



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
August 13, 2024
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman 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 declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com

1. 2013 Kia Soul
2. Unit 728 2008 Dodge Ram
3. 2 Wanco Digital Messaging boards
4. Hot water pressure washer Model # HW2-1100
5. Rear seats and cages from Police Vehicles
6. 18 wooden chairs
7. 15 tables
8. Light bars, wire and camera heads

Mayor Panepinto explained the item

No Public Comment



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
August 13, 2024
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER : Regular Session was called to order by Council President Kip Andrews @ 5:32pm

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

III. PRAYER : Stella DiVittorio

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of July 23, 2024 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the the Minutes of July 23, 2024 meeting.

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

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com

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8. Light bars, wire and camera heads (Mayor Panepinto)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Steve Leon, to adopt and ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com

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Votes: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Steven Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approve 5-0

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to transfer \$15,000.00 from the Downtown Development District Fund (207) Balance to the 'Digital Gateway Project' account (12327).

Michelle Kendall, stated the additional fund are needed to complete the project. This is a collaboration between the city and the Downtown Development District. The city hasd dedicated \$75,000 and the Downtown Development's contribution was \$50,000 this request is to increase that amount due to additional fees that wasn't allotted for the project. The \$15,000 will come from the DDD's budget and are needed to complete the project.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance to transfer \$15,000.00 from the Downtown Development District Fund (207) Balance to the 'Digital Gateway Project' account (12327).

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

1. A resolution to re-appoint Ms. Phyllis McCraney, to the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term ending from August 13, 2024 to August 13, 2027. (Councilman Kip Andrews)

Councilman Andrews thanked Phyllis McCraney for her willingness to serve another term.

Phyllis McCraney, has enjoyed serving and wishes to continue to serve.

City Council Members, thanks her for serving and her willingness to continue.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to re-appoint Phyllis McCraney to the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term from August 13, 2024 to August 13, 2027.

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

2. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to renew the 3 year agreement with Softchoice Corporation for Microsoft Software, in the amount of \$49,982.22 per year.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the agreement

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the Mayor to renew the 3-year agreement with Softchoice Corporation for Microsoft Software, in the amount of \$49,982.22 annually for Microsoft Licenses and Software.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y)

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 5-0

3. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to renew the Google Work Space Business Plus license agreement for a three year term. The proposed three year contract is an upgrade to Workspace Enterprise Standard which gives the city more storage. The cost is \$41,400.00 per year.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the agreement.

Councilman Wells asked the Mayor to explain the difference between this item and the previous one.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the difference and uses.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Mayor to renew the Google Work Space Business Plus license agreement for a three-year term. The proposed three-year contract is an upgrade to Workspace Enterprise Standard which gives the city more storage. The cost is \$41,400.00 per year.

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 renew the enterprise licensing agreement with ESRI in the amount of \$27,500.00 . This is an annual renewal . (Mayor Panepinto)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to authorize the Mayor to renew the enterprise licensing agreement with ESRI in the amount of \$27,500.00 per year.

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

5. A resolution to purchase a 2024 F350 Utility Crane Truck for the Water & Sewer department from Courtesy Automotive Group for \$98,549,09 State Contract #4400023793.

Mayor Panepinto, stated this was approved in the budget and this is a state contract.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that he wants to see local dealerships getting the contracts if they can match the price.

Councilman Wells, asked about tracking devices for city vehicles and equipment

Mayor Panepinto, stated they are waiting on information from the state.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the purchase of a 2024 F350 Utility Crane Truck for the Water & Sewer department from Courtesy Automotive Group for \$98,549,09 State Contract #4400023793.

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

6. A resolution to purchase four K-9 package Chevrolet Silverado PPV trucks from Gerry Lane Chevrolet for a total amount of \$293,493.88. State Contract #4400023794.

Mayor Panepinto, stated that this is a state contract and they were unable to get any 2024's locally.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy 190 w, asked about the vehicles and if they were replacing old vehicles.

Mayor stated they were and explained.

John Pierre, 903 Rue St Michael asked about the vehicles being replaced.

Lt. Daniel Boudreaux, Hammond Police Department, described the vehicle and explained their use.

Councilman Wells, thanked Lt. Boudreaux for coming to the meeting and explaining the item.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the purchase of four K-9 package Chevrolet Silverado PPV trucks from Gerry Lane Chevrolet for a total amount of \$293,493.88. State Contract #4400023794

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

7. A resolution regarding street lights in the city.

Councilman DiVittorio explained the resolution

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated the Entergy representative sent a form

Mayor Panepinto stated they forms are to be sent to Dori in the streets department.

Councilman Wells asked the Mayor to send someone out at night to check for street lights that are out.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to authorize a resolution regarding street lights in the city.

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: No Report

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, raised an issue regarding a permit and duplex being constructed in Villa West. He read from a statement that he wrote.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the position of the permit department and action taken. He stated they addressed it once it came to their attention and the city attorney has been on top of the issue.

Councilman Wells, express his concerned regarding the signature on the permit.

Mayor Panepinto explained the building department process and the use of electronic signatures, but the appropriate people checked the driveway.

Joanne Tallo, resident of Villa West, she raised the concern about a possible duplex in her neighborhood and what is going to happen next.

Mayor Panepinto, explained that this was an RS 11 single family zoning and that can't happen.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain explained that the owner was sent a letter advising of the zoning and that duplexes are not allowed and if he operates as a duplex he is in violation and there will be enforment. He also spoke with the realtor to have the listing removed.

Joel Crawford, live in the neighborhood of Villa West, provided information on the house.

John Pierre, talked about the neighborhood.

Cindy Grega, 1108 Rue Chalet, asked about the permit process.

Councilman Wells, asked that if the parish is involved, why is there not an agreement, stating that the parish is involved.

Robert Marino, 1003 Rue Chalet, his concern is for safety issues.

Mike Barnholdt, 805 Del Mar, asked about the permit.

Councilman DiVittorio, would like to have this topic related to permit number 202408731 as the first topic under new business at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Wells, asked Mr. James and ex-employee of the recreation department to stand and he requested his personnel file. He ask that they give him his file.

X. 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. 5-0 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 August 13,

2024

BEING 4 PAGES IN LENGTH

LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL