

**Hammond City Council Members**

**Councilman Kip Andrews - President**  
**Councilman Sam DiVittorio - Vice President**  
**Councilman Devon Wells**  
**Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales**  
**Councilman Steve Leon**

**City Council Clerk, Lisa Cockerham**  
**City Attorney, Andre Coudrain**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
January 10, 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 (Absent), Councilman Wells (P)

**III. PRAYER: Dr. Daniel Crosby**

**IV. INDUCTION CEREMONY**

**Mayor - Pete Panepinto, Sworn in by the Honorable Judge C. Britain Sledge, III**

**Council District 1: Councilman Kip Andrews Sworn in by Erica D. Williams, Esq. and Pastor Charles E. Brumfield Jr, Esq.**

**Council District 2: Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales Sworn in by the Honorable Judge Brenda Bedsole-Ricks**

**Council District 3: Councilman Devon A. Wells Sworn in by Mrs. Tracy Washington Wells, Notary Public.**

**Council District 4: Councilman Sam DiVittorio Sworn in by Mr. Frank DiVittorio, Esq.**

**Council District 5: Councilman Steven J. Leon was absent**  
**Honorable Judge C. Britain Sledge, III-**

**V. ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS:**

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and a second by Councilwoman Gonzales to elect Councilwoman Gonzales as City Council President for 2023.**

**Vote:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (N), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Absent), Councilman Wells (N) Motion 2-2

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells and a second by Councilman DiVittorio to elect Councilman DiVittorio City Council President for 2023.**

**Vote:** Councilman Andrews (N), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Leon (Absent), Councilman Wells (Y) Motion 2-2

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells and a second by Councilman DiVittorio to elect Councilman Wells City Council President for 2023.**

**Vote:** Councilman Andrews (N), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Leon (Absent), Councilman Wells (Y) Motion 2-2

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Andrews that the current president continue his service until the next meeting and this item be tabled to be taken up at the next meeting.**

**Vote:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (N), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Absent), Councilman Wells (N) Motion 2-2

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and a second by Councilman Wells** to elect **Councilman Kip Andrews** to remain City Council President for 2023. Councilman Andrews stated he respectfully decline.

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells and a second by Councilman DiVittorio** to elect **Councilman Wells** City Council President for 2023.

**Councilwoman Gonzales** asked Andre Coudrain as a point of order, if you can vote for the same items that have already failed.

**Andre Coudrain** stated, if someone has change their mind to let it go if there since there was a motion.

**Vote:** Councilman Andrews (N), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Leon (Absent), Councilman Wells (Y) Motion 2-2

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked Andre if there is a deadlock, what they do next.

**Andre Coudrain**, stated that there was a vacancy in the office of president and explained what is written in the charter. He also stated that they do not want a vacancy in the office of president. He stated that it was not good practice and because there was not a full membership of the council. He recommend that they keep the Council President until next month.

**Councilman Wells and City Attorney Andre**, continued to discuss the presidency and vacancy of the City Council President.

**Councilman Wells**, asked if they wanted to go out back and have a discussion, because they need to have a president tonight.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked that they adjourn this portion and to table it until the regular session.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Andrews** to table the vote for City Council President until the regular session.

**Vote:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Absent), Councilman Wells (N) Motion approved 3-1

**Andre Coudrain**, stated the next item was Vice President

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that she was trying to table to entire election of council officers, so that we could move forward.

**Andre Coudrain**, asked her to make another motion for Vice President.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Andrews** to table the vote for City Council Vice-President until the regular session later this evening.

**Vote:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Absent), Councilman Wells (N) Motion approved 3-1

## **VI. CLOSING PRAYER: Pastor Tim Moffety**

**VII. ADJOURN:** There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to adjourn the special meeting. Mayor and City Council will take a 20 minute break before moving into the public hearing.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
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**5:30pm**

**Andre Coudrain**, commented to everyone that the council currently does not have a president or vice president and the remaining officer of the council is the clerk. He stated that the clerk would be the presiding officer of the public hearing and the regular session until such time as the council elects its officers.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Lisa Cockerham, Hammond City Council Clerk resident Kip Andrews

**II. ROLL CALL:** Councilman Andrews (P), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Leon (Absent), Councilman Wells (no vote)

Councilman Wells, stated we need to pick a president.

**Andre Coudrain**, stated this is the public hearing portion of the meeting and typically there are no votes taken at the public hearing. He stated they could recess this session and call a regular meeting. He stated that the vote is two to two and unless someone has expressed a willingness to change vote, we need to move forward with the business of the council.

**Councilman Wells**, stated that he changed his vote and he would like to go ahead with the vote for president and vice president.

**Andre Coudrain and Councilman Wells** continued to discuss the item of the election of offices and that the item has been placed on the table until the regular session.

**Councilman Wells** made a motion to adjourn.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated that there were a lot of people present to hear the two cases that deals with mobile homes and they have waited a long time to be heard at the meeting.

**Councilman Wells** stated that he understands but we need a president.

**Andre Coudrain** stated that there was a motion on the table and asked if there was a second.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to take bring the presidency election backup and vote.

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

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Wells** to elect **Councilman Kip Andrews** City Council President for 2023.

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

There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to elect **Councilman DiVittorio City** Council Vice President for 2023.

**Vote:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Leon (Absent), Councilman Wells (Y) Motion Approved 3-1

### **III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. An ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Candice T. Bush (owner and applicant) to allow for a mobile home located at 508 Washington Avenue per survey by William J. Bodin, PLS dated 5/18/22; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2022-11-00115). Recommended Approval by the Zoning Commission 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; and
3. The survey submitted is signed and recorded for the official lot of record.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated this is to place a mobile home in District 3, there are mobile homes surrounding this parcel of land. The mobile home would have to meet the UDC requirements and be a HUD approved mobile home. The planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously in favor of this mobile home being installed.

**Councilman Wells** asked if the lady was present.

**Robert McGee**, stated that this was the McGee's property and they are the owners of the property.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked and stated that the lady wants to put a mobile home on property she does not own and he asked if they owned it. He suggested that they table the item and let them sort it out.

**Lacy Landrum**, had a discussion with Mr. McGee regarding the location of the property and it was determined that they did not own the property.

2. An ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use by Willie J. Richardson (owner and applicant) to allow for a mobile home located at 17085 East Hoover Street per survey; Zoned RS-3. (Z-2022-11-00117). Recommended Approval by the Zoning Commission with the following conditions:

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**Lacy Landrum**, stated this is located in district one. The former how that was at this location burned down and the Richardson's are seeking to place a mobile home. The planning commission unanimously approve. It is in a flood zone and would require an elevation certificate.

**Delores Richardson**, 17085 E. Hoover St., stated they are applying for the mobile home at that address.



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

**January 10, 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 (Absent), Councilman Wells (P)

**III. PRAYER:** Elder Ron Matthews

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Khloe Brown, Hammond Eastside Magnet, Upper 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of the December 13, 2022 meeting

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the minutes of December 13, 2022.**

**VOTE:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Absent), Councilman Wells (abstain) Motion Approved 3-1

**VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:**

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Candice T. Bush (owner and applicant) to allow for a mobile home located at 508 Washington Avenue per survey by William J. Bodin, PLS dated 5/18/22; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2022-11-00115). Recommended Approval by the Zoning Commission with the following conditions:

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3. The survey submitted is signed and recorded for the official lot of record.

**Councilman Wells**, asked if Ms. Candace was present and asked that the item be tabled until next meeting.

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Candice T. Bush (owner and applicant) to allow for a mobile home located at 508 Washington Avenue per survey by William J. Bodin, PLS dated 5/18/22; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2022-11-00115).**

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

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**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells approve an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use by Willie J. Richardson (owner and applicant) to allow for a mobile home located at 17085 East Hoover Street per survey; Zoned RS-3. (Z-2022-11-00117). Recommended Approval by the Zoning Commission with the following conditions:**

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

**VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:**



1. Introduction of an ordinance to extend 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** stated that this was a moratorium that was in place and they hired consultants to conduct a housing study, infrastructure development, blighted properties and all zoning to give data on the city. While waiting on all the data to come in, he propose that the moratorium be extended another six months.

**Mayor Panepinto**, stated they completed the three acre pond that was built for the future growth in the city. He stated that they do have a new pond in place in addition to the other three ponds they already had.

**Jesse Jones**, 1301 West Church St. B, he asked the council with all of the high rise development, what is the benefit to the citizens that already live in Hammond. He was concerned about increase traffic and the strain on infrastructure and he doesn't see it as a benefit. He is against new high-rises and agree with the moratorium.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Highway 190 West, stated he is concerned about single family housing, they are needed more than the large complexes. He stated we need single family housing.

**Councilman Wells**, stated his concern because district three is the only district that has land left over and what's taking place is all of the apartment complexes as well as the problems are coming into district three.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated and it affects district four as well. He also stated that he received several email that came through from people who could not attend who are in support of the moratorium.

**Spiller Milton**, 608 Susan Dr, Lakewood subdivision, he thanked the council for their support of the Lakewood Subdivision and dealing with the closing of the road and dealing with multi-housing development. He stated that they have had some sewer issues in his neighborhood. He stated they are not just interested in his subdivision but the whole town and they want to development in a planned manner. He is in favor of the moratorium and a plan that will best move Hammond forward.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio** to introduce an ordinance to extend 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:** Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (absent), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

**Public Hearing is scheduled for January 24, 2023 at 5:30 pm**

## **VIII. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution ratifying proposals and awarding the contract for "Mooney Avenue Park Playground" (Project 32203) to Planet Recess, Inc. in the amount of \$156,088.

**Charles Borchers IV**, stated they were the only bid and they came in under budget.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews** to approve the ratifying proposals and awarding the contract for "Mooney Avenue Park Playground" (Project 32203) to Planet Recess, Inc. in the amount of \$156,088.

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

**Councilman Wells left the meeting.**

2. A resolution ratifying proposals and awarding the contract for "Clarke Park Playground Improvements" (Project 12316) to Planet Recess, Inc. in the amount of \$144,661. (Charles Borchers IV)

**Charles Borchers IV**, stated this this project is being funded by a budget item that was passed by the council during the last budget session. It came in under budget and it's for new equipment and to repair damage from Hurricane Ida.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews** to approve the ratifying proposals and awarding the contract for "Clarke Park Playground Improvements" (Project 12316) to Planet Recess, Inc. in the amount of \$144,661

**Vote:** Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (absent), Devon Wells (A). Motion Approved 3-0

3. A resolution 1) accepting a \$5,000,000 grant from the Water Sector Program for improvements to Hammond's sewer system; 2) approving a local match of \$1,720,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. (Charles Borchers IV)

**Charles Borchers IV**, stated he applied for this grant in the fall/winter of 2021. They were denied but they resubmitted and were funded. These are Federal funds that came through the state through ARPA and different Covid related grants. They are going to use some of the Covid related money from ARPA for the match and with the match the total is \$6.72 million dollars sewer rehabilitation project.

**Lacy Landrum**, thanked Charles Borchers for his hard work on the grant.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** authorizing 1) accepting a \$5,000,000 grant from the Water Sector Program for improvements to Hammond's sewer system; 2) approving a local match of \$1,720,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents

**Vote:** Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (absent), Devon Wells (A). Motion Approved 3-0

4. A resolution authorizing Lisa Cockerham, Hammond City Council Clerk, to certify authorized signatories and signatures for the City's Water Sector Program grant.

**Councilman Wells, returns to meeting**

**Charles Borchers**, stated this is to complete and authorize signatories, they are required for these grants.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews** to authorizing Lisa Cockerham, Hammond City Council Clerk, to certify authorized signatories and signatures for the City's Water Sector Program grant.

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

5. A resolution 1) accepting a \$23,000 grant from the Local Government Assistance Program to purchase security cameras for City parking malls; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

**Charles Borchers IV**, stated they applied over a year ago. The money received is enough to put cameras up in the parking mall downtown.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked about the status of the cameras in the park.

**Charles Borchers**, stated that he know that some work has been completed in some of the parks, but he was not sure and that wasn't his department.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated they can ask Marcus to send them an email tomorrow with an update.

**Councilman Wells**, asked who was monitoring the cameras

**Charles Borchers**, stated he wasn't sure

**Mayor Panepinto**, stated that the police depart will monitor.

**Councilman Wells**, asked what was the purpose of the cameras

**Charles Borchers**, stated for security and safety of the downtown area.

**Councilman Wells**, stated that since cameras have been placed in Mooney Park, they haven't had any shooting.

He stated the way they protect downtown, he wants to protect district three. He would like cameras in district three because he wants district three to be safe.

**Charles Borchers**, stated that he wanted to clarify for the public that this particular grant is for the cameras downtown, but they can look at the next funding opportunity and determine if that is a good fit for cameras for district 3.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells** to approve 1) accepting a \$23,000 grant from the Local Government Assistance Program to purchase security cameras for City parking malls; 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 (absent), Councilman Wells (Y) Motion Approved 4-0

6. A resolution 1) accepting a \$10,881 grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

**Charles Borchers**, this grant was submitted about six months or so ago. It will be enough to purchase about seven radios with accessories, extended battery and speaker microphones. There is no match requirement.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** to approve 1) accepting a \$10,881 grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department; 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 (absent), Councilman Wells (Y) Motion Approved 4-0

7. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$45,000 application to the Traffic Safety Grant Program for Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, and Juvenile Underage Drinking Enforcement.

**Charles Borchers**, state that they apply for this grant every year, there is no match and it funds overtime operations for officers and allows them to put more officers on the road.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve a resolution supporting the submission of a \$45,000 application to the Traffic Safety Grant Program for Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, and Juvenile Underage Drinking Enforcement.

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

8. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Harper Metal Building Services, Inc. for \$195,206.00 for the Maintenance Shop Addition. RFP 23-39 (Contingent on the additional funds being appropriated)

**Jana Soileau**, stated this is to add an additional two thousand six hundred and forty additional feet to the maintenance shop. It's an additional long bay and short bay. She stated that they budgeted \$181,000 and the next resolution will make up the difference of the additional funds needed if the council approves.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked how many bids they had.

**Jana Soileau**, stated they sent an email out to six people, five contractors came to the site visit and only one came back with a bid.

**Councilman Wells**, asked if the following resolution for \$14,200 is used to make up the difference in funds.

**Jana Soileau**, stated yes to make up the additional funds needed.

**Councilman Wells**, asked if the shop manager was present and asked him to come to the front. He asked him to explain to the public why and what this is needed for.

**Kent Soileau**, he explained the addition and why it is needed.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Harper Metal Building Services, Inc. for \$195,206.00 for the Maintenance Shop Addition. RFP 23-39 (Contingent on the additional funds being appropriated)

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

9. A resolution to transfer \$14,206 from General Administration - Consultant Fees (10015800-520124) to Maintenance Building Addition/Garage Improvements (Project 12213). (Lacy Landrum)

**Lacy Landrum**, stated this is to fund the contract item in resolution number eight.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** to authorize the transfer \$14,206 from General Administration - Consultant Fees (10015800-520124) to Maintenance Building Addition/Garage Improvements (Project 12213).

**Vote:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Absent), Councilman Wells (Y) Motion Approved 4-0

#### **IX. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** stated that the sewer pond that the voters approve 2.2 bond million dollars is now operational and sewer work is continuing.

#### **Council:**

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked Lacy if she could follow-up, regarding cameras in Jackson Park and check with Bobby about the house on Lato Lane that has been under construction.

**Councilman Wells**, congratulated the mayor and city council and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated that he is looking forward to working with everyone.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked the mayor about sewer lines in Rosewood/Carter St area.

**Mayor Panepinto**, stated he would check and send him an email.

**Councilman Wells**, stated to Lacy that they are having issues with garbage pick-up.

**Councilman Andrews**, invited everyone out to Martin Luther King Park on Monday for MLK Day.

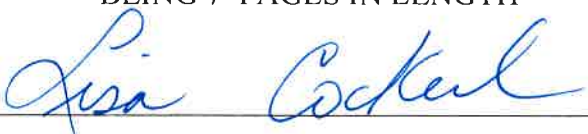
#### **X. ADJOURN:**

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adjourn the meeting. Motion Approved 4-0 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 JANUARY 10,  
2023.

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LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK



PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. An ordinance to extend 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**, stated that this was for the extension for 180 days and he explained the reason for the moratorium and why it was needed.

**Alexander Champagne** 901 E. Pecan St, stated he was a realtor speaking on behalf of allowing small multi-family units. The main item he wanted to address was the allowing of a four-plex.

**Councilman DiVittorio** stated that there were options and such as applying for variances. He stated that it did not include mixed use commercial and residential developments. He stated that it was for three or more and a duplex can be built. He asked Andre about the way the Unified Development Code is written as it relates to three units or more.

**Andre Coudrain** read the definitions of multi-family in the UDC and discussed with the Council and went on to clarify the moratorium and the discussion of multi-family development.

**Alexander Champagne**, stated that he represents several property owners that live off Whitmore Dr. and he went to the zoning department and were informed they could only build a duplex due to the moratorium.

**Andre Coudrain**, explained what was allowed.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated that she does not want it extended and she stated the reasons and she also believes there is a lot of confusion about the moratorium.

**Councilman Leon**, stated that he was not in favor of extending the moratorium for the reasons that had already been stated.

**Spiller Milton**, 608 Susan Dr, he spoke to the approval process for developments and he also stated that there should be proper planning.

**Mayor**, stated that when a development comes into the City of Hammond and before it goes to planning and zoning, they come to a meeting with the city engineer, director of sewer, then it goes to the city. If someone is going to build in the city there is a meeting with all of the above people to see if the system can handle the drainage, sewer and water.

**Councilman Wells** stated that he is looking for the moratorium to slow things down.

**Joe Meir**, 44065 High Oaks Trail, stated that he is asking that the moratorium be amended and apply to five or more units.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated it may be a communication issue and he stated you can do a double and triplex but you cannot do a fourplex.

Discussion continued on the definition of the types of units, multi-family and the Unified Development Code definition of multi-family.

**Andre Coudrain** read the definition of multi-family, duplex etc from the UDC. He stated the Council can change the moratorium to apply as the Council wishes. He stated that his recommendation is, whatever they want, it should be made clear.

**Pam Palmer** 43506 Robertson Rd, she thanked Councilman DiVittorio for his concerns and for trying to fix things in the city.

**Joe Meir**, asked for clarity on the number of units in the moratorium.

Discussion continues on the clarification and modification of the moratorium.

**Alexander Champagne** thank them for making it clearer.

**Lacy Landrum**, asked Andre if we could look at the definition of dwelling in an effort to give more clarity. She read the definition of a dwelling.

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3. The survey submitted is signed and recorded for the official lot of record.

(Lacy Landrum) Item was tabled at 1/10/23 meeting.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated the zoning commission recommended unanimously to approve. This is in district three the lot and dimensions fit and there is no need for an additional variance. Candice Bush the owner was present.

**Candice Bush**, was present to answer questions.



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

**January 24, 2023**

**6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

Councilman Wells left the meeting

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

**III. PRAYER:** Pastor Chester

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023.**

Councilman Wells returns to the meeting

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

**VI. PRESENTATION: Chief of Fire Prevention Bureau, Chief Frank Drago**

**Chief Frank Drago** made a presentation to Mr. John Ponder for extinguishing a fire at Wal-Mart which prevented a large scale incident, stopping a large financial loss for Wal-Mart and potentially saved lives. He thanked Mr. Ponder on behalf of the Hammond Fire Prevention Bureau, Mayor Pete Panepinto, Chief Daniel Folks and the City of Hammond

**VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:**

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to extend 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.

There was a discussion to clarify the definition and of multi-family housing and amend the wording of the moratorium to include, a single building containing four units is allowed, but wasn't covered by this moratorium.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to amend the ordinance to allow for a single building containing four units that would not be covered under the moratorium**

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

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to adopt the ordinance as amended to allow a single building containing four units and not be covered by the moratorium.**

**VOTE:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Leon (N), Councilman Wells (Y) Motion Approved 3-0

2. An ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Candice T. Bush (owner and applicant) to allow for a mobile home located at 508 Washington Avenue per survey by William J. Bodin, PLS dated 5/18/22; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2022-11-00115). Recommended Approval by the Zoning Commission 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; and

3. The survey submitted is signed and recorded for the official lot of record.

Item was tabled at the 1/10/23 meeting (Lacy Landrum)



**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** to adopt an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Candice T. Bush (owner and applicant) to allow for a mobile home located at 508 Washington Avenue per survey by William J. Bodin, PLS dated 5/18/22; Zoned RS-3 (Z-2022-11-00115). Recommended Approval by the Zoning Commission 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; and
3. The survey submitted is signed and recorded for the official lot of record.

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

#### **VIII. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution to approve Morrison Inc. dba Morrison Express a Convenience Store/ Gas Station located at 1200 S. Morrison Blvd to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Murad Ahmed.

**Kasey Daigle**, stated this was a change of ownership and the owners were present to answer questions.

**Murad Ahmed, the owner**, came forward, he stated they would not sell alcohol to minors.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells** to approve Morrison Inc. dba Morrison Express a Convenience Store/ Gas Station located at 1200 S. Morrison Blvd to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Murad Ahmed.

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

2. A resolution to approve Aguacates Mexican Restaurant located at 2037 W. Thomas St. Hammond, La 70401 to obtain a permit to sell on premise Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Humberto Mata.

**Kasey Daigle**, stated this was a change of ownership and owners were present to answer questions.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to approve Aguacates Mexican Restaurant located at 2037 W. Thomas St. Hammond, La 70401 to obtain a permit to sell on premise Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Humberto Mata.

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

3. A resolution to approve the appointment of one of the three following nominees Paul Murphy; Chelsea Kessenich; Sharon Smith representing the West Side Property and Business Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2024.

**Michelle Kendall**, stated there were three eligible nominations and they were all present.

Each nominee introduced themselves to the Council

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and a second by Councilman Wells to approve the appointment of Sharon Smith representing the West Side Property and Business Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2024.

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

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** to approve the appointment of Chelsea Kessenich representing the West Side Property and Business Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2024.

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

4. A resolution to purchase a Ram 1500 Classic Tradesman Crew Cab 4x4 from Community Motors, LLC for \$43,363.00 for the Building Department.

**Jana Soileau**, stated they have been waiting for over year for a truck. This company is holding the vehicle for them.

**Councilman Wells**, asked that they place tracking devices on city vehicles and equipment.

**Mayor**, stated that they will if there is money in the budget for tracking services.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio** authorizing the purchase of a Ram 1500 Classic Tradesman Crew Cab 4x4 from Community Motors, LLC for \$43,363.00 for the Building Department.

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

5. A resolution to authorize the Hammond BBQ, Inc. to sell alcohol on the City's property lying within the boundaries of S.W. Railroad Ave. from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S.W. Railroad Avenue, for the hours of 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm on Thursday, March 23, 2023; 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023; and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

**Brian Shirey, 900 w. Colorado St.**, explained the nonprofit and the event.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio** to authorize the Hammond BBQ, Inc. to sell alcohol on the City's property lying within the boundaries of S.W. Railroad Ave. from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S.W. Railroad Avenue, for the hours of 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm on Thursday, March 23, 2023; 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023; and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

**VOTE:** Kip Andrews (Y), Sam Divittorio (Y), Carlee white Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

6. A resolution to authorize a waiver of open container for the Hammond BBQ, Inc. on the City's property lying within the boundaries of S.W. Railroad Ave. from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S.W. Railroad Avenue, for the hours of 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm on Thursday, March 23, 2023; 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023; and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

**Brian Shirey-** stated this was the same as the previous item

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews** to authorize the Hammond BBQ, Inc. to obtain a waiver of open container for the Hammond BBQ, Inc. on the City's property lying within the boundaries of S.W. Railroad Ave. from 100 yards South of Coleman Street to West Thomas Street; Coleman Street from Cate Street to S.W. Railroad Avenue, for the hours of 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm on Thursday, March 23, 2023; 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023; and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

**VOTE:** Kip Andrews (Y), Sam Divittorio (Y), Carlee white Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

7. A resolution 1) accepting a grant in the amount of \$1,243,201.00 from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for Taxiway Lighting Rehabilitation Phase II and III (Construction), at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

**David Lobue** stated this was a part of the capital improvement plan.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** authorizing 1) accepting a grant in the amount of \$1,243,201.00 from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for Taxiway Lighting Rehabilitation Phase II and III (Construction), at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

8. A resolution to reappoint Joe Thomas to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five year term ending 9/30/2027.

**David Lobue**, stated Joe Thomas is up for reappointment and he continues to be an asset to the airport.

**Joe Thomas**, 145 Oak Hollow Dr. was present to answer questions.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews** to reappoint Joe Thomas to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending 9/30/27.

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

9. A Resolution to appoint Tony Michelli to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending 1/24/2028.

**David Lobue**, stated Mr. Michelli was an asset to the community.

**Mr. Tony Michelli** was present to answer question, he stated it was an honor to serve.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** to appoint Tony Michelli to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending 1/24/28.

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

## **IX. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** stated that Entergy was prepare to work if need with the expected storm.

**Council:**

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked that everyone keep the Entergy lineman that got hurt in their prayers.

**Councilman Wells left the meeting**

**Councilman Leon**, stated that there was no room for personal attacks

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, reminded everyone of the mobile home meeting on Monday.

**X. ADJOURN:** There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn the meeting. Motion Approved 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
January 30, 2023  
5:00 pm**

**I. I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman San DiVittorio**

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

**III. PRAYER:** Bobby Mitchell

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

**V. Review and Discussion of mobile homes in the City of Hammond**

Members of the City Planning and Zoning Commission were in attendance.

Lacy Landrum, passed out documents along with maps of proposed mobile home areas that has never been formally adopted.

The City Council and members of Planning and Zoning Commission discussed the approval process for mobile homes and the appropriate areas for placement of mobile homes in the City of Hammond.

Councilman Wells entered the meeting.

There was a discussion of mobile homes in the City and in council districts. There was a discussion of producing a map large map of areas within the proposed mobile home area, areas in R-11A zoning and locations where mobile homes exist for review by individual council members and the public.

Public input was provided on mobile homes in the city.

There was a discussion of another joint meeting in forty-five days as well as a request for a discussion on the multi-family issue among the city council and the planning and zoning commission members.

There was a motion by Kip Andrews and a second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
February 14, 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 (Absent)

**III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
February 14, 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 (Absent)

**III. PRAYER:** Ron Matthews

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Approval of Minutes of the January 24, 2023 meeting**

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

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

**Approval of Minutes of the January 30, 2023 meeting**

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of January 30, 2023 meeting.**

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

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to amend the agenda to go into the resolutions before the presentation by CIVIX on the Housing Growth Study.**

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

**VI. PRESENTATION- Lois Colson- CIVIX-Discuss Housing Growth Study**

**Joe Mier-** Chairman of the Housing Committee, introduced Lois Colson who made a presentation to the council on the housing growth study.



**Lois Colson**, discussed the growth study findings and made recommendations.

**City Council** discussed several questions on the report and the recommendations. The Council thanked Lois and the committee for their work.

**Joe Mier**, thanked the volunteers on the Housing Study Committee.

## **VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE**

## **VIII. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contract with Change Order, totaling \$1,211,943.00, with Ernest P. Breaux Electrical, LLC for "Replace MITL and Signage TW A (Partial), B, C, D, and E" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.

**David Lobue** stated at the last meeting he asked the council to approve the acceptance of the grant from Louisiana Department of Transportation Aviation section for this signage and lighting project. He stated this was the first part or what will probably be three parts over the next three plus years. He is asking the council approve the contracts, this is for the electrical contractor who is doing the work.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contract with Change Order, totaling \$1,211,943.00, with Ernest P. Breaux Electrical, LLC for "Replace MITL and Signage TW A (Partial), B, C, D, and E" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.

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

2. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Work Authorization for Professional Services with Michael Baker International in the amount of \$51,159 for "Airfield Electrical Improvements - Phase I (Construction)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.

**David Lobue** stated this is the construction management contract with the design engineer for this project. Michael Baker is the consulting engineer on this project.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked about the funding.

**David Lobue**, stated this not city funds, however there is a twenty thousand dollar grant match that was included in his budget at the beginning of the year to cover that.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** authorizing the Mayor to execute a Work Authorization for Professional Services with Michael Baker International in the amount of \$51,159 for "Airfield Electrical Improvements - Phase I (Construction)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. (David Lobue)

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

3. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with Tangipahoa Parish Government for the following streets to be overlaid: College Dr, Recile Lane, Tina Dr, MC Moore Rd, Second Ave, Corbin Rd, South Magnolia St, Cherie Dr, Iever St, Burton St, Weald Way, Oak Creek Trace, Magnolia Banks, Holly Dr, Ruby Oak Court, and Pine Crest Dr.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated that this was the annual contract that they receive from the parish where they handle the asphalt overlay of the streets listed.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked when the contract starts.

**Mayor**, stated generally around September

**Lacy Landrum**, stated that it depends on the contractor and if other construction is happening in that area.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews** to authorize the Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with Tangipahoa Parish Government for the following streets to be overlaid: College Dr, Recile Lane, Tina Dr, MC Moore Rd, Second Ave, Corbin Rd, South Magnolia St, Cherie Dr, Iever St, Burton St, Weald Way, Oak Creek Trace, Magnolia Banks, Holly Dr, Ruby Oak Court, and Pine Crest Dr. (Lacy Landrum)

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

## **IX. REPORTS:**

### **Mayor:**

Mayor stated that the Hammond Mardi Gras parade was great and asked everyone to be safe.

### **Council:**

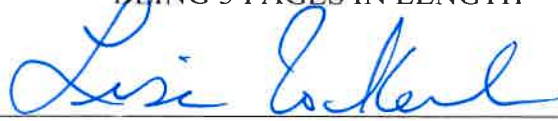
Councilman Andrews, announced that the next meeting will be the Wilbert Dangerfield Awards.

**X. ADJOURN:** **There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to adjourn the meeting. Motion Approved 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned**

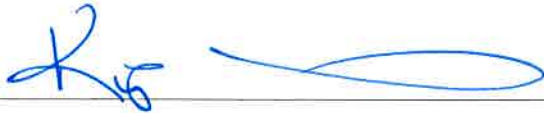
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
February 28, 2023  
5:30pm**

**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 (Absent)

**III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**

**Wilbert Dangerfield Award of Excellence Ceremony will be immediately following our regular session.**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
February 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 (Absent)

**III. PRAYER:** Pastor Patricia Bell

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

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

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

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

**VI. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

1. Introduction of an Ordinance to transfer \$42,964.91 from the Downtown Development District Fund (207) Balance to the line item of Sidewalk Improvements within the DDD Fund (20775100 - 570302).

**Michelle Kendall** stated this is for sidewalk improvements at 108 NW Railroad Ave, approved by the Downtown Development Board. This is the Downtown Development District share of sidewalk improvements.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to transfer \$42,964.91 from the Downtown Development District Fund (207) Balance to the line item of Sidewalk Improvements within the DDD Fund (20775100 - 570302).**

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

2. Introduction of an ordinance to transfer \$43,000 from the Sales Tax Fund Balance (203) to Building Maintenance - Sidewalk Maintenance line item (10028500 - 530129) for the sidewalk improvements project at 108 Northwest Railroad Avenue.

**Lacy Landrum** stated that this is the city's portion of the sidewalk improvements at 108 NW Railroad Ave. The cost is split between DDD, the city and the property owner, each is paying 1/3.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance to transfer \$43,000 from the Sales Tax Fund Balance (203) to Building Maintenance - Sidewalk**

Maintenance line item (10028500 - 530129) for the sidewalk improvements project at 108 Northwest Railroad Avenue.

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

**Jana Soileau, asked that items 3, 4 and five be removed from the agenda.**

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to remove items 3,4 and 5 from the agenda.**

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

3. Introduction of an Ordinance declaring moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to SOARR INC. of three (3) Lenovo Thinkcenter M71z computers.

**REMOVED**

4. Introduction of an Ordinance declaring moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to the Northshore STEM Coalition of three (3) Lenovo Thinkcenter M71z computers. (Jana Soileau)

**REMOVED**

5. Introduction of an Ordinance declaring moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to the Tangipahoa African American Heritage Museum of three (3) Lenovo Thinkcenter M71z computers. (Jana Soileau)

**REMOVED**

6. Introduction of an Ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the following items on Govdeals.com

1. UNIT 648- 3D2WG46A07G770018, 2007 DODGE RAM 3500 HEAVY DUTY TRUCK  
MILEAGE:  
96124.
2. UNIT 323- 1HTSCACN5H614558 1994,  
INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK,  
MILEAGE: 109551.4
3. UNIT 390- 1HTSCABP2VH471790  
1997 INTERNATIONAL 4700 TRASH TRUCK,  
MILEAGE: 89387.4
4. UNIT 654- 1HTWGAAR48J644067  
2008 INTERNATIONAL 7400 6 X 4 SBA DIESEL,  
MILEAGE: UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME
5. UNIT 392- SERIAL # TO310DA823012 310  
D, JOHN DEERE BACKHOE  
READ IN G: 4073.7 HOURS
6. 2006 HONDA PUMP,  
WP30 X GX160 5.5 3" PUMP
7. SPRAYER W/ WATER TANK,  
SERIAL #A9838
8. GREEN BOX TRAILER 70LP (BIG TEX)
9. STIHL TS 460 PIPE SAW
10. STIHL L 021 CHAIN SAW 311Y
11. SHARP ARM 207 DIGITAL IMAGES (PRINTER)
12. 2 WOOD DESKS AND 1 METAL DESK
13. 2 TALL METAL CABINETS (GREY AND BROWN)
14. 35 SAFARIL-BLACK POLICE HOLSTERS 15.
15. 14000 LBS FOUR POST AUTO LIFT
16. 2007 HONDA UPRIGHT RAMMER
17. TROY-BILT, EDGER-TRENCHER
18. 40' SEA-CAN CONTAINER
19. UNIT 540 – 7773T BOBCAT WITH TIRES

**Jana Soileau, stated this is surplus to be sold on Govdeals.com**

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the following items on Govdeals.com**

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

## **VII. RESOLUTIONS:**

1.A resolution to approve funding for the sidewalk improvements project at 108 Northwest Railroad Avenue with a three-way, equal share of the total cost of \$128,894.72, between La Carreta Inc., the Hammond Downtown Development District, and the City of Hammond. The City's contribution will be \$42,964.91 and will be contingent on approval of the DDD budget transfer and approval of the City's budget transfer.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated this was the same packet of information as item one and two and this approves the three way split between the entities.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve funding for the sidewalk improvements project at 108 Northwest Railroad Avenue with a three-way, equal share of the total cost of \$128,894.72, between La Carreta Inc., the Hammond Downtown Development District, and the City of Hammond. The City's contribution will be \$42,964.91 and will be contingent on approval of the DDD budget transfer and approval of the City's budget transfer.**

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

2.A resolution to transfer funds between line items within the Fire Millage Fund (209) to purchase a Pierce Custom Saber Pumper Truck:

Transfer \$11,332.26 from Small Tools (540167) to Fixed Assets (570000)

Transfer \$50,000.00 from Grant Match (560634) to Fixed Assets (570000)

Transfer \$234,141.94 from Building Improvements (570141) to Fixed Assets (570000).

**Chief Folks** stated, they are transferring money from their Fire Millage Fund and consolidating that into fixed assets to make the purchase.

**Councilwoman Gonzales** asked about the building improvement funds and if they were earmarked for something else.

**Chief Folks** stated that they were earmarked for the training tower and the remodel at the Central Station, those projects have been completed and they had some funds left over.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked about the previous truck being in an accident and if insurance covered anything.

**Chief Folks**, stated yes they did receive some funds.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated they are using all the funds from the fire millage account and that money is received into the insurance fund account which is recognized as revenue. She stated they had two options and could go with all the money in the fire millage into one line item to be able to go forward with the purchase or if they are moving money between funds it would take an ordinance. They decided because the chief was on a quick timeline to get this order finish, they did it to just consolidate the same line items within the fire millage within the same fund which can be done by resolution and handled in one meeting.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to transfer funds between line items within the Fire Millage Fund (209) to purchase a Pierce Custom Saber Pumper Truck: Transfer \$11,332.26 from Small Tools (540167) to Fixed Assets (570000), Transfer \$50,000.00 from Grant Match (560634) to Fixed Assets (570000), Transfer \$234,141.94 from Building Improvements (570141) to Fixed Assets (570000).**

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

3. A resolution for the Fire Department to purchase a Pierce Custom Saber Pumper Truck for \$631,905.01 State Contract # 4400017741

**Chief Folks**, stated that this was for the purchase of the fire truck.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales for the Fire Department to purchase a Pierce Custom Saber Pumper Truck for \$631,905.01 State Contract # 4400017741.**

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

4. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Enmon Enterprises LLC DBA Jani –King for Janitorial services for the Recreation Department in the amount of \$58,896.00 annually.

**Jana Soileau**, stated they put out an RFP for janitorial services for the Recreation Department and Jani-King was the lowest bidder.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with contract with Enmon Enterprises LLC DBA Jani –King for Janitorial services for the Recreation Department in the amount of \$58,896.00 annually.**

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



5. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$50,000 grant application to the AARP Community Challenge to transform Morrison Alley and its pocket park into a vibrant public space.

**Charles Borchers**, stated the goal is to make the alley space multipurpose. The grant will help to transform the space. They are looking to improve the pocket park and there is no match for this grant.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio** to approve supporting the submission of a \$50,000 grant application to the AARP Community Challenge to transform Morrison Alley and its pocket park into a vibrant public space.

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

6. A resolution to Ratify & Award bids received 2/23/2023 for "Concrete Street Improvements (FY2023) Project No. 420-12310

**Chuck Spangler**, presented results and recommends award to Stubbs NK Contractors, the lowest bidder in the amount of \$476,321.80.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** to "Ratify and Award bids received 2/23/2023 for "Concrete Street Improvements (FY2023) Project No. 420-12310.

**Vote:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Absent)

**VIII. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** stated that sales taxes were down, but they are still doing well. He stated that December sales taxes were lower and encouraged everyone to shop local.

**Council:**

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked about debris on Monistere Lane from Entergy work.

**Councilwoman Gonzales** stated that Clark Park construction has begun.

**IX. ADJOURN:** **There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to adjourn the meeting. Motion Approved 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned

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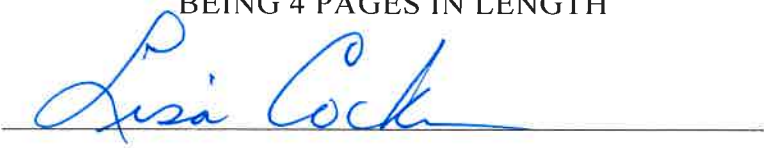
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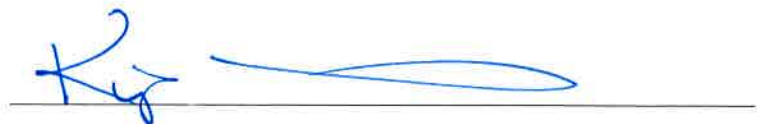
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTED  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
March 14, 2023  
5:30pm**

**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 (Absent)

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. An ordinance to transfer \$42,964.91 from the Downtown Development District Fund (207) Balance to the line item of Sidewalk Improvements within the DDD Fund (20775100 - 570302).

**Michelle Kendall**, stated this is for the Downtown Development District's share of the sidewalk improvements for the project at 108 Northwest Railroad Ave.

**No Public Comment**

2. An ordinance to transfer \$43,000 from the Sales Tax Fund Balance (203) to Building Maintenance - Sidewalk Maintenance line item (10028500 - 530129) for the sidewalk improvements project at 108 Northwest Railroad Avenue.

**Lacy Landrum** stated this was the city's portion of an equal three way split for the sidewalk improvement.

**No Public Comment**

3. An ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the following items on Govdeals.com

1. UNIT 648- 3D2WG46A07G770018, 2007 DODGE RAM 3500 HEAVY DUTY TRUCK  
MILEAGE:

96124.

2. UNIT 323- 1HTSCACN5H614558 1994 ,  
INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK,

MILEAGE: 109551.4

3. UNIT 390- 1HTSCABP2VH471790  
1997 INTERNATIONAL 4700 TRASH TRUCK,  
MILEAGE: 89387.4

4. UNIT 654- 1HTWGAAR48J644067  
2008 INTERNATIONAL 7400 6 X 4 SBA DIESEL,  
MILEAGE: UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME

5. UNIT 392- SERIAL # TO310DA823012  
310 D, JOHN DEERE BACKHOE  
READ IN G: 4073.7 HOURS

6. 2006 HONDA PUMP,  
WP30 X GX160 5.5 3" PUMP

7. SPRAYER W/ WATER TANK,  
SERIAL #A9838

8. GREEN BOX TRAILER 70LP (BIG TEX)
9. STIHL TS 460 PIP E SAW
10. STIHL 021 CHAIN SAW 311Y
11. SHARP ARM 207 DIGITAL IMAGES (PRINTER)
12. 2 WOOD DESKS AND 1 METAL DESK
13. 2 TALL METAL CABINETS (GREY AND BROWN)
14. 35 SAFARIL-BLACK POLICE HOLSTERS
15. 15. 14000 LBS FOUR POST AUTO LIFT
16. 2007 HONDA UPRIGHT RAMMER
17. TROY-BILT, EDGER-TRENCHER
18. 40' SEA-CAN CONTAINER
19. UNIT 540 – 7773T BOBCAT WITH TIRES

**Jana Soileau**, stated she is asking the council's permission to sell the above items as surplus, they are no longer useful or needed.

**No Public Comment**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
March 14, 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 (Absent)

**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 the February 28, 2023 meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 meeting.

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

**VI. PRESENTATION:** Railroad Park History Exhibit

**Michelle Kendall**, made a presentation of the Railroad Park History Exhibit.

**VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to transfer \$42,964.91 from the Downtown Development District Fund (207) Balance to the line item of Sidewalk Improvements within the DDD Fund (20775100 - 570302). (Michelle Kendall)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to adopt an ordinance to transfer \$42,964.91 from the Downtown Development District Fund (207) Balance to the line item of Sidewalk Improvements within the DDD Fund (20775100 - 570302).

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

2. Final adoption of an Ordinance to transfer \$43,000 from the Sales Tax Fund Balance (203) to Building Maintenance - Sidewalk Maintenance line item (10028500 - 530129) for the sidewalk improvements project at 108 Northwest Railroad Avenue. (Lacy Landrum)

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt an ordinance to transfer \$43,000 from the Sales Tax Fund Balance (203) to Building Maintenance - Sidewalk Maintenance line item (10028500 - 530129) for the sidewalk improvements project at 108 Northwest Railroad Avenue.

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

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There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt an Ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the following items on Govdeals.com

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

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

1. Introduction of an Ordinance to establish procedures related to retired service animals.  
**Lacy Landrum** stated the ordinance was drafted by the city attorney.  
**Andre Coudrain**, City Attorney, explained what the process was and the reason for the ordinance.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an Ordinance to establish procedures related to retired service animals.**

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

2. Introduction of an ordinance to revise the requirements for permits to ambulance services and other provisions relative thereto. (Dwain Meche)

**Lacy Landrum**, stated this ordinance is to align the city ambulatory services with the parish.

**Dwain Meche**, Arcadian Ambulance, stated that he works with quality assurance panel for Tangipahoa Parish on Ambulance services and this is to mirror the parish ordinance.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce 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 (absent) Motion Approved 4-0

## **IX. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution to authorize the purchase of (3) 2023 Ram 1500 SSV Crew Cab 4 x4 for the Fire Department from Premier Automotive. Total Cost \$119,818.35. State Contract 4400023795.

**Councilman Wells** entered the meeting

**Chief Folks** stated, they were approved for three Ford F150 Trucks in 2021 but the order was canceled. Dodge opened up a state contract and so they are replacing the truck order that was canceled with Dodge Trucks.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the purchase of (3) 2023 Ram 1500 SSV Crew Cab 4 x4 for the Fire Department from Premier Automotive. Total Cost \$119,818.35. State Contract 4400023795.**

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

2. A resolution to approve Milan's Wood Fired Pizza located at 505 West Thomas St. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell on premise Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Milan's Wood Fired Pizza, LLC.

**Kasey Daigle**, stated this was a change of ownership and all requirements were met. The owner was present to answer questions.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve Milan's Wood Fired Pizza located at 505 West Thomas St. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell on premise Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Milan's Wood Fired Pizza, LLC.**

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

3. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign Task Order 2 with Principal Engineering for \$299,930 to complete phases 2 and 3 of the flood study. (Lacy Landrum)

**Lacy Landrum** stated, the money was already budgeted and this is within budget.

**Henry Defranco** with Principal Engineering was present to answer question and provided information on the flood study.

**Councilman Wells**, asked about the completion of work and the cost to tax payers.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Hwy 190 West asked about the project

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the Mayor to sign Task Order 2 with Principal Engineering for \$299,930 to complete phases 2 and 3 of the flood study**

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



4. A resolution to approve the appointment of Todd Delaune and Russell Mayeur, representing the East Side Property and Business Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a partial term effective immediately to December 31, 2023.

**Michelle Kendall**, stated both meet all eligibility criteria, but there is only one vacant set. The seat was made available due to the resignation of Frank DiVittorio.

**Russell Mayeur**, stated he was the owner of RAM Properties. He was present to answer any questions.

**Todd Delaune**, stated he was the owner of Red, White & Brew and other businesses. He was present to answer questions.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the appointment of Todd Delaune representing the East Side Property and Business Owners to the Downtown Development District Board for a partial term effective immediately to December 31, 2023.**

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

5. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Downtown Development District to serve alcohol during the Picnic in the Park event on Friday, March 31st from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Alcohol will be served on the 100 block of W. Charles St.

**Councilman DiVittorio** left the meeting.

**Michelle Kendall** stated the event is held in Cate Square Park.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Hammond Downtown Development District to serve alcohol during the Picnic in the Park event on Friday, March 31st from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Alcohol will be served on the 100 block of W. Charles St.**

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

6. A resolution to authorize Northshore Arts in Bloom to serve alcohol during the Downtown Development District's Picnic in the Park event on Saturday, April 29th from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Alcohol will be served on the 100 block of W. Charles St.

**Michelle Kendall** stated the Downtown Development District was partnering with the Northshore Arts in Bloom.

**Colleen Scarle** was present to answer questions.

**Councilman DiVittorio** returned to the meeting.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize Northshore Arts in Bloom to serve alcohol during the Downtown Development District's Picnic in the Park event on Saturday, April 29th from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Alcohol will be served on the 100 block of W. Charles St.**

**Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0**

7. A resolution to authorize Southeastern Louisiana University Alumni Association Inc to serve alcohol during the Downtown Development District's Picnic in the Park event on Friday, May 26th from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Alcohol will be served on the 100 block of W. Charles St.

**Michelle Kendall** stated this is the last spring concert and it will be a green and gold night.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize Southeastern Louisiana University Alumni Association Inc to serve alcohol during the Downtown Development District's Picnic in the Park event on Friday, May 26th from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Alcohol will be served on the 100 block of W. Charles St.**

**Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0**

8. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District during the Picnic in the Park events, held on the following days -- Friday, March 31, 2023, Saturday, April 29, 2023, and Friday, May 26, 2023 -- each from 5:00pm-8:00pm. The event boundaries are W. Charles St., N. Magnolia St., W. Robert St. and N. Oak St.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District during the Picnic in the Park events, held on the following days -- Friday, March 31, 2023, Saturday, April 29, 2023, and Friday, May 26, 2023 -- each from 5:00pm-8:00pm. The event boundaries are W. Charles St., N. Magnolia St., W. Robert St. and N. Oak St.**

**Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0**

9. A resolution to authorize the Downtown Development District to serve alcohol during the Hammond Farmers & Artisans Market Spring Fest event on Saturday, April 29th from 8:00am-1:00pm. Alcohol will be served on the #2 block of W Thomas St. (Michelle Kendall)

**Michelle Kendall** stated this is on the same day as the Picnic in the Park but at different location.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** to authorize the Downtown Development District to serve alcohol during the Hammond Farmers & Artisans Market Spring Fest event on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-1:00pm. Alcohol will be served on the #2 block of W Thomas St. (Michelle Kendall)

**Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0**

10. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District for the Hammond Farmers & Artisans Market Spring Fest event on Saturday, April 29th from 8:00am-1:00pm. The event boundaries are W. Thomas St and NW Railroad Ave.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District for the Hammond Farmers & Artisans Market Spring Fest event on Saturday, April 29th from 8:00am-1:00pm. The event boundaries are W. Thomas St and NW Railroad Ave.

**Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0**

11. A resolution for the IT Department to purchase a Generac Industrial Model SD050 diesel engine-driven generator in the amount of \$26,005.70. State Contract #4400026321

**Lacy Landrum**, stated that this is for the IT room only, it's a diesel model and it is within budget.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews** for the IT Department to purchase a Generac Industrial Model SD050 diesel engine-driven generator in the amount of \$26,005.70. State Contract #4400026321

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

12. A resolution to approve Budget Change Form 23-01 merging the remaining balance from FY2019 appropriation to "Lift Station Improvements (FY2023)" (Project 616-12302)

**Jay Pittman**, stated this was to transfer the remaining balance from FY2019 miscellaneous water and sewer appropriation to the FY 2023 Lift Station Improvements.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Hwy 190 West asked questions about the lift stations.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** to approve Budget Change Form 23-01 merging the remaining balance from FY2019 appropriation to "Lift Station Improvements (FY2023)" (Project 616-12302) .

**Vote: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y)**

13. A resolution to Ratify & Award bids received 3/9/2023 for "Lift Station Improvements (FY2023)" Project No. 616-12302.

**Jay Pittman**, Spangler Engineering, explained the bid contract and tabulation and recommends award to Lawson Bonet Contractor for \$734,076, which is a local company with the lowest bid.

**Councilman Wells**, asked about the amount of time it would take to complete the project.

**Jay Pittman**, explained the contract terms and estimated the time based on the ability to get the needed equipment.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to approve Budget Change Form 23-01 merging the remaining balance from FY2019 appropriation to "Lift Station Improvements (FY2023)" (Project 616-123023)

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

14. A resolution approving repairs to the old basketball pavilion in Mooney Avenue Park by the lowest responsive and properly licensed quoter in an amount not to exceed \$60,000. Note: the goal is to expedite repairs so new playground equipment can be installed in April; \$78,000 is already budgeted under Project 12112 - Mooney Avenue Park - Playground Improvements to cover repairs.

**Charles Borchers IV**, stated the equipment is to be installed under the old basketball pavilion, the funds were budgeted in 2021, they already accepted delivery of the equipment.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to approve repairs to the old basketball pavilion in Mooney Avenue Park by the lowest responsive and properly licensed quoter in an amount not to exceed \$60,000. Note: the goal is to expedite repairs so new playground equipment can be installed in April; \$78,000 is already budgeted under Project 12112 - Mooney Avenue Park - Playground Improvements to cover repairs.

**Vote:** Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

## **X. REPORTS:**

### **Mayor:**

**Mayor** thanked Home Depot for helping with clean-up of downtown on Saturday. He announced the dates for picnic in the park 3/31, 4/29 and 5/28/2023.

### **Council:**

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked about projects; Blackburn Ext., Utility lines in Villa West, Ditches in Lato Lane; lights out on W. Church, west Dal & Belfast; cameras in Jackson Park.

**Councilman Wells**, asked about projects; Mooney Ave, Brent St and Cameras in the park.

**Councilman Andrews**, asked about ordinances and Campo Street.

## **XI. ADJOURN**

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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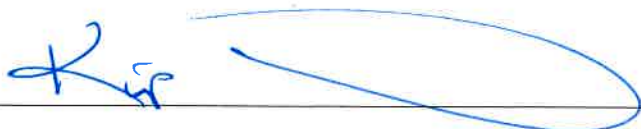
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**I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews**

**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  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
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**

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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

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

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

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**



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

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

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

**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 the March 28, 2023 meeting,

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2023 meeting.**

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

Approval of Minutes of April 03, 2023 Meeting

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023 meeting.**

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

**VI. PRESENTATION:**

**Mr. Washington Ryles**, Vice President with NACA, made a presentation on Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America (NACA) and the homeownership opportunity program

Michelle Treschwig, Kushner LaGraize, she presented the council with the results of the city’s audit for the prior fiscal year, this was an unmodified opinion, which is a clean audit. She also reviewed the financial statements with the council.

**VII. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

1. Introduction of an ordinance to adopt and establish a tax on all taxable property within the corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2023. (Kasey Daigle)

Public Works	2.00 Mills
General Alimony:	9.04 Mills
Police & Fire:	10.00 Mills
Total:	21.04 Mills

**Kasey Daigle**, stated that this is done yearly there is not a tax increase. These are current rates voted on or required by state law.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Hwy 190 W., asked questions about the taxes.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** to introduce an ordinance to adopt and establish a tax on all taxable property within the corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2023.

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

**Public Hearing is scheduled for April 25, 2023**

2. Introduction of an ordinance to amend the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

**Laura Hammett**, stated amendments are needed to update variances over 5% and recognize sales tax and utility bill increases.

**Sal Nicolosi**, asked questions about the budget amendments.

**Councilman Wells** enters the meeting

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** to introduce an ordinance to amend the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

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

**Public Hearing is scheduled for April 25, 2023**

3. Introduction of an ordinance to provide for the permitting of Mobile Food Vendors. (Kip Andrews)

**Council members** discussed the ordinance.

**Kelly West**, 116 Elm St, discussed his concerns that he has with the ordinance and was speaking on behalf of himself and other food truck owners.

**Sal Nicolosi**, discussed the ordinance and concerns over food trucks.

**Henry**, stated he doesn’t want food trucks in clustered areas.

**Sandra Weary**, asked about food trucks

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells** to introduce an ordinance to provide for the permitting of Mobile Food Vendors.

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

**Public Hearing is scheduled for April 25, 2023**

**IX. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution authorizing Tacos & Beer to sell and serve alcohol for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Friday, May 5, 2023, from 3:00pm to 10:00pm in the Morrison Alley Park behind the restaurant and between Cypress and Cherry Streets. (Brandon Robertson)

**Brandon Robertson**, manager at Tacos and Beer was present asked for approval to sell and serve alcohol at the Cinco de Mayo celebration.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells** authorizing Tacos & Beer to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Friday, May 5, 2023, from 3:00pm to 10:00pm in the Morrison Alley Park behind the restaurants and between Cypress and Cherry Streets.

**Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y).** Motion approved 5-0

2. A resolution authorizing Tacos & Beer to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Friday, May 5, 2023, from 3:00pm to 10:00pm in the Morrison Alley Park behind the restaurant and between Cypress and Cherry Streets. (Brandon Robertson)

**Brandon Robertson**, manager at Tacos and Beer was present and requested a waiver of the Open Container Law at the Cinco de Mayo celebration.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing Tacos & Beer to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Friday, May 5, 2023, from 3:00pm to 10:00pm in the Morrison Alley Park behind the restaurants and between Cypress and Cherry Streets.**

**Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motiond approve 5-0**

3. A resolution authorizing La Carreta, located at 108 Northwest Railroad Avenue, to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Friday, May 5, 2023, from 1:00pm to 10:00pm in the closed area of West Charles Street in front of the restaurant and in the south side of the Casa de Fresa parking lot. (Mary Royer)

**Mary Royer**, La Carretta, asked for a waiver of the Open Container Law for Cinco de Mayo celebration. **Mayor**, asked if they had police detail

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Highway 190, asked about the event.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing La Carreta, located at 108 Northwest Railroad Avenue, to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Friday, May 5, 2023, from 1:00pm to 10:00pm in the closed area of West Charles Street in front of the restaurant and in the south side of the Casa de Fresa parking lot.**

**Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion approve 5-0**

4. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew insurance coverage for the City of Hammond for the period of May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024.

**Don Stiel**, provided an insurance proposal and gave a summary of coverages. Don Stiel and the City Council discussed the premium and causes for premium increases.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Hwy 190 W, asked about the policy.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing the Mayor to renew insurance coverage as presented for the City of Hammond for the period of May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024.

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

5. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract on behalf of the City of Hammond with Lawson-Bonet Construction, Inc. to rehabilitate Chevy Well in the amount of \$142,000.00. (Guy Palermo)

**David Foster**, asked about the pump project.

**Guy Palermo**, provided information about the project.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Hwy 190 West asked about the project.

**Jana Soileau**, explained the bidding process.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract on behalf of the City of Hammond to accept the proposal of Lawson Bonet Construction for the Chevy Well in the amount of \$142,000.00 RFP-23-47.

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

6. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract on behalf of the City of Hammond with DPC Enterprises in the Estimated Amount of \$66,142.00 (Jana Soileau)

**Jana Soileau**, stated this is for the water well and DPC was the only company that submitted a bid.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract on behalf of the City of Hammond with DPC Enterprises in the Estimated Amount of \$66,142.00.

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

## **X. REPORTS:**

**Mayor: No Report**

**Council:**

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated she's having a town hall meeting on a golf cart ordinance at 5pm in the City Council Chamber.

**Councilman Wells**, mentioned the shooting that took place in Martin Luther King Park. He stated he was concerned for the public and re-stated the need for cameras in the park.

**Wilma Banks**, 115 Lizzy Watts Lane, state that the person shot in the park was her nephew and she stated that they need police involvement in the black community.

**Councilman Wells**, asked for more police presence, signs and speed bumps.

**Councilman Vittorio**, asked about utility lines

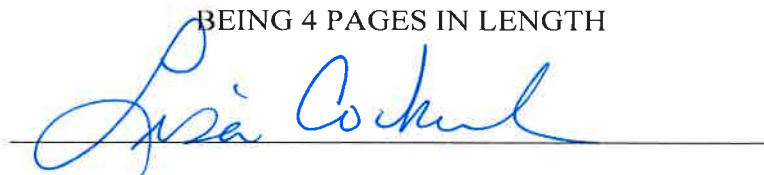
**XI. ADJOURN**

There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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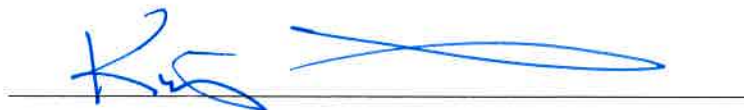
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April 25, 2023  
5:30pm**

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

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. An Ordinance to adopt and establish a tax on all taxable property within the corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2023.

Public Works	2.00 Mills
General Alimony:	9.04 Mills
Police & Fire:	10.00 Mills
Total:	21.04 Mills

**Kasey Daigle**, stated this is an annual renewal and this is not a new tax or tax increase.

**No public comment**

2. An Ordinance to amend the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

**Lacy Landrum**, explained the amendments and provided a summary

She stated after meeting with department heads, the line item for overtime has changed from \$40,000 to \$90,000 and is requesting this change and the other amendments.

**No public comment**

3. An Ordinance to provide for the permitting of Mobile Food Vendors.

**Kelly West**, 116 Elm Dr. Spoke in support of the ordinance with changes.

**Jessie Corden**, Macedonia Rd, asked questions about permits.

**Bruce Lebrecque**, 303 S. Linden St, stated he has a contract with Chappapeela Park, and he was concerned about food trucks being in the park.

**City Council discussed possible changes**



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6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

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

**III. PRAYER: 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 April 25, 2023 meeting,

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023 meeting.**

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

**VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to adopt and establish a tax on all taxable property within the corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2023. (Kasey Daigle)

Public Works	2.00 Mills
General Alimony:	9.04 Mills
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**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to adopt and establish a tax on all taxable property within the corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2023.**

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the ordinance with the amendments as introduced except changing overtime from \$40,000 to \$90,000.**

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance to provide for the permitting of Mobile Food Vendors.

Council discussed the suggested changes to the ordinance. Andre Coudrain reviewed the changes and there was a motion to table the item until the next meeting to allow for the changes to be made and reviewed.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to table the ordinance to provide for the permitting of Mobile Food Vendors.**

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

**VII. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

1. An ordinance to amend the code of ordinances relative to abandoned and junked motor vehicles and other provisions relative thereto.

**Bobby Mitchell**, reviewed ordinance with councilmembers, explaining the process.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews** to introduce an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances relative to abandoned and junked motor vehicles and other provisions relative thereto.

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

**Public Hearing is scheduled for May 9, 2023**

2. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a request by SECO Group LLC to rezone Lot S-1 and Lot S-2 in Block 43 from MX-CBD to MX-C, located at 201 E Robert St. and 306 N Cypress St. per survey by Randall W. Brown & Associates, Inc. dated 12/27/2022, with the following uses prohibited: Social Services, Civic Uses, Parks and open space, Minor utilities, Country Club, Animal Care, Convenience store without gas, Convenience store with gas, All vehicle sales and rentals, All water-oriented sales and services, All light industrial, Bottling plant, Publishing establishment, printing plant, Canning and preserving foods, Lumber yard as part of retail establishment, Contractor's storage yard, Carpentry shop, Any retail or wholesale use not the storage above ground of petroleum and other inflammable liquids in excess of 100,000 gallons, All research and development, All self-storage, All vehicle services, Off street parking, Storage garages and parking lots for use solely by occupants and guests of the premises, Radio and television towers incidental to a permitted use, Tattoo parlor, Major utilities, Commercial parking lots and garages, All outdoor recreation, Sweet Shop.

**Lacy Landrum** stated this case came before the Planning and Zoning Commission on April 13, 2023 and they unanimously recommended approval.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** to introduce an ordinance to approve a request by SECO Group LLC to rezone Lot S-1 and Lot S-2 in Block 43 from MX-CBD to MX-C, located at 201 E Robert St. and 306 N Cypress St. per survey by Randall W. Brown & Associates, Inc. dated 12/27/2022, with the following uses prohibited: Social Services, Civic Uses, Parks and open space, Minor utilities, Country Club, Animal Care, Convenience store without gas, Convenience store with gas, All vehicle sales and rentals, All water-oriented sales and services, All light industrial, Bottling plant, Publishing establishment, printing plant, Canning and preserving foods, Lumber yard as part of retail establishment, Contractor's storage yard, Carpentry shop, Any retail or wholesale use not the storage above ground of petroleum and other inflammable liquids in excess of 100,000 gallons, All research and development, All self-storage, All vehicle services, Off street parking, Storage garages and parking lots for use solely by occupants and guests of the premises, Radio and television towers incidental to a permitted use, Tattoo parlor, Major utilities, Commercial parking lots and garages, All outdoor recreation, Sweet Shop.

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

**Public Hearing is scheduled for May 9, 2023**

3. Introduction of an ordinance authorizing the operation of golf carts on certain streets in the city, prohibiting the use of golf carts on certain streets, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**Councilwoman Gonzales** stated she held a town hall meeting to discuss the use of golf carts in the city. She and the council reviewed the proposed ordinance.

**There was a motion by Council Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to introduce an ordinance authorizing the operation of golf carts on certain streets in the city, prohibiting the use of golf carts on certain streets, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

**Public Hearing is scheduled for May 9, 2023**

## **IX. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with Cintas, for the approximate annual amount of \$50,000 for City of Hammond maintenance and utility worker uniforms.

**Jana Soileau** stated the current uniform rental contract is expiring on June 30<sup>th</sup>. They put out a new RFP 2403 for uniform rentals and they received two proposals and Cintas was the best bid and she is asking for the council's approval to move forward with the contract.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with Cintas, for the approximate annual amount of \$50,000 for City of Hammond maintenance and utility worker uniforms.

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

2. A resolution to Ratify and Award Bids received 4/20/2023 for “Sidewalk Improvements [FY2023]” – proj. 420-12308”

**Chuck Spangler**, stated that this was for sidewalks and recommends the award to the lowest bidder, Warner Construction Inc., with a bid amount of \$239,903.00.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to Ratify and Award Bids received 4/20/2023 for “Sidewalk Improvements [FY2023]” – proj. 420-12308” to Warner Construction Inc., with a bid amount of \$239,903.00**

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

## **X. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** Commended the city and the city workers for their hard work cleaning up the city. The city received the District Award for the cleanest city.

## **Council:**

**Councilwoman Gonzales** mentioned activities that will be taking place this weekend down town; Art & Blooms, Farmers Market and Picnic in Park.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, acknowledged the Housing Enhancement Committee and wanted to make sure all the committee nominees were sent in.

**Councilman Andrews**, mentioned the extra security detail in the parks as we go into the summer months and keeping everyone safe.

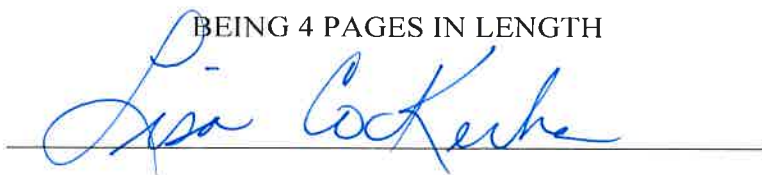
## **XI. ADJOURN**

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  
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
May 9, 2023  
5:30pm**

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

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. An ordinance to amend the code of ordinances relative to abandoned and junked motor vehicles and other provisions relative thereto.

**Bobby Mitchell** explained the ordinance.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked about the process.

**No Public Comment**

2. An ordinance to approve a request by SECO Group LLC to rezone Lot S-1 and Lot S-2 in Block 43 from MX-CBD to MX-C, located at 201 E Robert St. and 306 N Cypress St. per survey by Randall W. Brown & Associates, Inc. dated 12/27/2022, with the following uses prohibited: Social Services, Civic Uses, Parks and open space, Minor utilities, Country Club, Animal Care, Convenience store without gas, Convenience store with gas, All vehicle sales and rentals, All water-oriented sales and services, All light industrial, Bottling plant, Publishing establishment, printing plant, Canning and preserving foods, Lumber yard as part of retail establishment, Contractor's storage yard, Carpentry shop, Any retail or wholesale use not the storage above ground of petroleum and other inflammable liquids in excess of 100,000 gallons, All research and development, All self-storage, All vehicle services, Off street parking, Storage garages and parking lots for use solely by occupants and guests of the premises, Radio and television towers incidental to a permitted use, Tattoo parlor, Major utilities, Commercial parking lots and garages, All outdoor recreation, Sweet Shop.

**Lacy Landrum** stated this was recommended for approval by Planning and Zoning on April 5<sup>th</sup>. This is located in District 1.

**Councilman Wells** entered the meeting.

**No Public Comment**

3. An ordinance authorizing the operation of golf carts on certain streets in the city, prohibiting the use of golf carts on certain streets, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**Councilwoman Gonzales** explained the ordinance.

**No Public Comments**





**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
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May 9, 2023  
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

**II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Kip Andrews (P), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Wells (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 April 25, 2023 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023 meeting.

**Vote:** Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Abstain) Motion Approved 4-1

**VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

**A. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to provide for the permitting of Mobile Food Vendors. (Kip Andrews) City Council discussed and approved changes.

**Kelly West**, 116 Elm Drive had concerns over restrictions on parking in residential areas.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt the ordinance as presented with changes that were made as a result of the public comments, not including restrictions on parking in residential areas.**

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

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances relative to abandoned and junked motor vehicles and other provisions relative thereto.

**Bobby Mitchell**, stated the primary change is to identify the definition of abandon vehicles being those that are in the public right of way, unattended junked and wrecked vehicles on private property, where the code enforcement department can have them removed.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to adopt an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances relative to abandoned and junked motor vehicles and other provisions relative thereto.**

**VOTE:** Councilman Kip 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 approve a request by SECO Group LLC to rezone Lot S-1 and Lot S-2 in Block 43 from MX-CBD to MX-C, located at 201 E Robert St. and 306 N Cypress St. per survey by Randall W. Brown & Associates, Inc. dated 12/27/2022, with the following uses prohibited: Social Services, Civic Uses, Parks and open space, Minor utilities, Country Club, Animal Care, Convenience store without gas, Convenience store with gas, All vehicle sales and rentals, All water-oriented sales and services, All light industrial, Bottling plant, Publishing establishment, printing plant, Canning and preserving foods, Lumber yard as part of retail establishment, Contractor's storage yard, Carpentry shop, Any retail or wholesale use not the storage above ground of petroleum and other inflammable liquids in excess of 100,000 gallons, All research and development, All self-storage, All vehicle services, Off street



parking, Storage garages and parking lots for use solely by occupants and guests of the premises, Radio and television towers incidental to a permitted use, Tattoo parlor, Major utilities, Commercial parking lots and garages, All outdoor recreation, Sweet Shop.

**Lacy Landrum** stated, this is a rezoning from mixed commercial business district to mixed commercial. It is in alignment with the surrounding area and they agreed to remove the listed options as eligible uses.

**Councilwoman Gonzales** asked, if anyone came to planning and zoning meeting to voice their opinion.

**Lacy Landrum** stated, there was no one against it and the people that came were in support of it.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to adopt an ordinance to approve a request by SECO Group LLC to rezone Lot S-1 and Lot S-2 in Block 43 from MX-CBD to MX-C, located at 201 E Robert St. and 306 N Cypress St. per survey by Randall W. Brown & Associates, Inc. dated 12/27/2022, with the following uses prohibited: Social Services, Civic Uses, Parks and open space, Minor utilities, Country Club, Animal Care, Convenience store without gas, Convenience store with gas, All vehicle sales and rentals, All water-oriented sales and services, All light industrial, Bottling plant, Publishing establishment, printing plant, Canning and preserving foods, Lumber yard as part of retail establishment, Contractor's storage yard, Carpentry shop, Any retail or wholesale use not the storage above ground of petroleum and other inflammable liquids in excess of 100,000 gallons, All research and development, All self-storage, All vehicle services, Off street parking, Storage garages and parking lots for use solely by occupants and guests of the premises, Radio and television towers incidental to a permitted use, Tattoo parlor, Major utilities, Commercial parking lots and garages, All outdoor recreation, Sweet Shop.

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance authorizing the operation of golf carts on certain streets in the city, prohibiting the use of golf carts on certain streets, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**Councilwoman Gonzales** stated, incorporating the ability of the city to the state law that allows the city to pass an ordinance allowing golf carts.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews** to adopt an ordinance authorizing the operation of golf carts on certain streets in the city, prohibiting the use of golf carts on certain streets, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

## **VII. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

1. Introduction of an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in accordance with the procedures of Section 5-03 of the City's Charter.

**Laura Hammett**, stated this is the introduction of the FY 2023-2024 budget and gave the date of the budget work session and public hearing date.

**Budget Work Session will be scheduled for Friday, June 2, 2023 at 8:30am. The Final Public Hearing will be scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 5:30pm.**

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** to introduce an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in accordance with the procedures of Section 5-03 of the City's Charter.

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

## **IX. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution to Ratify and award bids received 4/27/2023 for "Drainage Improvements [FY2023]" – project no. 420-12307.

**Ben Tassin**, Spangler Engineering, stated the award was to the lowest bidder Richard Price Contracting Co. in the amount of \$1,797,961.00 and it is within budget.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells** to "Ratify and Award bids received 4/27/2023 for "Drainage Improvements (FY2023)"- Project No. 420-12307 to low bidder Richard Price Contracting Co. in the amount of \$1,797,961.00.

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

2. A resolution authorizing Fine Thyme Catering to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for the Cafe that is being run in conjunction with Gnarly Barley.

**Kasey Daigle** stated that no alcohol will be sold. The café is looking to have the alcohol that's sold at Gnarley Barley to be consumed on their premises during their business hours.

**Henry Jackson**, 46223 McMoore Rd, was concerned over the operation and the location of the businesses and is not in support of the resolution. He stated they are not in favor of them selling alcohol near their church. He asked the council to explain what the businesses were trying to do.

**Councilman Wells** asked Kasey Daigle to explain.

**Kasey Daigle** stated, they are not asking for an alcohol license. They are asking for a waiver for the café that is across the street. There is not going to be any alcohol sold this is giving the option to walk across the street and consume the alcohol on the premises of the café.

**Henry Jackson** expressed his concerns and stated this is getting out of hand and he believes this is a bad situation and they are totally against it.

**Councilman Wells**, expressed his concerns.

**Zack Carmada**, 1511 University Dr, owner of Gnarly Barley, stated Mr. Jackson was at the two previous meeting, to rezone and approval of the alcohol license, when they requested approval of the resolutions.

**Councilman Wells**, asked if anyone notified the church.

**Zack Carmada**, stated that it is outside of the 300 foot range that is required by the city and state.

**Councilman Wells**, stated that it's not and they will need to do a measurement and this is his first time seeing this and he asked Lacy Landrum to clarify whether churches need to be notified when alcohol is being served close to their premises.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated no and that wasn't a part of any ordinance.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked about the original variance.

**Ron Matthews**, stated this came before the planning and zoning prior to him being on the committee. He asked if there was a miss representation as to what was to be built and operated on the property.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated he recalls it was different from when it was first introduced the council.

**Ron Matthews**, spoke on behalf of the church and he is in opposition of the resolution.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked why is this something the city should approve if it's private property. She stated this is not a license to sell alcohols so why is this before the council.

**Andre Coudrain**, stated because will be crossing a public street.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated across the street it becomes an open container space and they thought they had to have an approval. Council, Administration and City Attorney discussed open versus closed container and crossing the street.

**Chris Grand**, 4334 S. Corbin Loop, stated he was the general contractor for the project. He responded to the permitting of the project.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated she looked back at the minutes from the meeting where the zoning happened June 25, 2019 and she read what was noted in the minutes.

**Andre Coudrain** stated if it is a close container nothing needs to be waived. He stated this was intended to cover an open container being transported from Gnarly Barly across the street.

**Councilman Leon**, stated this should be removed.

**Vernon McGee**, stated when they have events the people park on the church grounds and this is a bad situation.

**Pam, 43502 Robinson Rd**, stated that the council should not allow this.

**Bryan Poche**, owner of Fine Thyme Catering, 39485 Craft Drive Ponchatoula, asking for approval.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells** to remove the request of Fine Thyme Catering to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for the Cafe that is being run in conjunction with Gnarly Barley.

**VOTE:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y) Motion Approved 5-0 to remove the resolution from the agenda.

## **X. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** City was awarded the Small City in State Award for the 14<sup>th</sup> year in a row. He congratulated the city and workers. He also congratulated Zach and Carrie of Gnarly Barley for receiving the award of the Louisiana Attraction of the year.

## **Council:**

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated on May 31<sup>st</sup> will be the first Housing Enhance Committee first meeting.

**Councilman Leon** asked everyone to be safe for graduation, due to the increase in traffic.

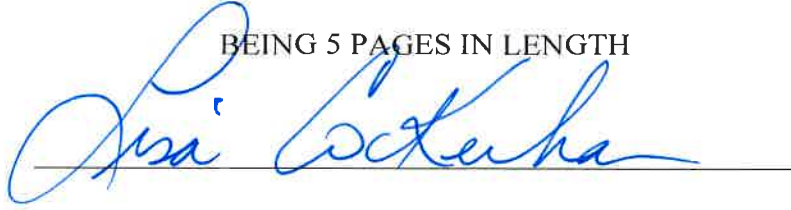
## **XI. ADJOURN:**

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**

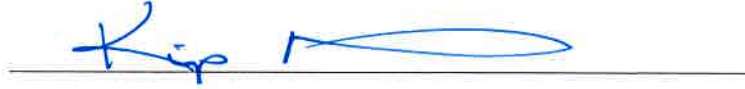
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PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
May 23, 2023  
5:30pm**

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

**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 Tycer 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 Tycer**, 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 Tycer 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> was the budget work session.

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

## **XII. ADJOURN**

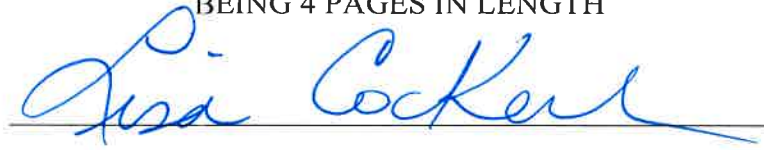
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

## **CERTIFICATION OF CLERK**



I LISA COCKERHAM, CLERK OF COUNCIL DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE  
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
June 13, 2023  
5:30pm**

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

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. An ordinance to increase the monthly garbage fee from \$14.08 to \$20.98.

**Lacy Landrum** stated this has been discussed on and off since the contract was accepted last fall. Garbage contracts are usually for four to five years. She stated the current rate is \$14.08 and that is what the customers has been charged even after the new rate was approved in the contract. They did not pass that on the customer. She stated the new rate that is being considered is increasing the \$14.08 to \$20.48 which would be a \$6.40 increase that will be eliminating the single point of recycling at Highway 190. If the single point of recycling at Highway 190 is included then the total new rate would be \$20.98 then the total new rate would be \$20.98 which is an increase of \$6.90. In comparison she gave an overview of the cost of garbage pick-up in other cities. She stated that garbage costs have escalated everywhere.

**Councilman Wells** enters the meeting

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked about the cost to the city and stated it would need to be in the new budget.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated if the city covers the increase of the cost it is probably around \$400,000 to \$500,000, depending on which month and how many customers they have for that month.

**Councilman Wells**, asked about the estimate of the cost to the city as of today to the end of the year.

**Lacy Landrum** stated that is a rough estimate because the cost is based on per customer per month.

**Councilman Wells** asked for a rough estimate of how much the city has paid on the contract this for since the day it was signed up to today.

**Lacy Landrum** stated that she would have to go back and look at what date that was, but she could get that information for him.

**Councilman Wells** asked about the rates of the surrounding cities e.g. Ponchatoula, He would like comparisons done around the city.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Highway 190 West, stated he is concerned about the cost and stated that he was against an increase. He asked the council to consider the people on fixed incomes and are not wealthy.

**Tracey Washington Wells**, 610 Mooney Ave, stated in speaking for District Three the increase may not be a lot for some but in her district seven dollars is a lot and should not be passed on to the citizens. She asked that the council consider their constituents.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
June 13, 2023  
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of May 23, 2023 Meeting

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the Minutes of May 23, 2023.**

**Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (abstain)  
Motion approved 5-0**

**VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

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

**City Council** discussed the recycling options, the garbage increase and how it will affect the budget.

**Councilman Wells**, expressed his concern that everything the council does affect the tax payer. They have to be considerate of the tax payer when they vote. He stated District Three has a lot of poor people.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated they are discussing a poor decision that was made by others.

**Maria Huack**, 14032 Country Manor Rd, state that was her old address and she did not want to give her new address. She asked about the causes and conditions of the increase.

**Ronald Dangerfield**, 314 Wilbert Dangerfield Dr, stated they are coming up short and he told his councilman that he would work with him. The council is in a hard spot.

**Councilman Wells**, stated the councilman controls the budget.

**Sandra Weary**, stated the cost of everything has gone up and there is nothing we can do about it and she voiced her concern about the city council.

**Pete Drake**, 2100 West dale Ct, he asked why the garbage run twice a week and why can't they cut it down to once a week.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated that was a valid point but there are several others with large families need it twice a week, but they had to make a decision whether it be once or twice a week.

**Council discussed** contract changes, senior citizen rate and tabling until they get more information.

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

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

**IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE**

**X. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to Northshore Families Helping Families for the 3rd Annual NFHF Walk Run & Roll 5K & 10K event, being held on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 6:00am to 11:00am at Cate Square Park. Actual service of alcohol would be from 7:30am to 11:00am. The Event boundaries are W Charles St, N Magnolia St, W Robert St, and N Oak St. (Heather St. Amant)

**Heather St. Amant**, she stated the open container was just for beer. She stated they provide resources and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and this was their biggest fundraiser of the year and she is asking the council for their consideration.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to Northshore Families Helping Families for the 3rd Annual NFHF Walk Run & Roll 5K & 10K event, being held on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 6:00am to 11:00am at Cate Square Park. Actual service of alcohol would be from 7:30am to 11:00am. The Event boundaries are W Charles St, N Magnolia St, W Robert St, and N Oak St.**

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

2. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with BFI Waste Services, LLC DBA Republic Services of Baton Rouge in the estimated amount of \$65,377.19

**Jana Soileau**, stated this was for the annual front-end loading dumpster services for the buildings. She stated the current contractor BFI declined to renew at the last years rate so they put out a new RFP and they received four proposals and they came in as the lowest bidder. She is asking for council's approval to move forward.

**Councilman Wells**, asked Jana about the locations of the dumpsters and proceeded to go down the list and address each item and asked that they explain those he didn't understand.

**Lacy Landrum**, explained the items and partnerships

**Councilman Wells**, expressed concerned with giving funds to the non-profits and being responsible for picking up their trash. He asked about the alley way dumpsters,

**Lacy Landrum** stated they are reimbursed from the business owners. The business owners throughout Morrison Alley pays for the dumpster through their water bills.

**Tracy Washington Wells**, 610 Mooney Ave, stated if the city is going to pay for Tangi Food Pantry and the Council on Aging, they should take into consideration that would cover nine hundred and fourteen residents as it relates to the seven dollar increase in the garbage cost.

**Council and Administration discussed** how to address changes to non-profits and non-city entities.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells** to approve a resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with BFI Waste Services, LLC DBA Republic Services of Baton Rouge in the estimated amount of \$65,377.19 , with the city to collect the costs of service from all non-city entities to be included on the water bill.

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

3. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Daily Star as the official journal for the City of Hammond, LA from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023

**Jana Soileau** stated that this is the designation that is done every year and is required by the state stating that this is the official journal for the City of Hammond.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** to approve a resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Daily Star as the official journal for the City of Hammond, LA from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023

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

4. A resolution 1) accepting a \$25,000 grant from the AARP Community Challenge to transform Morrison Alley and its pocket park into a vibrant public space; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

**Charles Borchers IV**, stated this was brought to the council at the end of February and they received word that they will be receiving the grant. They originally applied for \$50,000 but because this was a very competitive grant they were only awarded \$25,000. They will focus on using for the pocket park at the end of Morrison Alley off of Cypress. There is no match requirement.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio** to approve a resolution 1) accepting a \$25,000 grant from the AARP Community Challenge to transform Morrison Alley and its pocket park into a vibrant public space; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

5. A resolution authorizing the purchase of 26 bulletproof vests for Hammond Police officers from RSG Wholesale at a cost of \$27,841 under State Contract 4400025826. The purchase will be made with \$23,690.97 in Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant funds and \$4,150.03 in Police Department funds.

**Charles Borchers IV**, stated most of the vest are to replace the vest that were purchased in 2018. They are on a five year replacement cycle.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio** authorizing the purchase of 26 bulletproof vests for Hammond Police officers from RSG Wholesale at a cost of \$27,841 under State Contract 4400025826. The purchase will be made with \$23,690.97 in Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant funds and \$4,150.03 in Police Department funds.

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

## **XI. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** Lacy Landrum gave an update on the Mayors wife. She also stated on Friday city offices will be closed for Juneteenth which is in alignment with the state offices. June 27<sup>th</sup> they will be discussing the budget. There will be fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup> at Zemurray Park around 5:00 p.m.

**Councilwoman Gonzales** asked Lacy if the budget will be adjusted with an amendment showing the removal of the revenue for the garbage collection.

**Lacy Landrum**, answered yes

## **Council:**

**Councilman Wells**, stated his concern for the young people and their protections. He stated they need to sit done with the various city organizations to address the killings in the community. The gun violence is out of control. The people needs to sit down and talk. He stated we have to be responsible for the kids in our communities.

**Councilman Divittorio**, asked that Lacy check on the speed bumps that were submitted on Barnes a few months back.

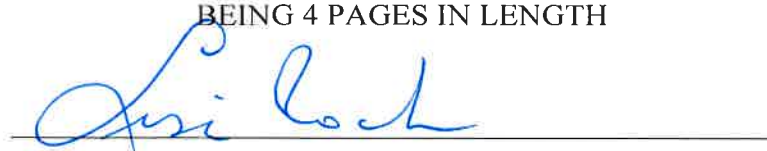
**XII. ADJOURN**

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

**CERTIFICATION OF CLERK**

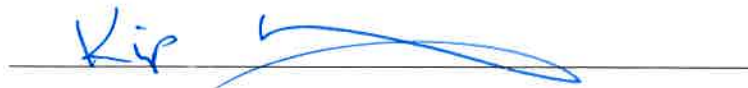
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
June 27, 2023  
5:30pm**

**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 (P)**

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. An ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in accordance with the procedures of Section 5-03 of the City's Charter.

**Laura Hammett**, stated this is the final adoption of the budget and she gave a recap; introduced on May 9 and the council received their budget binders at the budget work session on June 2, 2023. On that day the council spent the day discussing the budget and came up with amendments which has been added to a spreadsheet and is up for discussion and public hearing.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, discussed changes in addition to those on the spreadsheet: under Capital Project- Page 64 item #1- W. Morris (Linden-Spruce) for \$132,000, move to FY 2024-2025, and Page 65 item #7- Green lawn (w. end), \$61,000 and move drainage project up from FY 2024-2025 to FY 2023-2024.

**Council Members** discussed and reviewed each item on the spreadsheet.

**Police Chief Bergeron**, stated CASA does forensic interviews for the police department for abused children and they use the information in court.

**Lieutenant Jamie Hawk**, Hammond Police Department, she stated CASA is imperative and she explained the reasons why. She ask that they not take away the funding.

**Council discussed** the remaining funds for nonprofits and the committee.

**Lieutenant Daniel Boudreaux**, he wanted to address a pay increase for the radio room dispatchers. He asked if there was a way to bring them even with the jailers.

**Mayor**, stated they did the study and the determined that the salary adjustment was not there because they were already being paid what other municipalities, city and parishes were paying.

**Lacy Landrum** stated there was one more suggestion that was not on the spreadsheet, she and Councilman Wells spoke about and she wanted to make sure it was listed in the public hearing. He would like to move \$150,000 on P.65 Item #20 with the drainage improvements. South Magnolia from Phoenix Square to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, it will be moving the \$150,000 from FY 2025 to FY 2024 which is coming into this current year.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
June 27 2023**



**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: Kip Andrews**

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2023 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells to approve the Minutes of June 13, 2023.

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

**Council President Andrews announced a change to the meeting agenda and moved to introduction of Ordinances.**

**VI. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

1. Introduction of 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)

**Lacy Landrum**, stated this was a rezoning request and was unanimously approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. She gave an overview of the request.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to introduce 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)

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

2. Introduction 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 with the allowed use of light industrial prohibited. (District 2) (Lacy Landrum)

**Lacy Landrum**, stated this was a similar request to the previous one, gave an overview of the request and stated Planning and Zoning Unanimously recommended approval. She stated the owners who are requesting the change does not have a clearly defined business plan yet for what they want to use the space for.

**Councilman Andrews** stated that it needs to be clear regarding what they want to do and it needs to be put in their wording before it comes back for a final vote.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated that one of the tools the council and planning and zoning has is an expanded conditional use or a restricted conditional use, in this regard they would be kind of agreeing to some restriction about the expanded zoning they are requesting. She explained the uses and possible options.

**Council discussed this item**

**Andre Coudrain** address the questions and concerns of the council and explained the possible options and outcomes.

**Lacy Landrum** explained the packet.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce 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)

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

**VII. RESOLUTIONS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to renew a service agreement with Mission Communications for software services in the amount of \$25,130.37.

**Guy Palermo**, stated that this was their mission control and they monitor all the sewer stations, water wells and plants. If anything breaks or if there is a loss of power this service notifies them. They have had this for several years.

**Council discussed**

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Mayor to renew a service agreement with Mission Communications for software services in the amount of \$25,130.37.**

**Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y) Motion Approved 5-0**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**Lacy Landrum** asked the council to table this item and the garbage discussion of the fee. They are still waiting on the price point to come back for once a week service so that they are able to look at all available options.

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

**Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y) Motion to Table Approved 5-0**

**VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

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

**Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y) Motion to Table Approved 5-0**

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in accordance with the procedures of Section 5-03 of the City's Charter.

**Laura Hammett** stated this is the final adoption of the FY 2023- FY 2024 Budget.

She stated they needed to vote on the spreadsheet with three additions on 1.) P. 64 moving W. Morris (Linden-Spruce) sidewalks to FY 2024- FY 2025 pushing \$132,000 to next year's budget. 2.) P.65 #7 under drainage, moving Greenlawn (w. end) to FY 2023-FY2024, increasing \$61,000 in this current budget. 3.) P. 65 # 20, under drainage, S. Magnolia (Phoenix Square to 2nd Ave), move up into FY 2023-2024 budget and that will increase \$150,000.

She stated if all of the changes are approved the ending fund balance general fund \$243,402, the ending sales tax balance would be \$788,193, if all the budget items are approved.

1. Capital Project, p. 64 item # 2 Natchez (Corbin to Live Oak) becomes Harrell (Natchez to Mooney): \$146,000 remains in FY 2024 (not moving to FY 2025) - No change

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to amend the budget and approve the above item.

**Vote:** Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

2. Capital Project, P. 65 Item # 3a N Cherry (E Mich to W2-L6 Ponch Creek): split into \$175k for FY2024 and \$250k for FY 2025 (Will be difference of \$425k decreasing to \$175k from originally proposed budget since splitting. Total impact of -\$250k for FY2024)
3. Capital Project, P. 65 Item # 8 Timberlane (rear lot): Move forward \$95,000 from FY 2026 to FY 2025 (No change to FY 2024)  
Capital Project, P. 65 Item # 9 Lato Lane: Move forward \$180,000 from FY 2026 to FY 2025 (No change to FY 2024)
4. Capital Project, P.65 Item # 13 First Avenue @ Mary's Alley: Keep \$157,000 in FY 2024 (as showing in originally proposed budget).
5. Capital Project, P. 65 Item # 16 Mooney (Mississippi St to Palmetto St): Reduce cost and place \$250,000 in FY 2024 (no funds in FY 2025)
6. Capital Project, P. 65 Item # 18 Woodbridge north outfall: Move forward \$180,000 from FY 2026 to FY 2025. (No change to FY 2024)
7. Capital Project, P. 65 Item # 22 Palmetto (Mooney – S. Morrison Blvd): Move Forward \$575,000 from FY 2026 to FY 2025. (No change to FY 2024)
8. Capital Project, P. 65 Correct numbering on the projects after 21b: #22 Palmetto (Mooney-S. Morrison Blvd). #23 Haskins (North of White St), #24 Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements, and #25 cover lateral between W. Robert & W. Charles St. (No \$\$ impact)

9. Capital Project, P.67, Add # C4, connecting Caroline to Top Hat for \$80,000 in FY 2024, Sales Tax Fund.
10. Capital Project, P. 67 #C3. Natchez Street Extension (W. Thomas St-CM Fagan) Move Forward \$900,000 from FY 2026 to FY 2025. (No change to FY 2024)  
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget items #2-#10 as listed on the spreadsheet.  
**Vote:** Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
11. General Administration, P.20, TBD Nonprofit Partners, making three changes to line item A.)\$25,000 to CASA, B.)\$11,107 to Crime Stoppers, C.) Zero remaining funds in this line item. (Decreasing from \$180,000 -\$25,000- 11,107 = \$143,893, removed from FY 2024).  
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Wells** to amend the budget and approve nonprofit funding to CASA in the amount of \$25,000 and Crime Stoppers in the amount of \$11,107.  
**Vote:** Councilman Kip Andrews (Abstain), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-0  
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to amend the budget to leave the remaining \$143,893 of nonprofit funding in the account.  
**Vote:** Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (N). Motion Approved 4-1
12. Remove funding for Parish Animal Control and handle with city staff and Tangi Humane Society partnership. May move funds as placeholder in Tangi Humane Society.  
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Wells** to amend the budget to remove funding for Parish Animal Control and handle with city staff and Tangi Humane Society partnership. May move funds as placeholder in Tangi Humane Society  
**Vote:** Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (abstain), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
13. Add \$20,000 to Election Expenses for possible charter revision election.  
  
There was a motion by **Councilman DiVittorio** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to add \$20,000 to the election expenses.  
**Vote:** Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
14. Add \$20,000 for City Planner base salary on feedback from head hunter (Total cost of \$27,659)  
  
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Wells** to add \$20,000 for City Planner base salary on feedback from head hunter (Total cost of \$27,659).  
**Vote:** Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
15. Add \$15,000 for sidewalks for a total of \$40,000—same amount as last year  
  
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Wells** to amend the budget to add \$15,000 to sidewalks for a total of \$40,000—same as last year.  
**Vote:** Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
16. Capital Project, P. 67 Item # B2 Industrial Park Road: Move \$250,000 from FY 2024 to FY 2026 to finish the roundabout prior (impact of -\$250,000 for FY 2024)  
  
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to move \$250,000 from FY 2024 to FY 2026 to finish the roundabout prior (impact of -\$250,000 for FY 2024)  
**Vote:** Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
17. Capital Project, P.64 Item # 1, W. Morris (Linden to Spruce) move to FY 2024 from FY 2025  
  
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to move W. Morris (Linden to Spruce) to FY 2024 from FY 2025.  
**Vote:** Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
18. Capital Project, P. 65 Item # 7, Greenlawn (west end) Move up to FY 2023 from FY 2024  
  
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to move Greenlawn (west end) Move up to FY 2023 from FY 2024.  
**Vote:** Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

19. Capital Project, P. 65 Item #20 S. Magnolia Street (Phoenix Square to Second Ave) Move up to FY 2023 from FY 2024.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and a second by Councilman DiVittorio to amend the budget to Move up to FY 2023 from FY 2024 Magnolia Street (Phoenix Square to Second Ave).  
**Vote:** Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and Second by Councilman Andrews to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as amended.  
Votes: Kip Andrews (Y) Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y) Motion Approved 5-0

**IX. REPORTS:**

**Mayor: Stay safe, 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks in Zemurray Park**  
**Council:**

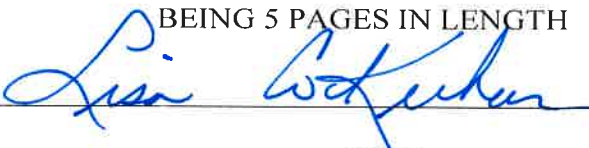
**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked about speed humps and railroad track sidewalks.  
**Councilman Andrews**, asked about speed humps and lighting and ask that they pray for the city and the people.  
**Councilman Wells**, asked about abandoned cars and said to be careful how we treat people.

**X. 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**

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**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**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Final Adoption of 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)

**Lacy Landrum** stated they had a lot of discussion in the public hearing and about parking and whatever they decides to do will require a business license which will require them to be in compliance as it relates to parking.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to adopt 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)**

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

2. 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 with the allowed use of light industrial prohibited. (District 2)

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to table 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)**

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

## **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 contract. The contract covers the City of Hammond cutting the state right of way. It is the same amount of reimbursement received in past years.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews 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.**

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

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.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to table 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.**

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

## **XI. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** Thanked Team Hammond and Sponsors for the success of the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

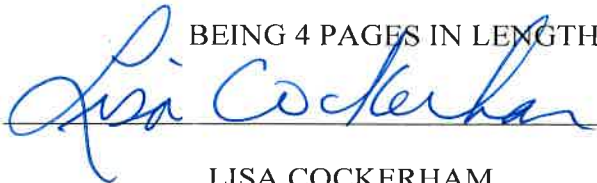
## **XII. ADJOURN**

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

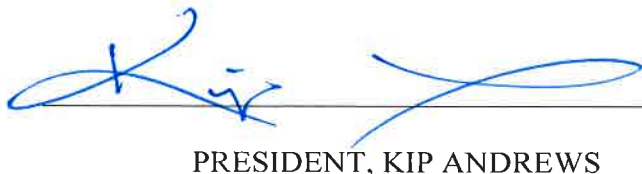
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
July 25, 2023  
5:30pm**

**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: NONE**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
July 25, 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 (absent)**

**III. PRAYER: Kip Andrews**

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

Councilman Wells enters the meeting

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of July 11, 2023 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon approve the Minutes of July 11, 2023.

**Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (N)**  
**Motion approved 4-1**

**VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to increase the monthly garbage fee from \$14.08 to \$20.98. Lacy Landrum gave a review of the available options and stated the city put out a survey on Survey monkey. Lacy stated they had received 310 responses back. The responses were as follows: 206 Keep twice a week, 104 once a week. There were 300 responses to recycling with 186 keeping recycling and 114 ending recycling.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Hwy 190 west, stated he is not in favor of the proposal to increase fees.

**Vic Couvillion**, 802 Rue Cannes, stated he is in favor of twice a week collection.

**Tracy Wells**, 610 Mooney Ave, stated the survey should have been sent in the water bills and the city should cover the increase.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated she did a Facebook poll and her constituents want twice a week and recycling and the city should not subsidize garbage fees.

**Councilman Leon** stated his constituents want twice a week with recycling.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated his constituents wants twice a week and the city should not have terminated the prior agreement.

**Mayor**, stated the prior company did not do a good job and they wanted an increase.

**Councilman Andrews**, stated his constituents wants once a week with recycling.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** to approve an ordinance to increase the monthly garbage fee by \$6.90 for a total charge of 20.98 for twice a week collection with recycling at 190.

**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 Andrews and second by Councilman Wells** to approve an ordinance to increase garbage fee by \$3.31 for a total charge of \$17.39 for once a week garbage collection with recycling.

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

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** to approve an ordinance to increase the monthly garbage fee by \$6.40 for twice a week collection with recycling.

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

## **IX. INTRODCUTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

1. Introduction of an Ordinance to amend the UDC re: reception/Banquet Halls.

**Councilman Leon** is asking that the language be reviewed and updated by planning and zoning to differentiate businesses operated as bars & nightclubs, that are permitted as reception/banquet halls.

**Andre Coudrain**, City Attorney, explained the possible changes and the process.

**Councilman Wells**, asked questions about the changes and stated he did not think this was good for District 3.

**Derrick Bahom**, 102 Pine Dr. asked about the changes and expressed his concerns.

**Effren Brown**, Mooney Ave, asked how they determine where the problems are.

**Tanya Turner**, stated she has a problem with the wording of the proposed ordinance. She has worked at some of these facilities and she thinks the wording needs to be changed.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to introduce an Ordinance to amend the UDC re: reception/Banquet Halls.

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

## **X. RESOLUTIONS:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**Lacy Landrum** asked that this item be tabled.

**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 (Y)  
Motion Approved to table 5-0

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A resolution to appoint Brandon Recotta to the Hammond Historic District Commission for the remainder of a four-year term ending on December 31, 2024. This will complete the term served by Jennifer White.

**Mayor Panepinto**, stated Brandon is a lifelong resident of the city and has served on several boards and he is asking for the council's approval.

**Brandon Recotta** was present and available to answer questions.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio** approve a resolution to appoint Brandon Recotta to the Hammond Historic District Commission for the remainder of a four-year term ending on December 31, 2024. This will complete the term served by Jennifer White. **Vote:** Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y) Motion Approved 5-0

2. A resolution to appoint Tanya Turner to the Hammond Historic District Commission for the remainder of a four-year term ending on December 31, 2024. This will complete the term served by Shauna Seals. **Mayor Panepinto**, stated Tanya was a lifelong resident who is passionate and would like to serve and he is asking for the council's approval.

**Tanya Turner**, was present and available to answer questions.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** approve a resolution to appoint Tanya Turner to the Hammond Historic District Commission for the remainder of a four-year term ending on December 31, 2024. This will complete the term served by Shauna Seals.

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

3. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the beer-tasting event Brews Arts Festival held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 4:00pm-9:00pm. The event boundaries include the 100 block of N. Cypress St. and Morrison Park Alleyway up to (but not including) N. Cherry St. Note: Brews Arts Festival is hosted by the Hammond Regional Arts Center as a primary fundraiser for the organization. Activities include craft-beer tasting, art vendors, and live music and food trucks.

**Melissa Griffin**, Executive Director, provided a description of the event and stated the goal was to give art access to everyone.

**Councilman Wells left meeting**

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** approve a to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the beer-tasting event Brews Arts Festival held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 4:00pm-9:00pm. The event boundaries include the 100 block of N. Cypress St. and Morrison Park Alleyway up to (but not including) N. Cherry St. Note: Brews Arts Festival is hosted by the Hammond Regional Arts Center as a primary fundraiser for the organization. Activities include craft-beer tasting, art vendors, and live music and food trucks.

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

4. A resolution to grant a waiver of the city of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Hammond Regional Arts Center during the beer-tasting event Brews Arts Festival held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 4:00pm-9:00pm. The event boundaries include the 100 block of N. Cypress St. and Morrison Park Alleyway up to (but not including) N. Cherry St. Note: Brews Arts Festival is hosted by the Hammond Regional Arts Center as a primary fundraiser for the organization. Activities include craft beer tasting, art vendors, live music and food trucks. (Melissa Griffin)

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon** to grant a waiver of the city of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Hammond Regional Arts Center during the beer-tasting event Brews Arts Festival held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 4:00pm-9:00pm. The event boundaries include the 100 block of N. Cypress St. and Morrison Park Alleyway up to (but not including) N. Cherry St. Note: Brews Arts Festival is hosted by the Hammond Regional Arts Center as a primary fundraiser for the organization. Activities include craft beer tasting, art vendors, live music and food trucks.

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

5. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center and its approved merchants to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during a Wine & Cheese Stroll held on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 4:00pm-7:00pm in coordination with the Hammond Downtown Development District's Hot August Stroll event. 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 and Melissa Griffin)

**Michelle Kendall**, described the event and the collaboration with the Hammond Regional Art Center **Councilman Wells** re-enters the meeting

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center and its approved merchants to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during a Wine & Cheese Stroll held on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 4:00pm-7:00pm in

coordination with the Hammond Downtown Development District's Hot August Stroll event. 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:** Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y)  
Motion Approved 5-0

6. A resolution to authorize Benny's Place to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Hammond Downtown Development District's Hot August Stroll event held on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 8:00AM to 8:00PM. The event locations are 106 NW Railroad Ave in Railroad Park and the 100 block of W Charles St near Cate Square Park.

**Michelle Kendall**, stated that Benny's Place was doing the event.

**Councilman Wells** leaves the meeting

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to authorize Benny's Place to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Hammond Downtown Development District's Hot August Stroll event held on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 8:00AM to 8:00PM. The event locations are 106 NW Railroad Ave in Railroad Park and the 100 block of W Charles St near Cate Square Park.

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

7. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law for the Hammond Downtown Development District's Hot August Stroll event on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 8:00AM to 8:00PM hosted in coordination with Hammond Regional Arts Center and Benny's Place. 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, and include 106 NW Railroad Ave in Railroad Park and the 100 block of W Charles near Cate Square Park. (Michelle Kendall)

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews** to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law for the Hammond Downtown Development District's Hot August Stroll event on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 8:00AM to 8:00PM hosted in coordination with Hammond Regional Arts Center and Benny's Place. 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, and include 106 NW Railroad Ave in Railroad Park and the 100 block of W Charles near Cate Square Park.

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

8. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an intergovernmental agreement between Tangipahoa Parish and cities within the parish regarding Acadian Ambulance Services.

**Dwain Meche**, described the services offered by Acadian and the proposed contract.

**Councilman Wells** re-entered the meeting.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon** to authorize the Mayor to enter into an intergovernmental agreement between Tangipahoa Parish and cities within the parish regarding Acadian Ambulance Services.

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

9. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an annual support agreement with Tyler Technologies Inc. for the Munis software system estimated annual cost \$175,000.

**Marcus McMillian** explained the item and requested approval for the annual contract up to \$175,000 with this provider.

**Council discussed** an amendment to the contract amount.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the annual support agreement with Tyler Technologies Inc. for Munis software system to up to \$75,000.

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

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** to approve the Mayor to enter in an annual support agreement with Tyler Technologies Inc. for the Munis software system as amended to \$75,000.

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

10. A resolution to authorize the position of assistant city attorney for civil service and related matters. **Andre Coudrain**, Hammond City Attorney, explained the reason for the resolution and how pending issues would be handled or resolved.

**George Bergeron**, Hammond Fire and Police Board, stated he was concerned of a conflict of interest.



**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the position of assistant city attorney for civil service and related matters.**

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

11. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into agreement with Lexipol to write and implement policy and procedure manual for the police department in the amount of \$33,137.24.

**Asst. Chief Angelo Monistere**, explained the agreement and the cost. He stated this is updating the policy and keeping up to date when the laws change.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, asked if this was rewriting the manual.

**Asst. Chief Monistere**, stated yes they are redoing the manual and they will have input to how it is written.

**Tracey Washington Wells**, 610 Mooney Ave, asked who will be installing the policy manual and suggested a citizen's advisory board to review changes.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the Mayor to enter into agreement with Lexipol to write and implement policy and procedure manual for the police department in the amount of \$33,137.24.**

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

12. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$19,718 application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department.

**Charles Borchers IV**, stated the grant will allow them to purchase ten or eleven radios and no match is required.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon supporting the submission of a \$19,718 application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department.**

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

13. A resolution supporting the submission of an application to the Apache Corporation Tree Grant Program for 240 trees for an annual Louisiana Arbor Day tree giveaway January 19, 2024.

**Charles Borchers IV**, stated there was no dollar match and if successful they would receive a number of trees to be given out.

**Ivan Scioneaux** asked about the size of the trees.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews supporting the submission of an application to the Apache Corporation Tree Grant Program for 240 trees for an annual Louisiana Arbor Day tree giveaway January 19, 2024.**

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

## **XI. REPORTS:**

### **Mayor:**

**Mayor** stated that on July 28<sup>th</sup> they will have a backpack giveaway at Hammond Westside School and they will have 1200 back packs to giveaway. He thanked the school and it's leadership for allowing the use of the facility.

### **Council:**

**Councilman DiVittorio**, talked about installed speed bump and contact information.

**Mayor**, explained the process.

**Councilman Wells**, asked about the shootings in Mooney Park on yesterday and stated his concerns about shootings in the park and the penalties.

**Andre Coudrain** stated he would look into laws around park shootings and explained that there are laws already on the books regarding shootings.

**Assistant Chief Monistere**, stated he did not get an alert and was not aware of the shooting, he stated it may not have been officially reported.

**Councilman Wells**, asked about the bleacher etc. for Mooney Park that has not been installed. He stated there is still no seating in the park and the ground is clay. Another issue is a community member got shot and the community is lost and they haven't received any answers. He expects answers from city leadership.

**Councilman Andrews**, stated that some type of statement should be made because he has been getting a lot of calls and questions about the shooting of the community member. Saturday in Martin Luther King Park beginning at 10am Seeing Past My Block are doing a back to school giveaway.

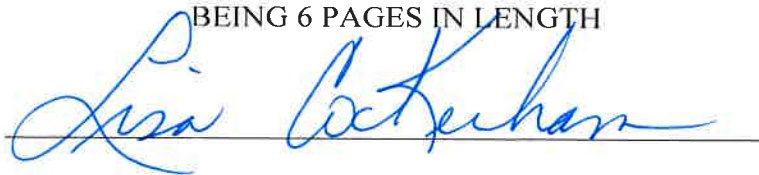
## XII. ADJOURN

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


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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
August 8, 2023  
5:30pm**

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

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
AGENDA  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
August 8, 2023  
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

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

**III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews**

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of July 25, 2023 Meeting

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the Minutes of July 25, 2023.**

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

**VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE**

**IX. INTRODCUTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE**

**X. RESOLUTIONS: NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A resolution to authorize the mayor to enter into contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with Galls LLC, the approximate annual amount of \$70,000 for Police and Fire Uniforms. RFP 24-07

**Jana Soileau**, stated they received four proposals and Galls was the lowest.

**Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy 190 west**, asked questions about the bidders.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the mayor to enter into contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with Galls LLC, the approximate annual amount of \$70,000 for Police and Fire Uniforms. RFP 24-07.**

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

2. A resolution to authorize the mayor to enter into agreement with ESRI in the amount of \$27,500.00 for software/maintenance from 07/11/2023-07/10/2024. (Marcus McMillian)

**Marcus McMillian**, stated this is for the GIS mapping system renewal.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the mayor to enter into agreement with ESRI in the amount of \$27,500.00 for software/maintenance from 07/11/2023-07/10/2024.**

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

3. A resolution to approve Off The Rails Sports Bar and Lounge located at 112 W.Thomas Ave. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is OTHH Investments, LLC.

**Kasey Daigle**, stated this is a name change from Olde Town Hatchet House.

**Brianne Dubuisson**, the owner was present and described changes to the restaurant.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve Off The Rails Sports Bar and Lounge located at 112 W.Thomas Ave. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is OTHH Investments, LLC.**

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

4. A resolution to authorize the purchase of a John Deere 5100E Cab Tractor with Versa Arm blade for a total \$112,772.04 State Contract 4400025672 & State Contract 4400020868. (Whitney Statham)

**Whitney Statham**, stated that this was to replace two malfunctioning tractors.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Hwy 190 west, asked about the contract and if this was a local company.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the purchase of a John Deere 5100E Cab Tractor with Versa Arm blade for a total \$112,772.04 State Contract 4400025672 & State Contract 4400020868.**

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

5. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$15,000 application to the State Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department.

**Charles Borchers IV**, stated the grant is the state version of the grant and there is no match.

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews supporting the submission of a \$15,000 application to the State Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department.**

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

6. A resolution approving the purchase of a portable vacuum pump from United Rentals in the amount of \$53,668.26. The pump will be used to support sewer lift station operations during lift station maintenance and other downtime. The purchase will be made with \$53,333 in FY18 Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program project funds and \$335.26 in Water & Sewer Department funds.

**Charles Borchers IV**, stated he received three quotes and United Rentals was the lowest quote.

**Guy Palermo**, explained how the pumps would be used.

**Devon Wells**, asked about a warranty on the pump

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon approving the purchase of a portable vacuum pump from United Rentals in the amount of \$53,668.26. The pump will be used to support sewer lift station operations during lift station maintenance and other downtime. The purchase will be made with \$53,333 in FY18 Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program project funds and \$335.26 in Water & Sewer Department funds.**

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

## **XI. REPORTS:**

**Mayor: School is starting and to be aware of the students and buses.**

**Council: Councilwoman Gonzales**-Southeastern University will host a community forum about policing tomorrow at 5:30 pm in the TEC Building.

**Councilman Wells**, stated that the family of Lionel Jackson was present and the family and community are looking for answers. He asked about the cameras in the park, and would like for the charter review committee recommendations be put on the agenda. He asked what garbage companies get tax breaks and he stated he requested license plate readers and a police substation be put in District 3.

**Councilman Andrews** asked Councilman Wells to submit his request by email.

**XII. ADJOURN:**

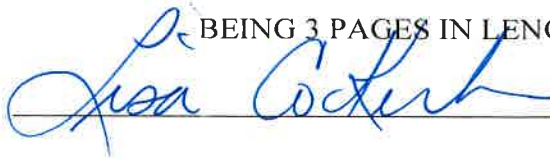
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
August 22, 2023  
5:30pm**

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

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

**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 with the allowed use of light industrial prohibited. (District 2)

**Lacy Landrum** stated the case was originally heard back in June but was delayed due to Ms. Catherall's travels. The item was unanimously approved by the planning and zoning commission zoning commission.

**Mimi McKee Catherall** was present and stated that she was unsure of what she would be using the space for.

**Alton Lewis**, First Guaranty Bank, stated that signs were not posted letting the public know the hearing was coming up and he was concerned about parking and strongly objects to the re-zoning.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated she received some complaints and some of the neighbors are concerned about parking and there are residential properties on each side.

**Councilman Wells enters the meeting**

**City Attorney Andre Coudrain** stated since the signs were not reposted, the Council should consider deferring this matter and have it reset for public hearing and final adoption.





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

**August 22, 2023  
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

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

**III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews**

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of August 8, 2023 Meeting

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the Minutes of August 8, 2023.**

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

**VI. 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 with the allowed use of light industrial prohibited. (District 2) (Lacy Landrum)

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to reset for public hearing and final adoption at a later date.**

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

**IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

1. An ordinance to declare the intention to obtain full ownership of property adjudicated to the city of Hammond located at 118 West Louisa Street under LSA RS 47:2236, authorizing the sale of the property to the adjoining landowner pursuant to LSA RS 47:2202 and providing for related matters.

**Andre Coudrain**, explained the process.

**Councilman Wells**, stated that Mr. Carter has been maintaining the property for years.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance to declare the intention to obtain full ownership of property adjudicated to the city of Hammond located at 118 West Louisa Street under LSA RS 47:2236, authorizing the sale of the property to the adjoining landowner pursuant to LSA RS 47:2202 and providing for related matters.**

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

2. Introduction of an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Tasha Dameron for the location of 307 N. Oak St., Zoned RM-3, to allow the use of Real Estate office. Expanded Conditional Use contingent on: 1) this is a personal right and expires upon a change in ownership of the property from the person originally granted the conditional use; and it meets all the requirements in the Unified Development Code. (District 2)

**Lacy Landrum** stated this was unanimously approved by planning and zoning.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Tasha Dameron for the location of 307 N. Oak St.,**

Zoned RM-3, to allow the use of Real Estate office. Expanded Conditional Use contingent on: 1) this is a personal right and expires upon a change in ownership of the property from the person originally granted the conditional use; and it meets all the requirements in the Unified Development Code.

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

## **X. RESOLUTIONS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A resolution to reappoint George Bergeron to represent the police department on the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from July 29, 2023 - July 29, 2026.

**Chief Edwin Bergeron**, This is pursuant to an election in the Police Department, Chief Bergeron stated George Bergeron has been on the board for the last few years and he was voted in by his peers.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to reappoint George Bergeron to represent the police department on the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from July 29, 2023 - July 29, 2026.**

**ROLL CALL: Kip Andrews (Y) , Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Motion Approved 5-0**

2. A resolution to reappoint John Philip Notariano to represent the fire department on the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from July 29, 2023 - July 29, 2026.

**Chief Daniel Folks**, this is pursuant to an election in the fire department, Chief Folks stated he has been on the board for the last few years and he was voted in by his peers.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to reappoint George Bergeron to represent the police department on the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from July 29, 2023 - July 29, 2026.**

**ROLL CALL: Kip Andrews (Y) , Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (abstain), Motion Approved 4-0**

3. A resolution to approve Why Not Pizza located at 14175 Hwy 190 W. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Why Not Pizza, LLC. **Kasey Daigle**, stated this is a new business with the same owner. The owner was present.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve Why Not Pizza located at 14175 Hwy 190 W. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Why Not Pizza, LLC.**

**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 Lion Environmental, LLC to serve as the city's laboratory compliance manager for an amount of \$54,360 annually. The contract period will be from September 1, 2023 until August 31, 2024, with an option to renew two additional twelve month periods at same terms and conditions. Contract not to exceed 36 months.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Highway 190 west, asked about the company.

**Christine Monistere**, asked about licensing and why are they contracting out.

**Councilman Wells**, asked about the contract price.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Lion Environmental, LLC to serve as the city's laboratory compliance manager for an amount of \$54,360 annually. The contract period will be from September 1, 2023 until August 31, 2024, with an option to renew two additional twelve month periods at same terms and conditions. Contract not to exceed 36 months.**

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

5. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Roofing Solutions, for \$44,950.00 to repair the damaged roof at 1290 S.W. Ave Fire Department Headquarters. RFP 24-09

**Chief Daniel Folks**, stated this is for the building located at 1290 SW Railroad. He stated a large tree limb fell and damaged the roof. They sent out proposals and this is the only company that responded.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked if an insurance claim was filed.

**Chief Folks** stated that the money is coming out of the insurance claim.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Roofing Solutions, for \$44,950.00 to repair the damaged roof at 1290 S.W. Ave Fire Department Headquarters. RFP 24-09.**

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

6. A resolution to authorize the Purchase of 30 Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses for a total of \$295,714.94. RFP 24-08

**Chief Daniel Folks**, stated this is what they wear on their backs when they go into a fire. They received two proposals back but one didn't meet the specifications. The proposal that meet the specifications also comes with a lifetime warranty.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Hwy 190 west, ask the council to consider purchasing fewer masks.

**Chief Folks**, stated that they need all thirty and the council should also consider the cost of repairs.

**Councilman Wells** asked how many did they have, the repair cost and when they expire. He also asked that they provide the repair cost in the future.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to authorize the Purchase of 30 Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses for a total of \$295,714.94. RFP 24-08.

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

7. A resolution to purchase 8-9 Police Tahoe's from Gerry Lane for a total amount of up to \$400,000 using State Contract pricing.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to remove the item from the agenda until the next meeting.

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

8. A resolution approving the purchase of site furniture, including 8 picnic tables, 12 park benches, and 13 waste receptacles, from SiteScapes in the amount of \$49,320. The purchase will be made with funds in Project 32203, Land and Water Conservation Fund grant project "Mooney Avenue Park Improvements, Phase II."

**Charles Borchers IV**, stated that this was the lowest bidder and he reviewed the cost of each item.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Hwy 190 west asked about the material the furniture was made of.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman Wells** to approve the purchase of site furniture, including 8 picnic tables, 12 park benches, and 13 waste receptacles, from SiteScapes in the amount of \$49,320. The purchase will be made with funds in Project 32203, Land and Water Conservation Fund grant project "Mooney Avenue Park Improvements, Phase II."

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

9. Discussion of a change to the City Charter for the election of the police chief.

**Councilman Wells** stated the Charter Review Committee met and made some recommendation and he asked for input and feedback on this item.

**Andre Coudrain**, explained the process and what had to happen in order to make the suggested changes.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, read from the charter review report.

**Councilman Wells**, stated the community has issues and they can no longer put off the Charter Review recommendations.

**Sal Nicolosi**, stated people are scared and he does not see patrols on the west side of town.

**Vic Couvillion**, 802 Rue Cannes, stated all neighborhoods have problems and not just in Hammond. We need to all work together. He expressed his concerns on electing a police chief. He asked if the council put the item to a vote can the Mayor veto the vote.

**Andre Coudrain**, stated no

**Christina Monistere**, 208 Camellia Ave stated there are two sides, election/appointed and she believes the election would remove the politics, they person should live in city limits and should be elected.

**Robert Lindsey**, 14 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave spoke about a prior incident with the Hammond Police Department.

**Virgil Ard**, stated the council should put it to a vote and allow the pubic to make a decision as to whether they want an elected police chief.

**Dixit Moore**, 1403 Natchez St. stated he is in favor of an elected police chief.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Hwy 190 w, stated that the city should elect the police chief.

**Council discussed**

**Tracy Wells**, 610 Mooney Ave, stated she was a member of the Charter Review Committee and she stated the police being elected came up and there were some pros and cons. She stated this is a great starting point. She stated the police chief position should be a position that can be recalled by the vote of the people. Let the people decide.

## **XI. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** stated two members of the community passed, Bruce LaBrecque and lifelong resident Ms. Earline Dangerfield and keep their family in prayers.

**Council:**

**Councilman Wells** stated that there were no shootings in his district in the last two weeks. He thanked Lacy Landrum for everything down with the grass cutting and Council President Andrews and the Mayor.

**Council President Andrews** asked about a list of the properties to be mowed.

## **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.

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PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
September 12, 2023  
5:30pm**

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

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. An ordinance to declare the intention to obtain full ownership of property adjudicated to the city of Hammond located at 118 West Louisa Street under LSA RS 47:2236, authorizing the sale of the property to the adjoining landowner pursuant to LSA RS 47:2202 and providing for related matters. **City Attorney Andre Coudrain**, explained the ordinance and the law.

2. An ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Tasha Dameron for the location of 307 N. Oak St., Zoned RM-3, to allow the use of Real Estate office. Expanded Conditional Use contingent on: 1) this is a personal right and expires upon a change in ownership of the property from the person originally granted the conditional use; and it meets all the requirements in the Unified Development Code. (District 2)  
**Lacy Landrum**, stated this item was heard by planning and zoning on August 10th and they recommended approval.  
**Tasha Dameron**, was present to answer any questions.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
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312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
September 12, 2023  
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

**II. ROLL CALL: Kip Andrews (P), Sam DiVittorio (P), Carlee Gonzales (P), Steve Leon (P), 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 August 22, 2023 Meeting**

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the Minutes of August 22, 2023.

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

**VI. PRESENTATIONS:** President Kip Andrews Presented Mr. John Hair, Director of **Our Daily Bread Food Bank of Tangipahoa Parish** with a proclamation. Mr. Hair thanked the Mayor, City Council and the people of Hammond.

President Kip Andrews presented Tairon Ponds, Trey Lester, Jamie Brown, Jermaine Brown members of the **Trojan Elite Track Club** with certificates of recognition.

## **VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to declare the intention to obtain full ownership of property adjudicated to the city of Hammond located at 118 West Louisa Street under LSA RS 47:2236, authorizing the sale of the property to the adjoining landowner pursuant to LSA RS 47:2202 and providing for related matters. (Andre Coudrain)

**Councilman Wells** thank City Attorney Andre Coudrain and Mr. Carter. **There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells** to adopt an ordinance to declare the intention to obtain full ownership of property adjudicated to the city of Hammond located at 118 West Louisa Street under LSA RS 47:2236, authorizing the sale of the property to the adjoining landowner pursuant to LSA RS 47:2202 and providing for related matters.

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Tasha Dameron for the location of 307 N. Oak St., Zoned RM-3, to allow the use of Real Estate office. Expanded Conditional Use contingent on: 1) this is a personal right and expires upon a change in ownership of the property from the person originally granted the conditional use; and it meets all the requirements in the Unified Development Code. (District 2) (Lacy Landrum)

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to adopt an ordinance to to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Tasha Dameron for the location of 307 N. Oak St., Zoned RM-3, to allow the use of Real Estate office. Expanded Conditional Use contingent on: 1) this is a personal right and expires upon a change in ownership of the property from the person originally granted the conditional use; and it meets all the requirements in the Unified Development Code. (District 2)

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

## **VIII. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

1. . Introduction 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**, explained the need for a new ordinance.

**City Attorney Andre Coudrain**, explained the variance process/request for variances.

**Councilman Leon**, asked about some of the additions to the ordinance.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio** to introduce 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: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (N), Steve Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y)**  
**Motion approved 3-2**

2. Introduction of an ordinance directing the clearing of Right-Of-Ways. (Sam DiVittorio)

**Councilman DiVittorio**, explained the ordinance.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated she thought it was too broad.

**Dr. Lacy Landrum**, stated questions and concerns over ordinance.

**Councilman Leon**, stated there were a lot of factors to consider.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Hwy 190 w stated that this was about the city's right of way.

**Christine Monistere**, 208 Camille Ave, asked about the process to clear right of way and stated that something needs to be done.

**David Foster**, stated he has a trees that needs to be removed.

**Councilman Wells**, stated there are trees in District 3 that needs to be removed.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells** to introduce an ordinance directing the clearing of Right-Of- Ways.



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

**IX. RESOLUTIONS: NEW BUSINESS**

1. A resolution to approve Holy Ghost to hold its annual Parish Fair on October 27, 28, 29, 2023 within the boundaries of Magnolia Street from W. Colorado to railroad track, and NW Railroad Avenue from W. Colorado to railroad track.

**Hollie Wootan**, 601 N. Oak, requesting approval for Holy Ghost Church to hold their annual fair.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve Holy Ghost to hold its annual Parish Fair on October 27, 28, 29, 2023 within the boundaries of Magnolia Street from W. Colorado to railroad track, and NW Railroad Avenue from W. Colorado to railroad track.**

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

2. A resolution authorizing Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to "serve, sell or otherwise handle alcohol" on Friday, October 27, 2023, from 5pm to 10pm, Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 8am to 10pm, and Sunday, October 29, 2023, from 10 am to 6pm within the boundaries set. (Hollie Wootan)

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to authorize Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to "serve, sell or otherwise handle alcohol" on Friday, October 27, 2023, from 5pm to 10pm, Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 8am to 10pm, and Sunday, October 29, 2023, from 10 am to 6pm within the boundaries set.**

**Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y).** Motion Approved 5-0

3. A resolution authorizing Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for the following dates and times: Friday, October 27, 2023, from 5pm to 10pm, Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 8am to 10pm, and Sunday, October 29, 2023, from 10 am to 6pm within the boundaries set. (Hollie Wootan)

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for the following dates and times: Friday, October 27, 2023, from 5pm to 10pm, Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 8am to 10pm, and Sunday, October 29, 2023, from 10 am to 6pm within the boundaries set.**

**Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y).** Motion Approved 5-0

4. A resolution authorizing La Carreta, located at 108. Northwest Railroad Ave., Hammond LA, to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for our 25th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, September 15th, 2023, from 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM in the closed area of West Charles Street in front of the restaurant and in the south of the Case de Fresa parking lot.

**Kayli Payne**, explained the event

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize La Carreta, located at 108. Northwest Railroad Ave., Hammond LA, to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for our 25th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, September 15th, 2023, from 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM in the closed area of West Charles Street in front of the restaurant and in the south of the Case de Fresa parking lot.**

**Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y).** Motion Approved 5-0

5. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with ARRCO Company Services for Preventative Generator Maintenance and Repair Services. Total Annual Preventive Maintenance amount of \$65,560.00 and repair services hourly rate of \$119.00. RFP 24-14.

**Jana Soileau**, explained what the contract include, preventative maintenance. ARRCO was the only bidder.

**David Foster**, 45331 Pinehill Rd stated he submitted a bid for the work and the city's evaluation system is unfair.

**Jana Soileau**, explained the process for the bids.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to table the resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with ARRCO Company Services for Preventative Generator Maintenance and Repair Services. Total Annual Preventive Maintenance amount of \$65,560.00 and repair services hourly rate of \$119.00. RFP 24-14.**

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

6. A resolution to authorize the purchase of 2 WANCO Messaging Signs for a total of \$45,100.00 RFP 24-16.

**Jana Soileau**, explained the process for the bid.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to authorize the purchase of 2 WANCO Messaging Signs for a total of \$45,100.00 RFP 24-16**

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

7. Discussion of quotes for the installation of vehicle tracking devices for city equipment and vehicles. **Marcus McMillian**, discussed his research on providing the devices for city equipment and vehicle tracking.

**City Council Discussed**

**Marcus McMillian** will take information presented and council input to research options with multiple providers.

8. A resolution to purchase 4 Dodge Durango's for a total amount of \$167,978.48 using State Contract 4400033795.

**Chief Edwin Bergeron**, stated the police department needs these vehicles. They put in for eight vehicles and four have already been sold and not available. They still have four and they would like to purchase them.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Hwy 190 west, asked what company they are purchasing the vehicles from.

**Chief Edwin Bergeron**, stated Premier Dodge was providing the vehicles.

**Councilman Wells**, asked how many vehicles have been purchased since this city council has been in office.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated she did not have that information, but would provide it.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked about vehicles.

**Christine Monistere**, 208 Camellia Ave, stated the type of vehicle doesn't matter-Tahoe/Durango's are not needed for all officers.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to purchase 4 Dodge Durango's for a total amount of \$167,978.48 State Contract # 4400033795.**

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

9. A resolution to transfer \$47,546 from the Tangi Humane Society line item (560252) into the Animal Control line item (560249) and authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Tangipahoa Parish Government Animal Control for animal control support for the period of September 15, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for \$47,545.12.

**Lacy Landrum**, explained the reason for this transfer.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Hwy 190 west, asked about the animal control policies.

**Chuck Pothwell**, 405 W. Charles St, discussed the problem with stray cats.

**Deborah Swinson**, Woodbridge Subdivision, expressed problems with stray animals.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to transfer \$47,546 from the Tangi Humane Society line item (560252) into the Animal Control line item (560249) and authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Tangipahoa Parish Government Animal Control for animal control support for the period of September 15, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for \$47,545.12**

**VOTE:** Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Motion Approved 5-0

10. Discussion of funding for non-profit organizations (Councilman Andrews)

**City Council** discussed the funding of non-profit organization.

**Elsbet Smith**, President, Louisiana Children's Discovery Center, asked for direction and communication from council for funding.

**Christine Monistere**, asked about non-profits seeking funding.

**Councilman Wells**, suggested giving the Discovery Center \$70,000 and the African American Heritage \$50,000.

**Vic Couvillion**, asked about video bingo revenue and invited everyone out to city clean-up.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to amend the agenda to fund the Children's Discovery Center for \$70,000.**

**VOTE:** Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Motion Approved 5-0

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Children's Discovery Center for \$70,000 from September 12, 2023 to June 30, 2024**

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

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to amend the agenda to fund the African American Heritage Museum for \$50,000.**

**VOTE:** Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Motion Approved 5-0

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Tangipahoa African American Heritage Museum for \$50,000 from September 12, 2023 to June 30, 2024

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

11. Discussion of a change to the City Charter for the election of the police chief. (Councilman Wells)

Council discussed the ordinance

**Vic Couvillion**, stated electing a police chief is not going to solve the problems. He gave some pros and cons.

**Jeannie Voohres** 1201 S. Holly St stated she was in favor of letting the people elect the police chief.

**Michael Showers**, asked the council to suspend the giving of names and addresses when citizen come up to speak. He also stated that he was in favor of electing a police chief but believes the rules are too strict and they need to widen the net.

**Sal Nicolosi** 3607 Highway 90 West, stated that he believes the people should elect a police chief.

**X. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** yielded the floor to Alex Martinez of Pride roofing for discussion of bid and RFP process. There was a discussion of how the process works and some of the contractors complained that it was unfair to minorities.

**David Foster** expressed his concerns and experience with the cities process.

**Council:**

**XI. ADJOURN**

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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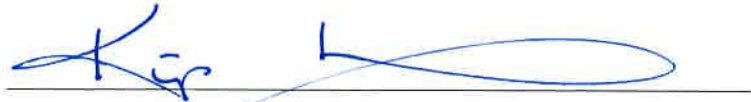
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
October 10, 2023  
5:30pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman DiVittorio

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget to transfer \$23,893.00 from General Administration –TBD Nonprofit Partners (10015800-560100) to be returned to the General Fund (100) balance.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, explained the ordinance.

**Brandi Jones**, 811 Mooney Avenue, asked that the funds remain in an account for nonprofits and be given to Urban Market Experience.

**Councilman Wells**, enters the meeting.

**Jennifer Carpenter**, J & I Transfers LLC, asked for services to help with her business.

**Sharon Hughes**, Sweets and More by Sharon, LLC, 502 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Amite, will be opening a business in Hammond and has been with UMX for a long time, she stated that small businesses need services from Urban Market Experience.

**Ashanti Smith**, 15312 Stonethrow Circle, Hammond, she is on the waiting list to get services and she spoke in support of Urban Market Experience.

**Anthony Alexander**, Amite LA, spoke in support of Urban Market Experience.

**Bishop E. Rene Soule**, 42798 Scarlet Circle, stated he has worked with UMX and spoke in support of Urban Market Experience.

**Joseph Dominick**, 43 Pine Square, Executive Director of the Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center, spoke about the Juvenile Detention center and stated Urban Market Experience has been doing good things in the community.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
October 10, 2023  
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman DiVittorio

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

**III. PRAYER:** Min. Ron Matthews

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of Minutes of September 26, 2023 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve the minutes of September 26, 2023

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

## **VI. Presentation: N/A**

## **VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget to transfer \$23,893.00 from General Administration –TBD Nonprofit Partners (10015800-560100) to be returned to the General Fund (100) balance. (Councilwoman Gonzales)

**Councilman Wells**, asked how much did the Urban Market Experience received in the previous year. He stated he supports giving the remaining balance to Urban Market Experience.

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to deny an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget to transfer \$23,893.00 from General Administration –TBD Nonprofit Partners (10015800-560100) to be returned to the General Fund (100) balance.**

**VOTE:** Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (A), Motion to deny approved 4-0

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to amend the agenda to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Urban Market Experience.**

**VOTE:** Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (A), Motion Approved to amend the agenda 4-0

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Urban Market Experience for \$23,893.00 from October 10, 2023 to June 30, 2024.**

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

2. Final adoption and override of the Mayor's veto of Ordinance No. 23-5721 an ordinance directing the clearing of right of ways. (Mayor Panepinto)

**Mayor**, explained why he vetoed the ordinance.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated that the ordinance was not intended to clear cut tree. He explained the reason behind the ordinance and that it should be clear how people should submit a request. It needs to be clear.

**Christine Montistere**, stated there is a problem in her area and there needs to be a group effort between city and parish administration.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked the Mayor if there was a game plan for moving forward.

**Mayor**, stated they have a process and explained.

**Councilman Wells**, expressed his position and concern about the ordinance and the veto. He stated there needs to be better communication.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Hwy 190 w. stated there is a problem with trees and he does not understand why the Mayor vetoed the ordinance.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to override the Mayor's veto of Ordinance No. 23-5721 an ordinance directing the clearing of right of ways.**

**VOTE:** Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Leon (N), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (A), Motion Failed 2-2

3. Final adoption and override of the Mayor's veto of Ordinance No. 23-5722 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. (Mayor Panepinto)

**Mayor**, explained why he vetoed the ordinance.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, explained and clarified his statements regarding the role of a city planner.

**Deborah Swenson**, 12 Ravenwood Street, Woodbridge Subdivision, stated there are still problems with sewer back-up and she suggested that citizens meet with the new city planner. She stated drainage is still a problem and the council should vote from the citizens prospective.

**Christine Monistere**, asked if the moratorium can be by district areas only.

**William Dykes**, spoke in support of moratorium because of sewer and flooding problems.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated he did not receive any call from voters against the moratorium and thinks the veto is counterproductive to what he was trying to do.

**Ronald Valentine**, 190130 Covington Hwy, stated that the City Council and Mayor need to work together. He suggested they have some type of work session.

**Karen Wallsten**, Chairperson of Housing Enhancement Committee, read a stated from the committee in support of extending the moratorium.

**Councilman Leon**, stated he was concerned about the extension of Moratorium to group homes, not in support of moratorium and thinks it's time to regroup and refocus on what they don't want.

**Lacy Landrum**, The planning department has a detailed process in the Unified Development Code. She stated they have hired a city planner and he is scheduled to start in the middle of November. The permit process still affords a lot of review and the approval would still come before council.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated he has been pushing this to try and improve the developments going forward in multifamily.

**Ron Matthews**, 905 Del Mar Blvd, Hammond, stated he was speaking on behalf of the Planning & Zoning for the City of Hammond. He stated they have a very comprehensive meeting to discuss some of the items this is centered around. He is in favor of the moratorium because the city is growing and he sees it as an opportunity to make things better around the city. In their meeting on September 22, the board discussed this in detail as well as other things and they have a consensus and the want to offer up a recommendation to the council for an architecture review committee.

**Tracy Well**, ask for a definition of group home in the charter. She read a statement regarding group homes on Justice.gov.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to adopt and override the Mayor's veto of Ordinance No. 23-5722 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 (N), Councilman Leon (N), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (A), Motion Failed 2-2

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to amend the agenda to add introduction 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.**

**VOTE:** Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (A), Motion Approved to amend the agenda 4-0

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance to extend the moratorium for an additional 180 days from the date of final adoption.**

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

## **VIII. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

1. Introduction 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)

**Lacy Landrum**, stated the item was heard by the planning and zoning committee in September and they unanimously approved to revoke the right of way. This was for a street that was never constructed.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to introduce 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 Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (A), Motion Approved 4-0

## **IX. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Discussion of a change to the City Charter for the election of the police chief. (Councilman Wells)

**Andre Coudrain**, Hammond City Attorney, gave an update on the questions that were up for discussion, experience, residency and education.

**Council discussed**

**Tracy Wells**, asked to change and have the vote for the chief coincide with the U.S. Presidential Election and not the Mayor and City Council election.

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.

**Lacy Landrum**, Family Dollar Store, asked to table this item as well as the next because they wanted to have a representative present for the meeting.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to table 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.**

**VOTE:** Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (A), Motion to Table 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. (Lacy Landrum)

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to table 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.**

**VOTE:** Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (A), Motion to table approved 4-0

4. A resolution to approve Thai Green Leaf located at 1905 W. Thomas St. Suite S Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Thai Green Leaf Inc. (Lacy Landrum)

**Lacy Landrum** stated the change is a move of location.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Wells to approve Thai Green Leaf located at 1905 W. Thomas St. Suite S Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Thai Green Leaf Inc**

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

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

**Lacy Landrum** presented a list of current alcohol permits that are up for annual renewal.

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

**VOTE:** Councilman Andrews (A), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Abstain), Councilman Wells (Abstain), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion Failed 2-2

6. A resolution 1) accepting a \$19,718 grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated this is to accept the grant and there is no match.

**Ivan Scioneaux**, 2009 Corbine Rd, asked who the vendor was.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated they have not contacted with anyone yet because they have to accept the grant before they can go get quotes for the radios.

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve a resolution 1) accepting a \$19,718 grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.**

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

7. A resolution 1) accepting an \$18,436.25 grant from the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; 2) approving an \$18,436.25 cash match from the Hammond Police Department; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

**Lacy Landrum**, accepting an annual grant that the city receives. There is a match and it will come from the Hammond Police Department Budget. They will be able to purchase between 33 and 34 vest.

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve A resolution 1) accepting an \$18,436.25 grant from the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; 2) approving an \$18,436.25 cash match from the Hammond Police Department; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.**

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

8. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of an \$31,734.72 grant application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to purchase a digital fire extinguisher training system for the Hammond Fire Department.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated this is something new and it teaches people how to use a fire extinguisher. This is just the application for the grant.

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve a resolution 1) accepting a \$19,718 grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.**

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

## X. REPORTS:

**Mayor:** Southeastern Homecoming Week asked that everyone get out and support the local university.  
**Council:**

**Councilman DiVittorio,** asked about lights or reflector signs in the curve on Chauvin. Concerned about public safety at the servitude at Morris and Linden.

**Councilman Wells** thank the Mayor and the crew for getting the trees cut in the servitude and he stated mud was still getting on the equipment in the park.

## XI. ADJOURN:

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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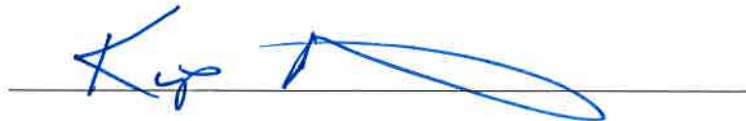
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
October 24, 2023  
5:30pm**

**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 stated he is concerned about parking and opposes the re-zoning.

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

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

**MiMi Catherell**, owner, stated this is just zoning.

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



**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: Kip Andrews**

**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 the Magnet School Tax that will be on the November 18<sup>th</sup> 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 to deny Approved 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 commission considered this case and because it is currently zoned in an area which does not allow for the placement of a mobile homes even though there's existing ones there. Ms. Boyd's 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 possibly 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.

**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

**Public Hearing – November 14, 2023**

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.

**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.

**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)

**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.

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

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

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 the meeting

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

**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 item.

**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 (N), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Absent), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion approved 3-1

#### **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 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 (Absent), 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 (Absent), 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 is 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.

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**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 approves 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 owner was present.

**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 and his advice is that it is clear.

**Paul Forbes**, 1702 Octavia St. the police chief 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 wanted 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.

**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 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.

**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

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked who was the finance director

**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 recommends award to 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**

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
November 28, 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: NONE**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
November 28, 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 (Absent), 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 November 14, 2023 Meeting

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

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

**VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE**

**VII. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

1. Introduction of an ordinance to approve an annexation request by Brian Depaula (Z-2023-10-00127) to annex lots 57 & 58 of I-12 Commercial Park located on Lamonte Dr. per survey by Roy Edwards Land Surveying, Inc. dated 01/02/08; to be zoned C-H (District 3). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission.

**Lacy Landrum**, explained the introduction and stated that Planning and Zoning Unanimously approved.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance to approve an annexation request by Brian Depaula . (Z-2023-10-00127) to annex lots 57 & 58 of I-12 Commercial Park located on Lamonte Dr. per survey by Roy Edwards Land Surveying, Inc. dated 01/02/08; to be zoned C-H (District 3).**

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

**Public Hearing – December 12, 2023**

2. Introduction of an ordinance to approve an annexation request by James Marshall (Z-2023-10-00128) to annex 0.747 acres located on Tranquil Trace per survey by Max Bodin, Inc. dated 10/05/23; to be zoned RM-2 (District 4). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission.

**Lacy Landrum**, explained the ordinance.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked that the item be tabled until after the holidays.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews** to table an ordinance to approve an annexation request by James Marshall (Z-2023-10-00128) to annex 0.747 acres located on Tranquil Trace per survey by Max Bodin, Inc. dated 10/05/23; to be zoned RM-2

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

**Public Hearing – December 12, 2023**

3. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Jeremy Sims (Z-2023-10-00126) to rezone 311 North Holly St. per survey by McLin & Associates, Inc. dated 06/08/09 from RS-5 to MX-C (District 1). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission.

**Lacy Landrum**, explained the ordinance and stated the planning and zoning commission recommended approval. Jeremy Sims the property owner was present for questions.

Jeremy Sims, 311 N. Holly Street, owner was available for questions.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to introduce an to approve a rezoning request by Jeremy Sims (Z-2023-10-00126) to rezone 311 North Holly St. per survey by McLin & Associates, Inc. dated 06/08/09 from RS-5 to MX-C (District 1).

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

**Public Hearing – December 12, 2023**

4. Introduction of an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Wende Powell and Kerri Vinyard (Z-2023-09-00125) for the location of 79 Whitmar Dr., Zoned RS-11, to allow for the use of Group Living, (District 5), with the following conditions:

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2. The group living use is for a transitional living program for youth.

3. The group living use must remain in compliance with state licensure.

4. There can be no exterior signage.

5. There can be no retail sales. Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission.

**Lacy Landrum**, stated that there were two public hearings and on both occasions it was a full house. She stated there was lots of discussion and she stated she attached documents of those that disapproves.

**Donald Lee**, 13 Silman, is oppose to this item. He stated it doesn't benefit the residents.

**Michael Doucet**, 708 West Roberts St, spoke in favor of the item.

**Kerry Raines**, 78 Whitmar, spoke against the item, he stated he does want any businesses in the area.

**Kerri Vinyard**, Director of H2O Ministry, gave an overview of the minister and how they will manage the house.

**Wende Powell**, Co-director of H2O, explained how the program operates and asked for support of the item.

**Rachel Gill**, 3 Edwards Place, stated group living is not allowed in Whitmar and she spoke in opposition of the item.

**Lucas Burch**, stated he bought into a residential neighborhood and he opposes this item.

**William Dykes**, 11 Whitemar, asked who is going to enforce the rule and stated he is opposed to the item.

**Jim Allain**, 41 Laura Drive, opposes the item.

**Deborah Swinson**, 12 Ravewood St., stated that she respects the purpose of the ministry, but she is in opposition of the item and ask the council to vote from a constituent perspective.

**Renee Lee**, 13 Silman, spoke in opposition of item.

**April Foster**, 16 Silman Ave, asked if the information sent out to the community was accurated. Stated she was in support of the item.

**Jason Goudy**, 42 Laura Dr., spoke in opposition of items

**Andre Coudrain**, Hammond City Attorney, explained the ordinance process.

**IBrey Amaker**, 28 Marta Dr, state that this will be an ongoing issue because of Housing and Urban Development Funding.

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

**Public Hearing – December 12, 2023**

### **VIII. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the cocktail-tasting event Art of the Cocktail held on Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. The event will take place inside the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 E. Thomas Street, as well as on the eastern half of Morrison Park Alleyway. Note: Art of the Cocktail is hosted annually by the Hammond Regional Arts Center as a primary fundraiser for the organization. Activities include creative-cocktail sampling, art displays, music and local food.

**Melissa Griffin**, explained the event.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the cocktail-tasting event Art of the Cocktail held on Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. The event will take place inside the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 E. Thomas Street, as well as on the eastern half of Morrison Park Alleyway. Note: Art of the Cocktail is hosted annually by the Hammond Regional Arts Center as a primary fundraiser for the organization. Activities include creative-cocktail sampling, art displays, music and local food.

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

2. A resolution to grant a waiver of the city of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Hammond Regional Arts Center during the cocktail-sampling event Art of the Cocktail held on Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. The event will take place inside the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 E. Thomas Street, as well as on the eastern half of Morrison Park Alleyway. Note: Art of the Cocktail is hosted annually by the Hammond Regional Arts Center as a primary fundraiser for the organization. Activities include creative-cocktail sampling, art displays, music and local food.

**Melissa Griffin**, same as previous.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** to to grant a waiver of the city of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Hammond Regional Arts Center during the cocktail-sampling event Art of the Cocktail held on Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. The event will take place inside the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 E. Thomas Street, as well as on the eastern half of Morrison Park Alleyway. Note: Art of the Cocktail is hosted annually by the Hammond Regional Arts Center as a primary fundraiser for the organization. Activities include creative-cocktail sampling, art displays, music and local food.

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

3. A resolution to authorize We Didn't Planet Clothing Co. to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Planet in the Park event held on Saturday, January 6, 2024 from 2:00pm - 8:00pm. The event will take place at Cate Square Park, 200 West Charles Street

**Alec Griffith**, Explained the event.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews** to to authorize We Didn't Planet Clothing Co. to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol, limited to beer and wine, during the Planet in the Park event held on Saturday, January 6, 2024 from 2:00pm - 7:00pm. The event will take place at Cate Square Park, 200 West Charles Street.

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

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

5. A resolution to accept the proposed health insurance package for calendar year 2024. (Henry Powell)



**Henry Powell, 110 W. Morris**, explained the current and renewal package for employee benefits. He state that there was no rate increase and the plane would be the same, but there is a change to the Benny Card. The Benny card will no longer be used, they are introducing a new card and are asking for approval of the same funding amount. There was a small increase in the dental insurance. He also stated that the overall saving is about \$100.000.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve a resolution to accept the proposed health insurance package for calendar year 2024.

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

**Mayor:** Ask that everyone be vigilant during the holidays, support city businesses and enjoy the holidays.

**Council:** Councilman DiVittorio, asked about food truck enforcement.

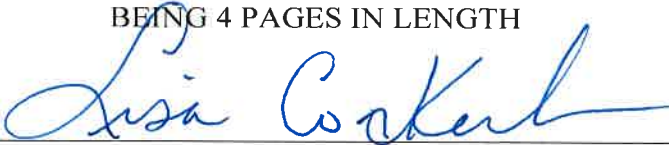
**IX. ADJOURN**

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
December 12, 2023  
5:30pm**

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

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. An ordinance to approve an annexation request by Brian Depaula (Z-2023-10-00127) to annex lots 57 & 58 of I-12 Commercial Park located on Lamonte Dr. per survey by Roy Edwards Land Surveying, Inc. dated 01/02/08; to be zoned C-H (District 3). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission.

**Dr. Lacy Landrum**, explained the ordinance.

**Councilman Wells** enters meeting.

**Brain Depaula**, property owner was present to answer questions.

**Councilman Wells**, asked about the benefits to the city.

**Dr. Lacy Landrum**, talked about the benefits to the sales tax revenue to the city.

2. An ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Jeremy Sims (Z-2023-10-00126) to rezone 311 North Holly St. per survey by McLin & Associates, Inc. dated 06/08/09 from RS-5 to MX-C (District 1). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission.

**Dr. Lacy Landrum**, explained the ordinance.

**Jeremy Sims**, owner was present to answer any questions. He stated that he was requesting the rezoning to bring the property into compliance with what is historical. The same zoning as the properties around it.

**Mari Mcleen**, 309 N. Holly St, stated she live adjacent to Jeremy Sims and she in support of the ordinance but she asked the council to pay attention to the area along N. Holly St., she is trying to improve the area but she is concerned about changing to an MX-C use, but is in favor of this item.

**Dr. Lacy Landrum** explained MX-C uses.

3. An ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Wende Powell and Kerri Vinyard (Z-2023-09-00125) for the location of 79 Whitmar Dr., Zoned RS-11, to allow for the use of Group Living, (District 5), with the following conditions:

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4. There can be no exterior signage.
5. There can be no retail sales.

Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission.

**Dr. Lacy Landrum**, stated that this item has been withdrawn at the request of the applicant.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
December 12, 2023  
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

**II. ROLL CALL:** Kip Andrews (P), Carlee Gonzales (P), Sam DiVittorio (P), Devon Wells (P)  
Steve Leon (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 November 28, 2023 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of November 28, 2023.

**VOTE:** Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Devon Wells (abstain), Steve Leon (Y)

**VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve an annexation request by Brian Depaula (Z-2023-10-00127) to annex lots 57 & 58 of I-12 Commercial Park located on Lamonte Dr. per survey by Roy Edwards Land Surveying, Inc. dated 01/02/08; to be zoned C-H (District 3). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission. (Lacy Landrum)

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**VOTE:** Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y)

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Jeremy Sims (Z-2023-10-00126) to rezone 311 North Holly St. per survey by McLin & Associates, Inc. dated 06/08/09 from RS-5 to MX-C (District 1). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission. (Lacy Landrum)

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and a second by Councilman Andrews to approve the adoption of an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Jeremy Sims (Z-2023-10-00126) to rezone 311 North Holly St. per survey by McLin & Associates, Inc. dated 06/08/09 from RS-5 to MX-C (District 1). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission**

**VOTE:** Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y)

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Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission. (Lacy Landrum)

It was announced that the applicant has withdrawn the application.

**Heather Guidance**, 9 Silman Ave. Asked questions about the UDC for future reference.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and a second by Councilwoman Gonzales to remove from the agenda an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use request by Wende Powell and Kerri Vinyard (Z-2023-09-00125) for the location of 79 Whitmar Dr., Zoned RS-11, to allow for the use of Group Living, (District 5), with the following conditions:**

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Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission.

**VOTE:** Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y)

**VII. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

1. Introduction of an ordinance proposing an election to determine amendment to the city of Hammond Home Rule Charter providing for the City Council authority to remove the police chief and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Councilman Kip Andrews**, explained the ordinance.

**Andre Coudrain**, City Attorney, recommended changes in order to move forward with the item. He recommended that the agenda be amended to include the suggested changes.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, made a recommendation of not less than 2/3 of the city council.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated he thinks this is a good compromise.

**Andre Coudrain**, City Attorney, suggested the ordinance be changed to read: Article 2 Section 2.18 of the Home Rule Charter which would read: The city council may remove the police chief by the vote of not less than three members at a regular meeting of the council or at a special meeting of the council called for that purpose. He suggested that they make a motion to introduce the ordinance with this language adding 2.18.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and a second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to amend the ordinance to add Article 2 Section 2.18 the authority to remove the police chief.

**VOTE:** Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y)

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and a second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to introduce the ordinance as proposed to add Article 2 Section 2.18 of the Home Rule Charter as proposed.

**VOTE:** Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Steve Leon (Y)

**Public Hearing will be held January 9, 2024**

## **VIII. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution to approve the appointment of Todd Delaune, representing the City of Hammond Mayor, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

**Michelle Kendell**, Director of the Downtown Development District explained the position.

**Todd Delaune**, 206 E. Thomas Street was present to answer questions.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon** to approve the appointment of Todd Delaune representing the City of Hammond Mayor, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

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

2.A resolution to approve the appointment of Chanc Kinchen, representing the Chamber of Commerce, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

**Michelle Kendell**, Director of the Downtown Development District explained the position.

**Chanc Kinchen**, was available to answer questions.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews** to approve the appointment of Chanc Kinchen, representing the Chamber of Commerce, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025

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

3.A resolution to approve the appointment of Mary Guiteau or Jeff LeSaicherre, representing the East Side Business and Property Owners, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025. (Michelle Kendall)

**Michelle Kendell**, Director of the Downtown Development District explained the position and that they had two qualified candidates.

**Jeremy Sims, 311 N. Holly St, asked why single family owners don't get to give recommendations.**

**Michelle Kendell** explained the State law that governs this

**Mary Guiteau**, introduced herself, stated she was an architect at Holly & Smith, lives and works in downtown.

**Jeff LeSaicherre**, was present and stated he was a business and property owner and an attorney.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells** to approve the appointment of Jeff LeSaicherre, representing the East Side Business and Property Owners, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

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

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells** to approve the appointment of Mary Guiteau, representing the East Side Business and Property Owners, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

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

4. A resolution to reappoint Regina Delaune to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four year term until December 31, 2027. She was originally appointed to the Commission on February 23, 2021. (Mayor Panepinto)

**Lacy Landrum**, Director of Administration, stated Regina has been a good board member.

**Regina Delaune, 206 E. Thomas**, was available for questions and stated she enjoys serving.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to reappoint Regina Delaune to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four year term until December 31, 2027. She was originally appointed to the Commission on February 23, 2021.**

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

5. A resolution to ratify and award bids received 12/07/2023 for “Sewer System Rehabilitation – Water Sector Program FY2022” –project no. 616-12304. (Lacy Landrum).

**Lacy Landrum** stated that Chuck Spangler was unable to attend meeting and she explained the resolution. She stated the project came in under budget and they recommend the award to the lowest bidder which was Insituform Technologies, LLC, contingent on approval by The State Office of Community Development.

**David Foster**, recommends to break down the big project so that small businesses and minorities could bid.

**Councilman Wells** stated that the bids need to be broken down, locals should have a chance to bid on them.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to ratify and award bids received 12/07/2023 for “Sewer System Rehabilitation – Water Sector Program FY2022” – project no. 616-12304 subject to approval by the State Office of Community Development .**

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

6. A resolution to transfer \$50,000 from the available funds of closed projects (42015800 - 560330) to City Hall Generator project (12119) for a total project budget of \$130,000. (Lacy Landrum)

**Lacy Landrum**, Director of Administration, explained the item.

**David Foster**, asked that they give small businesses a chance to get the projects. He would like an opportunity.

**Lacy Landrum**, explained the state bid contract process.

**Tom Sanders**, AARCO, stated this is the lowest price and it was a competitive bid.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked about the differences between natural gas and diesel generators.

**Councilman Wells**, asked Tom questions about his tenure with the company.

**Ron Matthews**, 905 Delmar, stated the city needs to take a look at minority owned business participation for projects.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to transfer \$50,000 from the available funds of closed projects (42015800 - 560330) to City Hall Generator project (12119) for a total project budget of \$130,000.**

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

7. A resolution to purchase a Generac Industrial 500kW, diesel engine-driven generator to support city hall and the council chambers buildings for a cost of \$99,143.21. State contract #4400026321-SD500-208V. (Lacy Landrum)

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

**Tom Sanders**, described the generator and its warranty.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to purchase a Generac Industrial 500kW, diesel engine-driven generator to support city hall and the council chambers buildings for a cost of \$99,143.21. State contract #4400026321-SD500-208V.**

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

**Mayor:** Dr. Lacy Landrum, stated that the Christmas Parade is Friday night. The train in Zemurray Park runs each weekend up to December 23, 2023. Sales tax are up about 1.67% ahead of the budget.

**Council:** **Councilwoman Gonzales**, gave Mr. Sergio Mesa, her time.

**Sergio Mesa**, 101 W. Thomas St, stated that he is representing Mr. Marshall on an agenda item that was previously tabled. He asked about the process and the time table regarding something tabled.

**Andre Coudrain**, City Attorney, explained the Roberts Rules of order regarding something being tabled.

**Sergio Mesa**, explained what they were asking, to go from parish land and to be annexed in the City of Hammond.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, explained his position on the item.

**Pat Lamonte** owner of property asked about the property and the city councilman’s concern.

**Councilman Wells**, wished everyone Happy Holidays and be safe.

**Councilman Andrews**, wished everyone Happy Holidays.

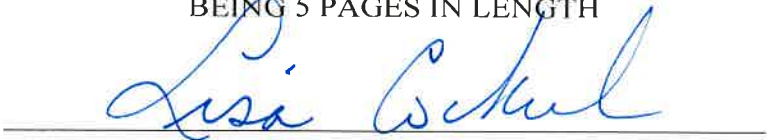
**IX. ADJOURN**

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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