



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

I. CALL TO ORDER: Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: OLD BUSINESS:

1. 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. (District 2)

Lacy Landrum, stated this is a request to rezone the property and there is not an intentional business as of now. The owner agreed to prohibit the use of light industrial. She state that there were several community members that attended the Planning and Zoning meeting that were against this item.

Alton Lewis, 400 E. Thomas St, First Guaranty Bank is concerned about parking and oppose the re-zoning.

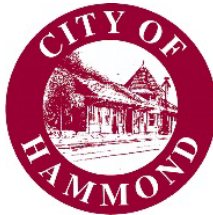
Tom Gray, attorney for owner, stated that he believes the request is consistent with the cities master plan. He stated that the parking will be addressed is use changes.

Carol Ackman, 203 S. Holly St, is against the re-zoning because of parking.

MiMi Catherell, owner state this is just zoning.

Council Discuss

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Highway 190 w, stated there is no reason for the property to be commercial and the residents oppose.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
October 24, 2023**

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

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 October 10, 2023 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of October 10, 2023

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

VI. PRESENTATION: School Board Official, discuss Magnet School Tax

Brett Duncan, School Board Member District E, discussed Magnet School Tax will be on the November 18th ballot.

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Final adoption of 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. (District 2) (Lacy Landrum)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second Councilman Leon to deny 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. (District 2)

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

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a request by Gloria Boyd to allow for a mobile home located at 707 Washington Dr. (District 4); Zoned RS-3. (Z-2023-03-00120) 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. (3) The damaged mobile home currently on the property must be removed before a mobile home permit can be issued.

Lacy Landrum, stated the planning and zoning considered this case and because it is currently zoned S3 which does not allow for the placement of a mobile homes even though there's existing ones. Ms. Boyd mobile home was damaged during Hurricane Ida. She applied for the Restore Program which is a program for replacing new mobile homes on parcels. She was denied her application because of the zoning. If the expanded conditional use is allowed she could possible receive one of the new mobile homes through the Restore program. There are several mobile homes in the area and the commission voted 4-0 to approve.

Council Discussed

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to introduce an ordinance to approve a request by Gloria Boyd to allow for a mobile home located at 707 Washington Dr. (District 4); Zoned RS-3. (Z-2023-03-00120) 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. (3) The damaged mobile home currently on the property must be removed before a mobile home permit can be issued.

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

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2. Introduction of an ordinance proposing an election to determine amendments to the city of Hammond home rule charter providing for an elected chief of police and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Councilman Wells, explained his reasons for bringing the ordinance.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Highway 190 w stated he is in favor of an election.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance proposing an election to determine amendments to the city of Hammond home rule charter providing for an elected chief of police and otherwise providing with respect thereto

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

Public Hearing – November 14, 2023

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to approve annual alcohol renewals for 2024. (Lacy Landrum)

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to approve annual alcohol renewals for 2024.

Lacy Landrum stated this is the renewals of all the alcohol licensed throughout the city.

Councilman Wells, thanked Lacy Landrum for providing the requested information.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Abstain), Councilman Wells (Abstain), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion approved 3-0

Alex Martinez, 110 E.Coleman St., stated he was the victim of theft and the election of a police chief should focus on protecting the community and not race.

2. A resolution to approve Family Dollar Store #21636 at 125 N. Morrison Blvd. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Family Dollar Store of Louisiana, LLC. (District 4)

Councilman Wells, leaves meeting

Lacy Landrum, stated they would like to add package alcohol sales at this location and the next resolution.

Rob Hosac, Decision Consultants, Atlanta, GA was representing the owners, stated he was present to address concerns and answer questions. He explained the safeguards and security they have in place.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy 190 w, asked about permits.

Councilman Wells left the meeting.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve Family Dollar Store #21636 at 125 N. Morrison Blvd. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Family Dollar Store of Louisiana, LLC.

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

3. A resolution to approve Family Dollar Store #28439 at 1355 Highway 190 East Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Family Dollar Store of Louisiana, LLC. (District 4)

Lacy Landrum, stated this is the same as the previous.

Chris Ruffin, does not agree to more places in the district selling alcohol.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve Family Dollar Store #28439 at 1355 Highway 190 East Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Family Dollar Store of Louisiana, LLC. (District 2)

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (abstain), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Absent), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion approved 3-0

NEW BUSINESS:

4. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during Starry Saturday held on Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 8:00AM to 9:00PM. The event boundaries are E. and W. Robert St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman Ave., and N. and S. Magnolia St.

Michelle Kendall, explained the event

Councilman DiVittorio left meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the Hammond Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during Starry Saturday held on Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 8:00AM to 9:00PM. The event boundaries are E. and W. Robert St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman Ave., and N. and S. Magnolia St.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (absent), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Absent), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion approved 3-0

5. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law for the Hammond Downtown Development District's Starry Saturday event on Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 8:00AM to 9:00PM. The event boundaries are E. and W. Robert St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St., and N. and S. Magnolia St.

Councilman DiVittorio, returned to the meeting

Sal Nicolosi, asked about the participating merchants.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law for the Hammond Downtown Development District's Starry Saturday event on Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 8:00AM to 9:00PM. The event boundaries are E. and W. Robert St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St., and N. and S. Magnolia St.

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

6. A resolution to approve the 2023 annual subscription cost of \$27,500 and recurring annual subscription costs going forward for the Hammond GIS.

Lacy Landrum, stated this is the annual renewal of existing software that is used for our mapping system GIS.

Tracy Wells 610 Mooney Ave, asked about the terms of the agreement.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked what the budgeted amount is.

Lacy Landrum, stated it was within the budget and they typically try to get an annual quote before they produce the budget. She stated she does not know off hand what the subscription was budgeted for.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the 2023 annual subscription cost of \$27,500 and recurring annual subscription costs going forward for the Hammond GIS.

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

7. A resolution 1) accepting a \$50,000 grant from the Community Water Enrichment Fund for improvements to the City's water system; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Lacy Landrum explained grant and stated the application was previously approved. The plan is to use it to install five to eight inserta valves depending on cost. These are used on water lines.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve 1) accepting a \$50,000 grant from the Community Water Enrichment Fund for improvements to the City's water system; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. **Vote: Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (A), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion approved 4-0**

8. A resolution 1) approving Hammond Northshore Regional Airport's 2024-28 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP); 2) requesting that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements specifically described in the Airport's CIP Application; 3) agreeing to certain assurances related to the proceeding; 4) authorizing the Mayor and Hammond City Council President to sign CIP documents; and 5) authorizing the Hammond City Council Clerk to attest to these signatures. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum explained that this is the annual plan for capital investments at the airport. **There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) approving Hammond Northshore Regional Airport's 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP); 2) requesting that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements specifically described in the Airport's CIP Application; 3) agreeing to certain assurances related to the proceeding; 4) authorizing the Mayor and Hammond City Council President to sign CIP documents; and 5) authorizing the Hammond City Council Clerk to attest to these signatures.**

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

X. REPORTS:

Mayor: Thanked everyone for the airshow, sponsors and volunteers.

Council:

Councilman Leon, thanked the city for the airshow. Stated he would be hosting a town hall meeting for District 5 on November 6, 2023 at 5:30 pm to discuss the Woodbridge area.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about debris pickup in Villa West/Rue Simone. He also asked about the progress made on Chauvin Dr/Old Baton Rouge Hwy for traffic safety.

Lacy Landrum, offered suggestion such as delineated safety signs.

Councilwoman Gonzales, tomorrow trick or treat in the Downtown Development District, thanked everyone for the airshow.

Councilman Andrews, thanked everyone for the airshow. He stated he would be sending some emails to the administration for assistance.

XI. ADJOURN:

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 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 OCTOBER 24,
2023
BEING 4 PAGES IN LENGTH

LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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