discuss how this would affect their community, if not granted, they are asking that the council vote against it.

**Don Zarang**, stated they object and request denial of approval.

**Councilman Leon**, stated that in district five there are several people that are opposed to this.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to deny the adoption of an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Hayven LaFrance (owner) to allow for a mobile home located at 3605 Delia Randall Road per survey by Gilbert Sullivan, RLS dated 3/1/78; Zoned RM-2 (Z-2022-09-00111) with the following conditions:**

1. This is a personal right and expires upon a change in ownership of the property from the person originally granted the conditional use;
2. It meets all the requirements in the Unified Development Code Article 3, Section 3.4; and
3. The survey submitted is signed and recorded for the official lot of record.

Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission, 5-0.

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a request by Locascio LLC to resubdivide parcel 2-A-1 into parcels 2-A-1-A and 2-A-1-B of the Locascio Subdivision located at 1955 Southwest Railroad Avenue, and to

accept the dedication of Locascio Drive and the cul-de-sac in accordance with a preliminary survey by David Patterson, PLS, dated 10/4/22; Zoned C-H (SUB-2022-10-00198). Recommend approval by the Planning Commission, 5-0. (Lacy Landrum)

**Michael Davis**, 39229 Jordan Lane, Ponchatoula, stated he represents the surveyor and Locascio LLC and he was there to answer any questions.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to approve the adoption of an ordinance to approve a request by Locascio LLC to resubdivide parcel 2-A-1 into parcels 2-A-1-A and 2-A-1-B of the Locascio Subdivision located at 1955 Southwest Railroad Avenue, and to accept the dedication of Locascio Drive and the cul-de-sac in accordance with a preliminary survey by David Patterson, PLS, dated 10/4/22; Zoned C-H (SUB-2022-10-00198). Recommend approval by the Planning Commission, 5-0.

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a request by Eric Long (owner) to allow for a mobile home located at 1400 Apple Street per survey by Richmond Krebs, PLS, dated 6/3/19; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2022-10-00114) with the following conditions:

1. This is a personal right and expires upon a change in ownership of the property from the person originally granted the conditional use;
2. It meets all the requirements in the Unified Development Code Article 3, Section 3.4; and
3. The survey submitted is signed and recorded for the official lot of record.

Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission, 5-0. (Lacy Landrum)

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to approve the adoption of an ordinance to approve a request by Eric Long (owner) to allow for a mobile home located at 1400 Apple Street per survey by Richmond Krebs, PLS, dated 6/3/19; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2022-10-00114) with the following conditions:

1. This is a personal right and expires upon a change in ownership of the property from the person originally granted the conditional use;
2. It meets all the requirements in the Unified Development Code Article 3, Section 3.4; and
3. The survey submitted is signed and recorded for the official lot of record.

Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission, 5-0.

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

4. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a request by Christopher Ruffin (owner) to rezone Lot A, Block 1 of Pine Ridge Addition, located at 712 Magazine St. from RS-3 to MX-N in accordance with a survey by William Bodin, PLS dated 1/31/22 (Z-2022-05-0010) with the following conditions:

1. No alcohol sales.
2. No marijuana sales.

Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission, 5-0. (Lacy Landrum)

**Mary Short**, gave Councilman Andrew a signed petition.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews** approve an ordinance request by Christopher Ruffin (owner) to rezone Lot A, Block 1 of Pine Ridge Addition, located at 712 Magazine St. from RS-3 to MX-N in accordance with a survey by William Bodin, PLS dated 1/31/22 (Z-2022-05-0010) with the following conditions:

1. No alcohol sales.
2. No marijuana sales
3. No event or reception hall at the property

**VOTE:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Absent) Motion Approved 3-1

5. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a request by Christopher Ruffin (owner) to rezone Lot B, Block 1 of Pine Ridge Addition, located at 706 Magazine St. from RS-3 to MX-N in accordance with a survey by William Bodin, PLS dated 1/31/22 (Z-2022-10-00113) with the following conditions:

1. No alcohol sales.
2. No marijuana sales.

Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission, 5-0.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews** approve an ordinance request by Christopher Ruffin (owner) to rezone Lot A, Block 1 of Pine Ridge Addition, located at 712 Magazine St. from RS-3 to MX-N in accordance with a survey by William Bodin, PLS dated 1/31/22 (Z-2022-05-0010) with the following conditions:

1. No alcohol sales.
2. No marijuana sales
3. No event or reception hall at the property

**VOTE:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Absent) Motion Approved 3-1

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

1. Introduction of an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Candice T. Bush (owner and applicant) to allow for a mobile home located at 508 Washington Avenue per survey by William J. Bodin, PLS dated 5/18/22; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2022-11-00115). Recommended Approval by the Zoning Commission with the following conditions:

1. This is a personal right and expires upon a change in ownership of the property from the person originally granted the conditional use;
2. It meets all the requirements in the Unified Development Code Article 3, Section 3.4; and
3. The survey submitted is signed and recorded for the official lot of record.

**Lacy Landrum** stated this was heard by the zoning commission on December 8 and up for introduction and will go to public hearing on January 10, 2022.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked Lacy if this was the item tabled by planning and zoning

**Lacy Landrum**, stated no, but 119 Kansas St was tabled and stated that it doesn't come before council until planning and zoning makes a recommendation. Lacy stated that there are a mobile homes on the North South and West of the property. The lot is not in a mobile home area several mobile homes throughout the neighborhood.

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

**Lacy Landrum**, stated district three.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** to introduce an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Candice T. Bush (owner and applicant) to allow for a mobile home located at 508 Washington Avenue per survey by William J. Bodin, PLS dated 5/18/22; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2022-11-00115). Recommended Approval by the Zoning Commission with the following conditions:

1. This is a personal right and expires upon a change in ownership of the property from the person originally granted the conditional use;
2. It meets all the requirements in the Unified Development Code Article 3, Section 3.4; and
3. The survey submitted is signed and recorded for the official lot of record.

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

2. Introduction of an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use by Willie J. Richardson (owner and applicant) to allow for a mobile home located at 17085 East Hoover Street per survey; Zoned RS-3. (Z-2022-11-00117). Recommended Approval by the Zoning Commission with the following conditions:

1. This is a personal right and expires upon a change in ownership of the property from the person originally granted the conditional use;
2. It meets all the requirements in the Unified Development Code Article 3, Section 3.4; and
3. The survey submitted is signed and recorded for the official lot of record.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated it was heard at the December 8 meeting and is for introduction. This is located in district one and is an existing vacant lot, the original home on the lot burned down. This is in a proposed mobile home.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio** to introduce an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use by Willie J. Richardson (owner and applicant) to allow for a mobile home located at 17085 East Hoover Street per survey; Zoned RS-3. (Z-2022-11-00117). Recommended Approval by the Zoning Commission with the following conditions:

1. This is a personal right and expires upon a change in ownership of the property from the person originally granted the conditional use;
2. It meets all the requirements in the Unified Development Code Article 3, Section 3.4; and
3. The survey submitted is signed and recorded for the official lot of record.

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

## **VIII. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Roofing Solutions for \$74,046.00 for a Roof Replacement at the Police/Fire Fleet Building. RFP 23-38.

**Chief Folks**, stated the building is located at 1290 Railroad Ave and this is the lowest bid received.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked the Chief to explain where the funds were coming from.

**Chief Folks**, stated the funds will be coming from millage in the building maintenance.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Highway 190 West, asked how many companies have been approached for bids.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated there were four bids.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated this was the lowest bid.

**Sal Nicolosi**, asked if this was a local company.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated that there were seven present at the pre-bid meeting, it was advertised on the website and in the newspaper. There were only four that submitted bids out of the seven.

**Chief Folks**, stated that this was advertised as a public bid.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews** to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Roofing Solutions for \$74,046.00 for a Roof Replacement at the Police/Fire Fleet Building. RFP 23-38

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

2. A resolution to authorize the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club to sell and serve alcohol on Saturday, February 11, 2023, from 10:00am until 3:00pm for the Chili Cook-off within the downtown parking lots on the west side of the railroad tracks and bounded by Coleman Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Morris Avenue, and the railroad tracks.

**Deek Deblieux**, 42532 S. Range Rd, stated this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off for their rotary group and all proceeds go back into the community.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked if they were just serving beer and if there were wrist bands.

**Deek Deblieux**, stated that the wrist band is for the chili but they check identification and their members will be serving and they are very strict.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to authorize the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club to sell and serve alcohol on Saturday, February 11, 2023, from 10:00am until 3:00pm for the Chili Cook-off within the downtown parking lots on the west side of the railroad tracks and bounded by Coleman Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Morris Avenue, and the railroad tracks.

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

3. A resolution to authorize the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club to obtain a Waiver of the Open Container Law on Saturday, February 11, 2023, from 10:00am until 3:00pm for the Chili Cook-off within the downtown parking lots on the west side of the railroad tracks and bounded by Coleman Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Morris Avenue, and the railroad tracks.

**Deek Deblieux**, stated this was same as the previous.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to authorize the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club to obtain a Waiver of the Open Container Law on Saturday, February 11, 2023, from 10:00am until 3:00pm for the Chili Cook-off within the downtown parking lots on the west side of the railroad tracks and bounded by Coleman Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Morris Avenue, and the railroad tracks.

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

4. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to sell and serve alcohol on Saturday, February 4, 2023, from 6:00pm until 10:00pm for the Art of the Cocktail within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park (between Cypress and Cherry Streets) and the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 East Thomas Street, Hammond, LA 70401.

**Jordan Kenning**, President of Art Center was present and stated that this was one of their three main events for the year. They are anticipating close to four hundred ticket sales.

It is a closed event so there will not be any outside visitor coming into the tent or building without being checked for identification and wrist bands.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon** to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to sell and serve alcohol on Saturday, February 4, 2023, from 6:00pm until 10:00pm for the Art of the Cocktail within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park (between Cypress and Cherry Streets) and the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 East Thomas Street, Hammond, LA 70401.

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

5. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to obtain a Waiver of the Open Container Law on Saturday, February 4, 2023, from 6:00pm until 10:00pm for the Art of the Cocktail within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park (between Cypress and Cherry Streets) and the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 East Thomas Street, Hammond, LA 70401.

**Jordan Kenning**, same as previous.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to obtain a Waiver of the Open Container Law on Saturday, February 4, 2023, from 6:00pm until 10:00pm for the Art of the Cocktail within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park (between Cypress and Cherry Streets) and the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 East Thomas Street, Hammond, LA 70401.

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

6. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) through which DOTD will pay 100% of the cost to construct a roadway lighting system at the I-12 and US 51B interchange provided that, upon completion, the City will assume ownership of and all liability and responsibility for this system, including all future maintenance and operation costs.

**Charles Borchers IV** stated, this is the interchange where they installed the three roundabouts. He stated that this was standard for the DOTD. They build the infrastructure and their cost include the design and build and the city's responsibility is maintain the lights or lighting systems on the roads that they share.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked who pays for the utilities.



**Charles Borchers**, stated that would be us.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) through which DOTD will pay 100% of the cost to construct a roadway lighting system at the I-12 and US 51B interchange provided that, upon completion, the City will assume ownership of and all liability and responsibility for this system, including all future maintenance and operation costs.

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

7. A resolution to approve the appointment of John Exnicios, representing the Largest Assessed Property Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024.

**Michelle Kendall** stated that she submitted the packets and they have four open seats. Three of the large assessed property owner seats. John Exnicios was not present, but she stated that he was an active and current member.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated that he made it clear in the past that people that are being appointed to serve on city boards be present.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated that John has come before them before and she thinks everyone is familiar with him. She stated that she appreciated the summary of his and the other person who is a repeat nomination of their attendance.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** to approve the appointment of John Exnicios, representing the Largest Assessed Property Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024.

**VOTE:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (N), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Absent) Motion Approved 3-1

8. A resolution to approve the appointment of Evan Singer, representing the Largest Assessed Property Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024.

**Michelle Kendall**, stated this is a large assessed property owner seat and Evan Singer is present.

**Evan Singer**, stated it was an honor to serve and he appreciate their consideration.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, thanked Evan for showing up and stated he heard a lot of good things about him and thanked him for his service.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews** to approve the appointment of Evan Singer, representing the Largest Assessed Property Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024.

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

9. A resolution to approve the appointment of Kali Norton, representing the Largest Assessed Property Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024.

**Michelle Kendall**, stated this is the last seat for the large assessed property owners. Currently John Daniel Guerin is serving in this seat but he is leaving the board effective at the end of the month. They received a nomination for Ms. Kali Norton and she is present to answer any questions.

**Kali Norton**, stated she graduated from Southeastern and have been a small business owner since 2011 in Hammond and she passionate about the city, the growth and all that the Downtown Development District is doing and she would like to be a part of it.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, thanked Kali for coming and for what she do for the community.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio** to approve the appointment of Kali Norton, representing the Largest Assessed Property Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024.

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

**Councilwoman Gonzales** stated that they had received Michelle's letter regarding the Westside property owner's seat not having received enough applications. She mentioned it to the council to decide if the wanted to amend the agenda and ask that they send it back to the DDD to open up applications again for whatever the period is.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales to amend the agenda to add a resolution to request the Downtown Development District to open applications back up for the Westside property owners.

**Michelle Kendall**, stated for clarification they would open up applications with the nominees they received and when they receive the five letters to come back before the council or their board.

**Councilwoman Gonzales** stated, whatever their procedure is and would be presented to the council.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked what the options are, do we leave it like it is for the council to make recommendations.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated they would appoint and approve someone who meets the three qualifications, from the letter Michelle sent. The council would find someone.

**Michelle Kendall**, stated that at the beginning of the year that seat would be vacant. They will have a board of six. The Westside property owner which currently holds that seat is Brian Wong and he will be leaving at the end of the month, so in January that seat will be vacant.



There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve a resolution to direct the Downtown Development District to open up the nomination period for the Westside property owners effective January 1, 2023.

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

**IX. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:**

**Lacy Landrum**, stated that the Christmas Parade will be Friday at 5:30. This is the last weekend the train will run. City offices will be closed on Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday December 26<sup>th</sup>, will also be closed for the New Year's holiday on Friday December 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup> for the holidays. Trash will be picked up as normal.

**Cedric Dunmious**, 106 Magazine St, stated from Hoover Street to the dead end of MC Moore Rd, he was concerned that there were not enough fire hydrants.

**Chief Folks**, explained the process and solutions.

**Council:**

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated he was following up on Brandy Lane. He asked if they could flip a switch at treatment plant because of the coming rain, he was concerned about Aida drive.

**Lacy Landrum**, explained that the lift station and stated that she would check with the drainage district Kylie Bates and get an update.

**Councilman DiVittorio** ask if she could check with Guy because of the rain that is expected. He is concerned about the water backing up in houses. He also asked her to keep an eye on the Rue Saint Martin light, he would be happy to see them on.

**Councilman Andrew**, stated our next council meeting will be in January.

**IX. ADJOURN**

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

**CERTIFICATION OF CLERK**

I LISA COCKERHAM, CLERK OF COUNCIL DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE  
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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

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