



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
May 23, 2023
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: NONE



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6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

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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 May 9, 2023 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the Minutes of May 9, 2023.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (absent), Motion Approved 4-0

VI. PRESENTATION: Grant Award Committee, Lauren Fannaly, reported to the council on the work of the committee and presented an application and recommendations.

Councilmembers discussed the committee report and the process for awards.

IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to increase the monthly garbage fee from \$14.08 to \$20.98.

Lacy Landrum, provided garbage fees charged by other cities in Louisiana. She presented option one with recycling service on the first and third Saturday of each month and an option without recycling. Councilmembers discussed the proposed ordinance.

Sal Nicolosi 3607 Hwy 190 west, stated he did not think that the citizens should be charged for the increase. He stated that there was an increase when the new garbage collector was selected.

Lacy Landrum, explained that this was the increase that was discussed in the fall but was never passed on to the customer.

Lynn Matthews, 807 MC Moore, asked about the recycling.

X. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to approve the Fiscal year 2023-2024 Non-Municipal Fire and Police personnel Holiday closing schedule for the City of Hammond.

Kevin Beecher, presented the FY 2023-2024 holiday schedule with an amended change request to the Juneteenth holiday from June 19, 2023 to June 16, 2023 to the current FY 2023-2024 holiday schedule.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Highway 190 west, asked questions about the holiday schedule.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to amend the date of the Juneteenth holiday and approve the Fiscal year 2023-2024 Non-Municipal Fire and Police personnel Holiday closing schedule for the City of Hammond.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (absent), Motion Approved 4-0

2. A resolution to appoint Trey Tycker to the Planning & Zoning Commission for the remainder of a four year term to end on June 14, 2025.

Mayor Panepinto, stated Trey lives in the city and his family owns a business in Hammond. He ask the council to approve him for the Commission.

Trey Tycker, 115 N. Lindon St, was present and stated he would be honored to serve.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the appointment of Trey Tycker to the Planning & Zoning Commission for the remainder of a four year term to end on June 14, 2025.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (absent). Motion Approved 4-0

3. A resolution to accept the proposal for recycling services at the 190 facility.

Lacy Landrum asked if they would like to table so they would have more time to review. She stated they only received one bid. She stated the increase is minimal but it would still enable recycling services on the first and third, but she would follow-up with Councilman DiVittorio's request to find out how much of the collected material is actually recycled.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to table a resolution to accept the proposal for recycling services at the 190 facility.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (absent). Motion Approved 4-0 to table

4. A resolution 1) accepting a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for "Runway 18/36 Rehabilitation (Construction)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. (David Lobue)

David Lobue, stated the design of the project is done and was presented last year and now they are in the construction phase. He stated it was time to accept the grant and award the contract. He stated they are presenting this in advance, they are expecting the contract shortly from both the engineer, the contractor and the FAA for their 90% portion of the grant that will fund the contract.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if this was for the same item that was next on the agenda regarding the bids.

David Lobue, stated yes.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about the budget and if there was money to award a bid.

David Lobue, explained entitlements and cost. He stated no money will come from the city, 90% will come from the FAA and 10% from the state.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon 1) accepting a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for "Runway 18/36 Rehabilitation (Construction)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

VOTE: Steve Leon (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Devon Wells (absent) Motion Approved 4-0

5. A resolution to ratify and award bids received for "Runway 18/36 Rehabilitation (Construction)" pending final Federal Aviation Administration approval. (David Lobue)

David Lobue, stated the bid tabulation was attached and there were three bidders. Hendricks Construction was the lowest bidder at \$5,698,947.43, and they are currently in negotiations with them.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked the City Attorney to make sure that it is clear that if they award a bid and the money is not there, the city will not be responsible.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, stated if the money is not there, then you don't sign the contract.

David Lobue, stated that is why the item for accepting the grant was first. The FAA will see what the amount of the draft contract is, then they will write the grant, they will accept the money, then the contract will be executed.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon to ratify and award bids received for "Runway 18/36 Rehabilitation (Construction)" pending final Federal Aviation Administration approval.

VOTE: Steve Leon (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Devon Wells (absent) Motion Approved 4-0

6. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$36,872.50 grant application to the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers and 2) supporting a cash match of \$18,436.25 from the Hammond Police Department.

Charles Borchers, stated they replace the vests every five years. He stated the amount is enough to cover about thirty-five vests but they have thirty that need to be replaced due to a mandatory policy of the replacement cycle. The cash match comes from the Hammond Police Department. The total amount will be \$36,872.50 but they will get 50% of that in grant funds if approved by Bulletproof Vest Partnership.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to approve a resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$36,872.50 grant application to the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers and 2) supporting a cash match of \$18,436.25 from the Hammond Police Department.

VOTE: Steve Leon (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Devon Wells (absent) Motion Approved 4-0

7. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for professional services with Spangler Engineering, LLC in the amount of \$537,600 for engineering services associated with "Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey and Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation," which is being funded with \$6.72 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Water Sector Program (WSP) funds. (Charles Borchers IV) **Charles Borchers**, stated they applied twice to the program and was successful in getting \$5 million through the state program for sewer rehabilitation. The plan is to take \$1.72 million American Rescue Plan Act funds which they currently have and supplement those with \$5 million in Water Sector Program Funds and be able to do \$6.72 million dollars in improvements. He stated they did an RFQ, Request for Qualifications and they had two respondents and Spangler was the highest scoring of the respondents. So they are asking the council to approve the contract with Spangler Engineering. He stated they are in a short turn around and need to provide the engineering documents to the state by August 22nd and Spangler Engineering agreed. This is just the engineering cost.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for professional services with Spangler Engineering, LLC in the amount of \$537,600 for engineering services associated with "Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey and Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation," which is being funded with \$6.72 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Water Sector Program (WSP) funds.

VOTE: Steve Leon (Y), Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Devon Wells (absent) Motion Approved 4-0

8. A resolution to approve Courtyard Cafe located at 110 N. Cate Street Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell on premise Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Bryan Wong. (Kasey Daigle)

Kasey Daigle, stated this was an existing business and they are just adding alcohol. The owner Bryan Wong was present to answer questions.

Bryan Wong, stated he wanted to add a few new items to the menu and he gave the business hours.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve Courtyard Cafe located at 110 N. Cate Street Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell on premise Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Bryan Wong.

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

XI. REPORTS:

Mayor: stated the pool will open Saturday, summer camp is starting. He thanked First Guaranty Bank for being a community Partner.

Council:

Councilwoman Gonzales, reminded everyone that June 2nd was the budget work session.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated the Housing Enhancement Committee will meet for the first time on May 31st at 5:30 in City Council Chambers.

XII. ADJOURN

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to adjourn. All members were in favor 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 May 23, 2023

BEING 4 PAGES IN LENGTH

LISA COCKERHAM
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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