



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
January 24, 2023
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance to extend the moratorium on the acceptance and processing of subdivision plats, site development plans or zoning amendments for multifamily housing within the City of Hammond for an additional 180 days.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that this was for the extension for 180 days and he explained the reason for the moratorium and why it was needed.

Alexander Champagne 901 E. Pecan St, stated he was a realtor speaking on behalf of allowing small multi-family units. The main item he wanted to address was the allowing of a four-plex.

Councilman DiVittorio stated that there were options and such as applying for variances. He stated that it did not include mixed use commercial and residential developments. He stated that it was for three or more and a duplex can be built. He asked Andre about the way the Unified Development Code is written as it relates to three units or more.

Andre Coudrain read the definitions of multi-family in the UDC and discussed with the Council and went on to clarify the moratorium and the discussion of multi-family development.

Alexander Champagne, stated that he represents several property owners that live off Whitmore Dr. and he went to the zoning department and were informed they could only build a duplex due to the moratorium.

Andre Coudrain, explained what was allowed.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that she does not want it extended and she stated the reasons and she also believes there is a lot of confusion about the moratorium.

Councilman Leon, stated that he was not in favor of extending the moratorium for the reasons that had already been stated.

Spiller Milton, 608 Susan Dr, he spoke to the approval process for developments and he also stated that there should be proper planning.

Mayor, stated that when a development comes into the City of Hammond and before it goes to planning and zoning, they come to a meeting with the city engineer, director of sewer, then it goes to the city. If someone is going to build in the city there is a meeting with all of the above people to see if the system can handle the drainage, sewer and water.

Councilman Wells stated that he is looking for the moratorium to slow things down.

Joe Meir, 44065 High Oaks Trail, stated that he is asking that the moratorium be amended and apply to five or more units.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated it may be a communication issue and he stated you can do a double and triplex but you cannot do a fourplex.

Discussion continued on the definition of the types of units, multi-family and the Unified Development Code definition of multi-family.

Andre Coudrain read the definition of multi-family, duplex etc from the UDC. He stated the Council can change the moratorium to apply as the Council wishes. He stated that his recommendation is, whatever they want, it should be made clear.

Pam Palmer 43506 Robertson Rd, she thanked Councilman DiVittorio for his concerns and for trying to fix things in the city.

Joe Meir, asked for clarity on the number of units in the moratorium.

Discussion continues on the clarification and modification of the moratorium.

Alexander Champagne thank them for making it clearer.

Lacy Landrum, asked Andre if we could look at the definition of dwelling in an effort to give more clarity. She read the definition of a dwelling.

2. 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) Item was tabled at 1/10/23 meeting.

Lacy Landrum, stated the zoning commission recommended unanimously to approve. This is in district three the lot and dimensions fit and there is no need for an additional variance. Candice Bush the owner was present.

Candice Bush, was present to answer questions.



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

January 24, 2023

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews

Councilman Wells left the meeting

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

III. PRAYER: Pastor Chester

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023.

Councilman Wells returns to the meeting

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

VI. PRESENTATION: Chief of Fire Prevention Bureau, Chief Frank Drago

Chief Frank Drago made a presentation to Mr. John Ponder for extinguishing a fire at Wal-Mart which prevented a large scale incident, stopping a large financial loss for Wal-Mart and potentially saved lives. He thanked Mr. Ponder on behalf of the Hammond Fire Prevention Bureau, Mayor Pete Panepinto, Chief Daniel Folks and the City of Hammond

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to extend the moratorium on the acceptance and processing of subdivision plats, site development plans or zoning amendments for multifamily housing within the City of Hammond for an additional 180 days.

There was a discussion to clarify the definition and of multi-family housing and amend the wording of the moratorium to include, a single building containing four units is allowed, but wasn't covered by this moratorium.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to amend the ordinance to allow for a single building containing four units that would not be covered under the moratorium

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 Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to adopt the ordinance as amended to allow a single building containing four units and not be covered by the moratorium.

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

2. 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.

Item was tabled at the 1/10/23 meeting (Lacy Landrum)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt 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 (Y) Motion Approved 5-0

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to approve Morrison Inc. dba Morrison Express a Convenience Store/ Gas Station located at 1200 S. Morrison Blvd to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Murad Ahmed.

Kasey Daigle, stated this was a change of ownership and the owners were present to answer questions.

Murad Ahmed, the owner, came forward, he stated they would not sell alcohol to minors.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to approve Morrison Inc. dba Morrison Express a Convenience Store/ Gas Station located at 1200 S. Morrison Blvd to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Murad Ahmed.

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

2. A resolution to approve Aguacates Mexican Restaurant located at 2037 W. Thomas St. Hammond, La 70401 to obtain a permit to sell on premise Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Humberto Mata.

Kasey Daigle, stated this was a change of ownership and owners were present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve Aguacates Mexican Restaurant located at 2037 W. Thomas St. Hammond, La 70401 to obtain a permit to sell on premise Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Humberto Mata.

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

3. A resolution to approve the appointment of one of the three following nominees Paul Murphy; Chelsea Kessenich; Sharon Smith representing the West Side Property and Business Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2024.

Michelle Kendall, stated there were three eligible nominations and they were all present.

Each nominee introduced themselves to the Council

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and a second by Councilman Wells to approve the appointment of Sharon Smith representing the West Side Property and Business Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2024.

Vote: Kip Andrews (N), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y), Motion Denied 3-2

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the appointment of Chelsea Kessenich representing the West Side Property and Business Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2024.

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

4. A resolution to purchase a Ram 1500 Classic Tradesman Crew Cab 4x4 from Community Motors, LLC for \$43,363.00 for the Building Department.

Jana Soileau, stated they have been waiting for over year for a truck. This company is holding the vehicle for them.

Councilman Wells, asked that they place tracking devices on city vehicles and equipment.

Mayor, stated that they will if there is money in the budget for tracking services.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing the purchase of a Ram 1500 Classic Tradesman Crew Cab 4x4 from Community Motors, LLC for \$43,363.00 for the Building Department.

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

5. A resolution to authorize the Hammond BBQ, Inc. to sell alcohol on the City's property lying within the boundaries of S.W. Railroad Ave. from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S.W. Railroad Avenue, for the hours of 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm on Thursday, March 23, 2023; 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023; and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

Brian Shirey, 900 w. Colorado St., explained the nonprofit and the event.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to authorize the Hammond BBQ, Inc. to sell alcohol on the City's property lying within the boundaries of S.W. Railroad Ave. from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S.W. Railroad Avenue, for the hours of 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm on Thursday, March 23, 2023; 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023; and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

VOTE: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam Divittorio (Y), Carlee white Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

6. A resolution to authorize a waiver of open container for the Hammond BBQ, Inc. on the City's property lying within the boundaries of S.W. Railroad Ave. from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S.W. Railroad Avenue, for the hours of 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm on Thursday, March 23, 2023; 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023; and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

Brian Shirey- stated this was the same as the previous item

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Hammond BBQ, Inc. to obtain a waiver of open container for the Hammond BBQ, Inc. on the City's property lying within the boundaries of S.W. Railroad Ave. from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S.W. Railroad Avenue, for the hours of 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm on Thursday, March 23, 2023; 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023; and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

VOTE: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam Divittorio (Y), Carlee white Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

7. A resolution 1) accepting a grant in the amount of \$1,243,201.00 from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for Taxiway Lighting Rehabilitation Phase II and III (Construction), at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

David Lobue stated this was a part of the capital improvement plan.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing 1) accepting a grant in the amount of \$1,243,201.00 from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for Taxiway Lighting Rehabilitation Phase II and III (Construction), at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

8. A resolution to reappoint Joe Thomas to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five year term ending 9/30/2027.

David Lobue, stated Joe Thomas is up for reappointment and he continues to be an asset to the airport.

Joe Thomas, 145 Oak Hollow Dr. was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to reappoint Joe Thomas to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending 9/30/27.

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

9. A Resolution to appoint Tony Michelli to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending 1/24/2028.

David Lobue, stated Mr. Michelli was an asset to the community.

Mr. Tony Michelli was present to answer question, he stated it was an honor to serve.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to appoint Tony Michelli to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending 1/24/28.

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: stated that Entergy was prepare to work if need with the expected storm.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, asked that everyone keep the Entergy lineman that got hurt in their prayers.

Councilman Wells left the meeting

Councilman Leon, stated that there was no room for personal attacks

Councilwoman Gonzales, reminded everyone of the mobile home meeting on Monday.

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews 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
AND FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECITATION OF THE BUSINESS
TRANSACTIONED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD JANUARY 24,
2023
BEING 6 PAGES IN LENGTH

LISA COCKERHAM
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

Persons needing accommodations or assistance should contact City Council Clerk Lisa Cockerham at **985-277-5610**. Request should be made at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.