



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MEETING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
March 12, 2024  
5:30pm**

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

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. An ordinance to accept the dedication of the sewer lift station property and improvements at The Waters at Hammond.

**City Attorney Andre Coudrain**, explained the ordinance. He stated the lift station has been recently inspected and is good working condition. The City will get the manufactures warranties.

**Councilman Wells**, asked what type of generator is used.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked if there is a bond from the company.

**City Attorney Andre Coudrain** stated in lieu of a bond they are going to assign all the warranties over to the city.

**Councilman Wells** stated he was concerned about the cost to the tax payer. He state that he has a problem with the city doing the final inspection and asked about getting a third party to look at the project.

2. An ordinance of the Hammond City Council amending the Official Zoning Map from RS-3 to MX-C at 516 Magazine Street.

**Dr. Lacy Landrum**, Director of Administration, stated that Planning and Zoning recommended approval. They constituent would like to out a laundromat at this location. There were not comments against re-zoning.

**Phil Tran**, 601 Magazine Street likes the ida of a laundromat and is in support of the ordinance for a laundromat only.

3. An ordinance to amend the City of Hammond Unified Development Code to collect fees equal to the costs assumed by the city to record documents through the Tangipahoa Parish Clerk of Court and the advertisement and notice of public meetings required of Planning and Zoning Commission meetings. Dr. **Dr. Lacy Landrum**, Director of Administration, explained the ordinance.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
March 12, 2024  
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

**II. ROLL CALL:** Councilman Kip Andrews (P), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (P), Councilman Devon Wells (P), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (P), Councilman Steven Leon (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 February 27, 2024 Meeting

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2024 meeting**

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

**VI. PRESENTATION:** Housing Enhancement Committee, was postponed until the next meeting on March 26, 2024.

**VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AND ORDINANCE**

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to accept the dedication of the sewer lift station property and improvements at The Waters at Hammond.

**City Attorney Andre Coudrain**, stated this is a dedication of the sewer lift station.

There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to adopt an ordinance to accept the dedication of the sewer lift station property and improvements at The Waters at Hammond.

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance of the Hammond City Council amending the Official Zoning Map from RS-3 to MX-C at 516 Magazine Street.

**Dr. Lacy Landrum**, reiterated that the intended use is for a Laundromat but based on the zoning other uses is possible.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adopt an ordinance of the Hammond City Council amending the Official Zoning Map from RS-3 to MX-C at 516 Magazine Street.

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend the City of Hammond Unified Development Code to collect fees equal to the costs assumed by the city to record documents through the Tangipahoa Parish Clerk of Court and the advertisement and notice of public meetings required of Planning and Zoning Commission meetings.

**Dr. Lacy Landrum**, stated this is just as previously discussed.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adopt** an ordinance to amend the City of Hammond Unified Development Code to collect fees equal to the costs assumed by the city to record documents through the Tangipahoa Parish Clerk of Court and the advertisement and notice of public meetings required of Planning and Zoning Commission meetings.

**Vote:** Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y), Devon Wells (abstain). Motion approved 4-0

**III. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

1. Introduction of an ordinance for an election proposing an amendment to section 5-08 of the City of Hammond Home Rule Charter.

Brennan Black, Foley & Judell, L.L. P, explained the reason for the introduction and he or someone from his firm will attend the Council meeting on March 26, 2024 .

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to introduce an ordinance for an election proposing an amendment to section 5-08 of the City of Hammond Home Rule Charter.

**Vote:** Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y), Devon Wells (abstain). Motion approved 4-0

**IX. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution authorizing La Carreta, located at 108 NW Railroad Ave., Hammond LA, to close traffic to West Charles Street in front of the restaurant and in the south of the Case de Fresa parking lot Saturday, May 04, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 10:30 PM through Sunday, May 05, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 10:30 PM.as well as authorizing La Carreta to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for our annual Cinco De Mayo celebration Saturday, May 04, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 10:30 PM through Sunday, May 05, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 10:30 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)

**Kayli Payne**, 108 NW Railroad Ave, representing the owner, explained the request. There was a discussion of the time the event would be held and changes were made to the hours of the event.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** authorizing La Carreta, located at 108 NW Railroad Ave., Hammond LA, to close traffic to West Charles Street in front of the restaurant and in the south of the Case de Fresa parking lot Saturday, May 04, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM and Sunday, May 05, 2024, from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM.as well as authorizing La Carreta to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for our annual Cinco De Mayo celebration Saturday, May 04, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM and Sunday, May 05, 2024, from 1:00 PM to 9:00 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 (N), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion approved 4-1

2. A resolution to authorize Benny's Place to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Hammond Downtown Development District's Farmers Market Spring Fest held on Saturday, March 30th from 8:00AM to 12:00PM. The event location is 106 NW Railroad Ave in Railroad Park.

**Elle Johnson**, was representing the Downtown Development District and Benny's Place. She stated Benny's Place was partnering with the Downtown Development and they would be serving Bloody Mary's and Mimosas.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing Benny's Place to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Hammond Downtown Development District's Farmers Market Spring Fest held on Saturday, March 30th from 8:00AM to 12:00PM. The event location is 106 NW Railroad Ave in Railroad Park.**

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

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**Elle Johnson**, was representing the Downtown Development District and Benny's Place, same as previous.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing Benny's Place to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Hammond Downtown Development District's Farmers Market Spring Fest held on Saturday, March 30th from 8:00AM to 12:00PM. The event location is 106 NW Railroad Ave in Railroad Park.**

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

#### **X. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** stated striping should be started on Industrial Ave and there is a chess tournament in the city.

#### **Council:**

**Councilman DiVittorio**, thanked the city for the clean up on Hardin Drive in Lincoln Park and he expressed concern regarding the shopping carts in the neighborhood.

**Councilman Leon**, thanked the city for the drainage clean out on Elm St and College Drive.

**Councilwoman Gonzales** mentioned the Hammond Easter Egg Hunt in Zemurry Park, March 23 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

**Councilman Wells** asked about street repairs; 1405 Live Oak at Scanlan and JW Davis at Marilyn St. He stated someone hit a pothole and the car was damaged, he asked about the procedure.

**Dr. Lacy Landrum**, explained the procedure.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked about lights and replacement light was discussed.

**Councilman Andrews** asked about the train incident and wanted to know about the city's social media policy. He asked the City Attorney to look into an item that was posted on social media and stated he was concerned for his wife/family's safety.

**Councilman Wells** left the meeting

#### **XI . 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. 4-0 to adjourn

#### **CERTIFICATION OF CLERK**

I LISA COCKERHAM, CLERK OF COUNCIL DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVEAND FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECITATION OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD MARCH 12,

2024

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LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

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PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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