



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
July 11, 2023
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Kip Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Kip Andrews (P), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (P), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (P), Councilman Steve Leon (P), Councilman Devon Wells (absent)

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance to approve a request by Hammond's Best LLC (owner) and Jady Klein (applicant) to rezone 207 South Cherry Street per survey by Max Bodin, Inc. dated 4/25/23 from RM-2 to MX-CBD. (District 2)

Councilman Wells enters meeting

Lacy Landrum, stated the zoning commission voted to approve.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked about parking issues, there was a discussion on parking issues.

Bill Thompson 202 S. Holly St, expressed concerns over parking.

Terry Adams, 42336 General Ott Lanes, discussed the proposed use of the property.

2. An ordinance to approve a request by Mimi McKee Catherall (owner) to rezone 207 South Holly Street per survey by Clifford Webb dated 2/21/1962 from RM-2 to MX-C with the allowed use of light industrial prohibited. (District 2)

Lacy Landrum, stated that the owner asked that the item be tabled.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to table the ordinance to approve a request by Mimi McKee Catherall (owner) to rezone 207 South Holly Street per survey by Clifford Webb dated 2/21/1962 from RM-2 to MX-C with the allowed use of light industrial prohibited.

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



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
July 11 2023
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Kip Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Kip Andrews (P), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (P), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (P), Councilman Steve Leon (P), Councilman Devon Wells (P)

III. PRAYER: Minister Curtis Newton

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2023 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve the Minutes of June 27, 2023.

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

VI. PRESENTATION- Karen Wallsten, Housing Enhancement Committee Chair

Karen Wallsten, presented recommendations on the city planner position and master plan update. She reported on the activities of the committee.

Lacy Landrum, stated the city has made recommended changes to the job description for the city planner.

City Council thanked the Housing Enhancement Committee for its work.

IX. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to revise Article 8.1.7 of the Unified Development Code regarding the definition of the properties included in the Hammond Historical District.

Heather Diebold, Hammond Historic District, stated they did what the council asked of them. She discussed the notice given to property owners.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Highway 190 west, asked about the proposed changes.

Rita Mashburn, 500 W. Thomas St, asked about the vision of the Historic District.

Jessica Shirey, Historic District, discussed the Historic District and some of the work that they do.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to adopt an ordinance to revise Article 8.1.7 of the Unified Development Code regarding the definition of the properties included in the Hammond Historical District.

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to increase the monthly garbage fee from \$14.08 to \$20.98.

Lacy Landrum, presented options to the city garbage fees.

Jolene Johnson, Waste Pro was present to answer questions. There was a discussion of twice a week collection compared to one a week collection and the service that Waste Pro provides.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked questions regarding the number of cans, and the once a week pick up.

Jolene Johnson, explained their pick up services.

Councilman Leon, stated residents in his District would like twice a week.

Waste Pro, explained the process, recycling and drop off to landfill.

Council Discussion and Waste Pro discuss the options.

Chris Ruffin, 703McMoore Rd, stated he doesn't think the city should pay for recycling.

Sal Nicolosi, asked if the council could table this item.

Jean Voorhees 1201 S. Holly St, spoke in support of the recycling program.

Michelle Kendall, 506 E. Mary Ave, spoke in support of two day trash pick-up.

Councilman Andrews, stated that he has received calls from his constituents and they are looking at option three, continue with recycling and one day pick up.

Rodney Mallory, 13 E. Stanley Street, spoke in support of recycling.

Robert Dischler, asked about option for part of the city trash being picked up every two weeks and the rest of the city once a week.

Council discussed the recycling program.

Waste Pro representatives explained the nationwide recycling services and issues.

Sal Nicolosi, asked that the council look at option four, once a week & no recycling

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he did not want an increase in garbage collection fees and made a motion to keep the service as is with the city paying the difference.

There was a substitute motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve twice a week collection with recycling at 190 and to approve the increase of \$6.90 charged to residents.

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

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells for no increase to the garbage fees charged to residents and keep the garbage service as is.

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

Councilman Wells leaves the meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table the final adoption of an ordinance to increase the monthly garbage fee from \$14.08 to \$20.98. approve twice a

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NEW BUSINESS

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X. RESOLUTIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to accept the proposal for recycling services at the 190 facility. (Lacy Landrum)

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into the annual Maintenance Agreement including Mowing and Litter Pickup for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024 between Hammond and the State of Louisiana, DOTD, Office of Engineering.

Lacy Landrum stated this is the annual mowing contact. The contract covers the City of Hammond cutting the state right of way. It is the same amount of reimbursement received in past years.

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2. A resolution to authorize the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve alcohol during the events Hot August Stroll held on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 8:00am-8:00pm. These events are held within the boundaries of E. and W. Robert St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St., and N. and S. Magnolia St.

Councilman Andrews stated that the resolution is being tabled due to the some changes at the request of the Downtown Development District representative.

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XI. REPORTS:

Mayor: Thanked Team Hammond and Sponsors for the success of the 4th of July event.

Council:

Councilwoman Gonzales, thank Team Hammond and stated the fireworks show was very good.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about speed hump/equipment.

Councilman Andrews asked about lights on NH James.

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
TRANSACTION AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD July 11, 2023
BEING 4 PAGES IN LENGTH

LISA COCKERHAM
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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