



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
March 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 (P)

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. An ordinance to establish procedures related to retired service animals.

**Lacy Landrum** stated that the ordinance changes were recommended by the city attorney due to some State law changes concerning the donation of the canine at the end of his service term.

**Lieutenant Bivona**, former canine officer made recommendations for changes to the proposed ordinance.

**City Council**, discussed the recommendation and changes.

**Andre Coudrain**, City Attorney discussed their concerns and made recommendations.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Hwy 190, asked questions about the ordinance and the city's responsibility.

2. An ordinance to revise the requirements for permits to ambulance services and other provisions relative thereto.

**Lacy Landrum**, introduce Mr. Meche from Arcadian Ambulance Services.

**Dwain Meche**, was available to answer questions. He made a presentation on the emergency responder service training program they offer and explained the requirements.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
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March 28, 2023  
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

**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. PRAYER:** Minister Bobby Mitchell

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

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

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

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

**VI. PRESENTATION:** Kushner LaGraize Audit Presentation – Michelle Treschwig (**Rescheduled**)

**VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

**1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to establish procedures related to retired service animals.**

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to amend the ordinance to establish procedures related to retired service animals by creating a succeeding order of persons within HPD to purchase the animal and deleting paragraph 2.**

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

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt the ordinance as amended to establish procedures related to retired service animals. (Lacy Landrum)  
**VOTE:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y) Motion Approved 5-0**

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to revise the requirements for permits to ambulance services and other provisions relative thereto. (Lacy Landrum & Dwain Meche)

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Leon to adopt an ordinance to revise the requirements for permits to ambulance services and other provisions relative thereto.  
**VOTE:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y) Motion Approved 5-0**

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

1. Introduction of an ordinance to make changes to the UDC regarding multi-family developments.  
**Councilman DiVittorio**, explained that he thinks the ordinance is needed and it would go to Planning and Zoning Commission for their review and recommendations and then have a public hearing.

**Council Members** discussed the ordinance.

**Mandy Franks**, a local real estate agent asked about the findings of the housing study.

**Sal Nicolosi**, stated the people of Hammond do not want multi-family housing.

**Mandy Franks**, commented that we have a university here and students can't afford to buy houses.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to introduce an ordinance to make changes to the UDC regarding multi-family developments and to request the Planning and Zoning Commission to review and make recommendations.**

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

**Public hearing will be scheduled after a review and recommendation from Planning and Zoning.**

## **IX. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 507 N. Holly St, (94% damaged), locate in Council District 1. The owner Campbell Funeral Services Inc, Post Office Box 65169, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70896.

**Bobby Mitchell**, stated he recommends demolition.

**Councilwoman Gonzales** asked that more information be provided to the city council members on demolitions.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the demolition of property located at 507 N. Holly St, (94% damaged), locate in Council District 1. The owner Campbell Funeral Services Inc, Post Office Box 65169, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70896**

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

**Tiara Golden, 2800 Anderson St**, asked for a follow-up on cleaning up after houses are demolition.

2. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 211 White St, (100 % damaged), locate in Council District 3. The owner Chekesha J. Hicks, 1212 S. Alameda Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70815

**Bobby Mitchell**, stated he recommends demolition.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Hwy 190, asked about the procedure for notices to an owner.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing the demolition of property located at 211 White St, (100 % damaged), locate in Council District 3. The owner Chekesha J. Hicks, 1212 S. Alameda Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70815**

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

3. A resolution 1) accepting a \$19,500 grant from the Community Water Enrichment Fund to install automatic water monitoring/treatment equipment at City water wells; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers IV)

**Charles Borchers**, stated the grant application was from a year ago and they recently received the contract and there is no match requirement.

**Councilman Wells**, asked where the wells were located.

**Charles Borchers**, stated that there were seven wells and gave their locations.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio** 1) accepting a \$19,500 grant from the Community Water Enrichment Fund to install automatic water monitoring/treatment equipment at City water wells; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

4. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Vexus Fiber for the installation of internet services for security cameras in the amount of \$9000 for Mooney Park and \$14,000 for Jackson Park.

**Marcus McMillian** stated this is for cameras to monitor the parks.

**Councilman Wells** asked questions about internet services in parks for public use.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Vexus Fiber for the installation of internet services for security cameras in the amount of \$9000 for Mooney Park and \$14,000 for Jackson Park

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

5. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a software agreement with My Government Online (MGO) for software for the Building Department and Code Enforcement. (Marcus McMillian)

**Marcus McMillian** stated this will help the building department to do their jobs more efficiently. The service is based on a monthly payment of \$1129.

**Councilmembers**, discussed the contract and the software capabilities.

**Pete Lentini**, from the building department, explained the benefits of the system.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews** to authorize the Mayor to enter into a software agreement with My Government Online (MGO) for software for the Building Department and Code Enforcement.

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

6. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office and the Hammond Police Department for the Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area regional task force.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated that this was a contract that they enter into every two years working with a regional task force. The officers only work this on their overtime hours, this is not a part of their regular work. The grant pays for overtime hours, one undercover vehicle.

**Sal Nicolosi**, asked about the program, grant and the amount.

**Angelo Monistere**, stated that the money is paid by the federal government and he explained how the money is spent.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office and the Hammond Police Department for the Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area regional task force.

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

7. A resolution to create a housing enhancement committee.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated this is to follow-up on the Housing Strategic Growth Study Report. **Karen Walston**, 404 S. Cherry Street Member of the Study Committee spoke in support of the resolution.

**Council Members**, discussed the resolution and the need for a city planner.

**Spiller Milton**, 608 Susan Dr. stated he support the resolution.

**Sal Nicolosi**, spoke in support of the resolution and hiring a city manager.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to create a housing enhancement committee.

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

## **X. REPORTS:**

**Mayor: Lacy Landrum**, stated they have progressed through the district cleanest city level and are moving on to the state. She thanked the city departments and volunteers. She stated that the judging for state level will be the last week of April or first week of May and there are several clean-ups scheduled.

### **Council:**

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated the Easter Egg Hunt will be this Saturday at Zemurray Park from 12-3pm and on Friday they have picnic in the park at Cate Square Park from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked for an update on street lights at 2101 West Dale Court at the corner of Belfast, Susan Drive, he also asked about a culvert on Susan Dr. Check on Harden Dr and W. Church.

**Councilman Andrews**, asked for a follow-up on some sewer work on Martin Luther King Dr. in front of the church. He also stated that he appreciated the dialogue regarding food trucks and he is working on an ordinance.

**Councilman Andrews** asked about Mitchell and Pines St. right of way.

**Kelly West**, 116 M. Drive, asked about the food truck and voiced his concerns and ask that they make it fair.

**Councilman Andrews** stated that he hoped to have this figured out by Friday and have a public hearing.

**Kelly West**, stated his concern and issue with getting a permits.

**Councilman Wells**, thanked them for coming out and expressed his concerns about special permits.

**Jessi Quinlin**, 40504 Macedonia Rd, stated he came to the office to get a permit and was told he could not get one and he has been shut down three times. He stated they told him he could not get a permit.

**Lacy Landrum**, explained a single day special permit.

**Councilman Wells**, asked about abandoned and junk cars, mobile homes and asked about the meeting date.

**Andre Coudrain** is working on a summary regarding the abandoned and junk cars to make it easier and will be done soon.

**Council discussed** the meeting date for trailers.

## **XI. ADJOURN**

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilman Wells** 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 March 28, 2023  
BEING 5 PAGES IN LENGTH

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LISA COCKERHAM  
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

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PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS  
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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