



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
November 14, 2023  
5:30pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER: Kip Andrews**

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING: OLD BUSINESS**

1. An ordinance to extend and modify the moratorium on the acceptance and processing of subdivision plats, site development plans or zoning amendments for multifamily housing within the city of Hammond for an additional 180 days.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, explained the ordinance.

**Deborah Swenson**, stated she is in support of the moratorium.

**Paul Forbes**, 1702 Octavia Street, explained his position on the item and generally disapproves of multi-family housing in the city.

Councilman Wells enters meeting

2. An ordinance to approve a request by John Montecino, Sr. to revoke the right-of-way of Brauner Street, which was never constructed by the City of Hammond, according to survey by Max Bodin, Inc. dated 8/5/2023.

**Lacy Landrum**, explained the ordinance.

**No Public Comment**

**PUBLIC HEARING: NEW BUSINESS**

1. 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**, explained the ordinance and the owner was present to answer questions.

**No Public Comments**

2. 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**, asked City Attorney Coudrain to explain the ordinance.

**Andre Coudrain, Hammond City Attorney**, explained the three questions he received, 1) term limits, 2) residency, 3) \$25,000 contracts. He stated the language should be clarified if the council wanted any of these changes and his advice is to make it clear in the ordinance.

**Paul Forbes**, 1702 Octavia St. stated the police chief should be an appointed position and there should not be limits on residency and he believes that there is accountability now.

**Councilman Wells**, stated his reasoning for wanting to elect a police chief.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated that he thinks there is an accountability issue in the police department.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
November 14, 2023  
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

**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. PRAYER: Minister Ron Matthews**

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of October 24, 2023 Meeting to approve the minutes of October 24, 2023.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of October 24,2023**

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

## **VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: OLD BUSINESS:**

1.Final Adoption of an ordinance to extend and modify the moratorium on the acceptance and processing of subdivision plats, site development plans or zoning amendments for multifamily housing within the city of Hammond for an additional 180 days. (Councilman DiVittorio)

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adopt an ordinance to extend and modify the moratorium on the acceptance and processing of subdivision plats, site development plans or zoning amendments for multifamily housing within the city of Hammond for an additional 180 days.**

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a request by John Montecino, Sr. to revoke the right-of-way of Brauner Street, which was never constructed by the City of Hammond, according to survey by Max Bodin, Inc. dated 8/5/2023. (Lacy Landrum)

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to adopt an ordinance to approve a request by John Montecino, Sr. to revoke the right-of-way of Brauner Street, which was never constructed by the City of Hammond, according to survey by Max Bodin, Inc. dated 8/5/2023.**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1.Final adoption 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.

**Gloria Boyd**, owner was present to answer questions.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to adopt 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 Steve Leon (Y) Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) **Motion Approved 5-0**

2. Final adoption 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.

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table this items for further review.**

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

## **VII. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE**

## **VIII. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Fiscal Year 2022- 2023 and authorize the Mayor to Sign Questionnaire.

**Lacy Landrum**, explained the questionnaire and stated this is required for the city audit.

**Councilman Wells** asked about the budget

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt the resolution Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and authorize the Mayor to Sign Questionnaire.**

**VOTE:** Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y) Councilman Wells (N), Councilman Andrews (Y) **Motion Approved 4-1**

2. A resolution to Ratify and award bids received 11/09/2023 for “Headworks Upgrade – South WWTP” –project no. 616-12403.

**Chuck Spangler**, explained the project and recommended an award to the lowest bidder, L. King Company, LLC, in the amount of \$1,152,387.00.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon to “Ratify and Award bids received 11/09/2023 for “Headworks Upgrade – South WWTP” –project no. 616-12403.**

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

**Mayor: NONE**

**Council:**

Councilman Leon, thanked the city and parish officials for attending his town hall meeting on land development. He thanked the Daily Star Newspaper for reporting on the meeting.

Councilwoman Gonzales, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Councilman DiVittorio, thanked the council for support for the moratorium.

Councilman Wells, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to be safe.

Councilman Andres, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and stated we should be thankful every day.

**IX. 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  
TRANSACTION AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD NOVEMBER

14, 2023

BEING 3 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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