



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTE  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
January 14, 2025  
5:30pm**

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

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. An Ordinance Requiring Budget Reports to the City Council at the Second City Council Meeting Following the End of Each Quarter.

Councilman DiVittorio, entered the meeting

Councilman Andrews, explained the ordinance

Councilwoman Gonzales thanked Councilman Andrews for working with the administration on this item.

Councilman Wells asked for the report to be made available to the public.

No Public Comment

2. An ordinance to approve a street naming request by Devon Wells to rename Carolina Street to Willie Grant Jackson Drive.

Charles Borchers explained the ordinance.

Councilman Wells thanked the administration for this

No Public Comment

3. An ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Kenneth Crockett to rezone 517 Hewitt Road from RS-11.A to MX-N in accordance with the preliminary plat by Max Bodin, Inc. dated 08/21/24.

Charles Borchers explained the ordinance and stated that Planning and Zoning approved the request.

Kenneth Crockett, owner was present to answer questions and explained the plan for the property.

No Public Comment

4. An ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Brian Dozier to rezone 1009 C M Fagan Drive from MX-N to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Martin Surveying Solutions, LLC dated 06/27/2024.

Charles Borchers explained the ordinance. Planning and Zoning commission recommended the rezoning.

No Public Comment



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

**JANUARY 14, 2025**  
**6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

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

**III. PRAYER:** Councilman Andrews

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

**V. ELECTION:**

**Election of President of City Council for 2025**

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to re-elect Kip Andrews for another term as City Council President.**

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

**Election of Vice President of City Council for 2025**

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to elect Carlee Gonzales to the Office of Vice President of the Hammond City Council.**

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

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2024 Meeting

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the minutes of December 10, 2024 meeting.**

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

**VII. PRESENTATION:** A presentation by Principal Engineering on the flood study for the City of Hammond.

Andre Monet, Principal Engineering, gave a report of the status of the flood study and proposed map. Council members, asked question and discussed the study.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked for a review of a particular area that was left out of the study.

Andre Monet, explained and said they would take another look at the area in question.

Councilman Andrews asked how it will affect the study.

Andre Monet, explained that it was possible and that they could address it with FEMA and amend the application, but he doesn't know how long it will take.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked about possibly doing a second application with FEMA.

Andre Monet, explained

Councilman Wells, asked about the agreement that the city made with them. He asked about the length of time they have been working on the project and the number of times Andre Monet appeared before the council.

Deborah Swenson 12 Ravenwood St, asked questions about the study and asked where they can get a copy of the study.

Councilwoman Gonzales requested a copy of the slides.

Deborah Swenson, asked about flooding, flooding occurrences and flood insurance.

Andre Monet, explained

Deborah Swenson, asked when they will be able to see a public review.

Andre Monet, explained that it there will be an announcement in the public news journal at the conclusion of the study.

Deborah Swenson, asked about the study being sent to the corps of engineers.

Ron Matthews, 905 Del Mar Blvd, asked about a reviewed study of the model and he explained.

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

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance Requiring Budget Reports to the City Council at the Second City Council Meeting Following the End of Each Quarter. (Councilman Andrews)

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt an Ordinance Requiring Budget Reports to the City Council at the Second City Council Meeting Following the End of Each Quarter.**

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

2. Final adoption of an Ordinance to approve a street naming request by Devon Wells to rename Carolina Street to Willie Grant Jackson Drive. (Charles Borchers)

Councilman Wells, thanked the administration and asked about the sign.

Councilman Andrews, thanked Councilman Wells for spearheading this request.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt an Ordinance to approve a street naming request by Devon Wells to rename Carolina Street to Willie Grant Jackson Drive.**

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

3. Final adoption of an Ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Kenneth Crockett to rezone 517 Hewitt Road from RS-11.A to MX-N in accordance with the preliminary plat by Max Bodin, Inc. dated 08/21/24.

Brenda Longino, Hewitt Rd, stated she does not agree with the rezoning because it would be in her front door.

Councilman Wells stated that this was in District 3 and he thinks that it should be residential. He explained his position and stated why he is against the re-zoning. He spoke to the residents and they are against it. He's against the small zoning signs, they are too small to read. He requested that the city get larger signs.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if the owner could get a conditional use versus rezoning the whole property.

Kenneth Crockett, owner explained the map shown to the council is not correct and the house on the property is not asked to be rezoned. He explained that the map is wrong and they are looking at the back area behind the house. He explained the process has been going on for about five months.

Councilman Wells, stated the map is wrong and the property is in district 3 and he is going to vote no or table the item. He stated they do not want the community to change so fast, they want good growth.

Mayor Panepinto, asked Ms Longino what she was against.

Kenneth Crockett asked about other properties being rezoned and the issue with his property.

Councilman DiVittorio, explained

Charles Borchers, explained the zoning request and that the map is incorrect and that it shows the original parcel before it was divided.

Stanley Campbell, 408 Hewitt, asked the the developer about his initial plans. He expressed his concerns with the process that the developers are using.

Deborah Swenson, 12 Ravewood, asked about the resubdivision of property and ask that the item be tabled since the map is incorrect.

Charles Borchers, explained

Pam Haynes, stated this is taking away from the neighborhood and she is against it.

Councilman Well, stated that he would like to meet with the administration and Planning and zoning so this will not happen again.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to table an Ordinance of a rezoning request by Kenneth Crockett to rezone 517 Hewitt Road from RS-11.A to MX-N in accordance with the preliminary plat by Max Bodin, Inc. dated 08/21/24.**

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

4. Final adoption of an Ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Brian Dozier to rezone 1009 C M Fagan Drive from MX-N to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Martin Surveying Solutions, LLC dated 06/27/2024.

Charles Borchers, explained

Councilman Wells asked Charles Borchers to explain the difference between MX-C and MX-N.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve and then the motion was withdrawn by Councilwoman Gonzales.

Councilman Wells asked if the person/persons was told to attend the meeting. He has a problem with people not showing up. Anyone with an item on the agenda should show up.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to table an Ordinance Ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Brian Dozier to rezone 1009 C M Fagan Drive from MX-N to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Martin Surveying Solutions, LLC dated 06/27/2024.

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

Stanley Campbell, asked about the planning and zoning meetings

Charles Borchers, explained

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

#### **X. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution to approve The Spot located at 201 E Thomas St. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is The Spot Hospitality LLC.

Glen Alack, owner was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilman Wells** to approve The Spot located at 201 E Thomas St. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is The Spot Hospitality LLC.

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

2. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Lawson-Bonet Construction, Inc. for 1300 ft. of 1 ½ electrical bore in Woodbridge Subdivision in the amount of \$41,600.00.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the resolution and the need for the work.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Lawson-Bonet Construction, Inc. for 1300 ft. of 1 ½ electrical bore in Woodbridge Subdivision in the amount of \$41,600.00.

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

3. A resolution to authorize Benny's Place to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Planet in the Park event hosted by We Didn't Planet LLC., held on Saturday, February 8th, 2025 from 11:00am - 6:00pm. The event will take place at Cate Square Park, 200 West Charles Street.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to table the resolution to authorize Benny's Place to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Planet in the Park event hosted by We Didn't Planet LLC., held on Saturday, February 8th,

2025 from 11:00am - 6:00pm. The event will take place at Cate Square Park, 200 West Charles Street.

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

4. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammonds Open Container law to Benny's Place during the Planet in the Park event hosted by We Didn't Planet LLC., held on Saturday, February 8th, 2025 from 11:00am - 6:00pm. The event will take place at Cate Square Park, 200 West Charles Street.

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Planet in the Park event hosted by We Didn't Planet LLC., held on Saturday, February 8th, 2025 from 11:00am - 6:00pm. The event will take place at Cate Square Park, 200 West Charles Street. **VOTE:** Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion tabled 5-0

**XI. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** Mayor stated that Christmas was successful and thanked the Tycer family for use of the train in the park. Rainbow trout will be placed in Zemurry Park Pond on January 21,2025

**Council:** Councilman DiVittorio, asked about getting patrols in the Villa West and Lakewood Neighborhoods.

**Councilman Wells,** wished everyone a Happy New Year, He stated that there needs to be rules in place and he thanked everyone for showing up. He stated people should be aware of the rules made in the city . He stated a lot of work is needed in District 3 and Second Avenue.He stated people were burning tires in the neighborhood and something needs to be done. Second Ave needs to be cleaned up. He said that Martin Luther King day is Monday and invited everyone out to the park.

**Councilman Andrews,** stated MLK day is Monday and everyone is invited to come out to the park. He announced the Wilbert Dangerfield Award coming up next month and to appoint an overseer. Councilman Andrews will be overseeing the Wilbert Dangerfield Awards.

**XII . ADJOURN**

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

**CERTIFICATION OF CLERK**

I LISA COCKERHAM, CLERK OF COUNCIL DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE  
AND FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECITATION OF THE BUSINESS  
TRANSACTION AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD January 14,  
2025

BEING 4 PAGES IN LENGTH

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LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

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PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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