



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
February 28, 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 (Absent)

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

Wilbert Dangerfield Award of Excellence Ceremony will be immediately following our regular session.



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6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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III. PRAYER: Pastor Patricia Bell

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of February 14, 2023 meeting.

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

VI. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

1. Introduction of an Ordinance to transfer \$42,964.91 from the Downtown Development District Fund (207) Balance to the line item of Sidewalk Improvements within the DDD Fund (20775100 - 570302).

Michelle Kendall stated this is for sidewalk improvements at 108 NW Railroad Ave, approved by the Downtown Development Board. This is the Downtown Development District share of sidewalk improvements.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to transfer \$42,964.91 from the Downtown Development District Fund (207) Balance to the line item of Sidewalk Improvements within the DDD Fund (20775100 - 570302).

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 transfer \$43,000 from the Sales Tax Fund Balance (203) to Building Maintenance - Sidewalk Maintenance line item (10028500 - 530129) for the sidewalk improvements project at 108 Northwest Railroad Avenue.

Lacy Landrum stated that this is the city's portion of the sidewalk improvements at 108 NW Railroad Ave. The cost is split between DDD, the city and the property owner, each is paying 1/3.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance to transfer \$43,000 from the Sales Tax Fund Balance (203) to Building Maintenance - Sidewalk

Maintenance line item (10028500 - 530129) for the sidewalk improvements project at 108 Northwest Railroad Avenue.

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

Jana Soileau, asked that items 3, 4 and five be removed from the agenda.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to remove items 3,4 and 5 from the agenda.

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

3. Introduction of an Ordinance declaring moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to SOARR INC. of three (3) Lenovo Thinkcenter M71z computers.

REMOVED

4. Introduction of an Ordinance declaring moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to the Northshore STEM Coalition of three (3) Lenovo Thinkcenter M71z computers. (Jana Soileau)

REMOVED

5. Introduction of an Ordinance declaring moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to the Tangipahoa African American Heritage Museum of three (3) Lenovo Thinkcenter M71z computers. (Jana Soileau)

REMOVED

6. Introduction of an Ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the following items on Govdeals.com

1. UNIT 648- 3D2WG46A07G770018, 2007 DODGE RAM 3500 HEAVY DUTY TRUCK
MILEAGE:
96124.
2. UNIT 323- 1HTSCACNSH614558 1994 ,
INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK,
MILEAGE: 109551.4
3. UNIT 390- 1HTSCABP2VH471790
1997 INTERNATIONAL 4700 TRASH TRUCK,
MILEAGE: 89387.4
4. UNIT 654- 1HTWGAAR48J644067
2008 INTERNATIONAL 7400 6 X 4 SBA DIESEL,
MILEAGE: UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME
5. UNIT 392- SERIAL # TO310DA823012 310
D, JOHN DEERE BACKHOE
READ IN G: 4073.7 HOURS
6. 2006 HONDA PUMP,
WP30 X GX160 5.5 3" PUMP
7. SPRAYER W/ WATER TANK,
SERIAL #A9838
8. GREEN BOX TRAILER 70LP (BIG TEX)
9. STIHL TS 460 PIPE SAW
10. STIHL 021 CHAIN SAW 311Y
11. SHARP ARM 207 DIGITAL IMAGES (PRINTER)
12. 2 WOOD DESKS AND 1 METAL DESK
13. 2 TALL METAL CABINETS (GREY AND BROWN)
14. 35 SAFARIL-BLACK POLICE HOLSTERS 15.
15. 14000 LBS FOUR POST AUTO LIFT
16. 2007 HONDA UPRIGHT RAMMER
17. TROY-BILT, EDGER-TRENCHER
18. 40' SEA-CAN CONTAINER
19. UNIT 540 – 7773T BOBCAT WITH TIRES

Jana Soileau, stated this is surplus to be sold on Govdeals.com

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the following items on Govdeals.com
VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent) Motion Approved 4-0

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

1.A resolution to approve funding for the sidewalk improvements project at 108 Northwest Railroad Avenue with a three-way, equal share of the total cost of \$128,894.72, between La Carreta Inc., the Hammond Downtown Development District, and the City of Hammond. The City's contribution will be \$42,964.91 and will be contingent on approval of the DDD budget transfer and approval of the City's budget transfer.

Lacy Landrum, stated this was the same packet of information as item one and two and this approves the three way split between the entities.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve funding for the sidewalk improvements project at 108 Northwest Railroad Avenue with a three-way, equal share of the total cost of \$128,894.72, between La Carreta Inc., the Hammond Downtown Development District, and the City of Hammond. The City's contribution will be \$42,964.91 and will be contingent on approval of the DDD budget transfer and approval of the City's budget transfer.

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

2.A resolution to transfer funds between line items within the Fire Millage Fund (209) to purchase a Pierce Custom Saber Pumper Truck:

Transfer \$11,332.26 from Small Tools (540167) to Fixed Assets (570000)

Transfer \$50,000.00 from Grant Match (560634) to Fixed Assets (570000)

Transfer \$234,141.94 from Building Improvements (570141) to Fixed Assets (570000).

Chief Folks stated, they are transferring money from their Fire Millage Fund and consolidating that into fixed assets to make the purchase.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked about the building improvement funds and if they were earmarked for something else.

Chief Folks stated that they were earmarked for the training tower and the remodel at the Central Station, those projects have been completed and they had some funds left over.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the previous truck being in an accident and if insurance covered anything.

Chief Folks, stated yes they did receive some funds.

Lacy Landrum, stated they are using all the funds from the fire millage account and that money is received into the insurance fund account which is recognized as revenue. She stated they had two options and could go with all the money in the fire millage into one line item to be able to go forward with the purchase or if they are moving money between funds it would take an ordinance. They decided because the chief was on a quick timeline to get this order finish, they did it to just consolidate the same line items within the fire millage within the same fund which can be done by resolution and handled in one meeting.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to transfer funds between line items within the Fire Millage Fund (209) to purchase a Pierce Custom Saber Pumper Truck: Transfer \$11,332.26 from Small Tools (540167) to Fixed Assets (570000), Transfer \$50,000.00 from Grant Match (560634) to Fixed Assets (570000), Transfer \$234,141.94 from Building Improvements (570141) to Fixed Assets (570000).

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

3. A resolution for the Fire Department to purchase a Pierce Custom Saber Pumper Truck for \$631,905.01 State Contract # 4400017741

Chief Folks, stated that this was for the purchase of the fire truck.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales for the Fire Department to purchase a Pierce Custom Saber Pumper Truck for \$631,905.01 State Contract # 4400017741.

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 Mayor to enter into contract with Enmon Enterprises LLC DBA Jani –King for Janitorial services for the Recreation Department in the amount of \$58,896.00 annually.

Jana Soileau, stated they put out an RFP for janitorial services for the Recreation Department and Jani-King was the lowest bidder.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with contract with Enmon Enterprises LLC DBA Jani –King for Janitorial services for the Recreation Department in the amount of \$58,896.00 annually.

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

5. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$50,000 grant application to the AARP Community Challenge to transform Morrison Alley and its pocket park into a vibrant public space.

Charles Borchers, stated the goal is to make the alley space multipurpose. The grant will help to transform the space. They are looking to improve the pocket park and there is no match for this grant.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve supporting the submission of a \$50,000 grant application to the AARP Community Challenge to transform Morrison Alley and its pocket park into a vibrant public space.

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

6. A resolution to Ratify & Award bids received 2/23/2023 for “Concrete Street Improvements (FY2023) Project No. 420-12310

Chuck Spangler, presented results and recommends award to Stubbs NK Contractors, the lowest bidder in the amount of \$476,321.80.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to “Ratify and Award bids received 2/23/2023 for “Concrete Street Improvements (FY2023) Project No. 420-12310.

Vote: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Absent)

VIII. REPORTS:

Mayor: stated that sales taxes were down, but they are still doing well. He stated that December sales taxes were lower and encouraged everyone to shop local.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about debris on Monistere Lane from Entergy work.

Councilwoman Gonzales stated that Clark Park construction has begun.

IX. ADJOURN: **There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 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

FEBRUARY 28, 2023

BEING 4 PAGES IN LENGTH

LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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